

Hymn 474

Rise Up, O Saints of God!

FESTAL SONG

Rise up, O saints or God! Have done with lesser things; give heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.

Rise up, O saints of God! The kingdom tarries long. Bring in the day of righteousness, and end the night of wrong.

Rise up, O saints of God! The church for you doth wait, the strength unequal to the task; rise up and make it great.

Lift high the cross of Christ; tread where Christ's feet have trod; come sisters, brothers in the faith, rise up, O saints of God.

Benediction

Passing of the Peace

Postlude

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

A United Church of Christ Congregation

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Call to Worship

E. M. Dreeben

Leader: Gather us in, O God.

People: Your people are here to worship.

Leader: Hold us in faith, O God.

People: We are here to serve.

Leader: Send us in hope, O God.

People: We are here to follow.

Hymn 258

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

Morning has broken like the first morning, blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

B. M. Neel

We are so scattered, O God: we flit from cause to cause; we are easily distracted by the next important thing; we think about yesterday and tomorrow but not today. Help us to be mindful of the grace and beauty that surround us right now. Help us commit to the need that is before us right now. Help us to think deeply, and respond generously, as you have loved us deeply and forgiven us generously. This we pray in Jesus' name ... (*moments for silent reflection*)

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on when we shall dwell with God for evermore, when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Words of Assurance

Anthem

The Water Is Wide

Traditional English

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

Orlando de Lassus

Justus cor suum tradet

*He will give his heart to seek the Lord that made him
in the sight of the most High.*

Children's Message and Lord's Prayer

Caitlyn Menolasino

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessing flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Hymn 95

Be Still, My Soul

FINLANDIA

Be still, my soul: for God is on your side; bear patiently the cross of grief or pain. Trust in your God, your savior and your guide, who through all changes faithful will remain. Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend through thorny ways leads to a peaceful end.

Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 3:14-21

**Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.**

Be still, my soul: for God will undertake to guide the future surely as the past. Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know the voice that calmed them in this world below.

Sermon

Steve Hockstra