

Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,
fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.
Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed,
spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
Gladly forever adore him.

*Praise Songs

Unto the Lord

Unto the Lord be the glory. Great things He has done...
Great things He has done. Greater things He will do.
Unto the Lord be the glory. Great things He has done...

I Have Joy

I have joy in my heart, deep, deep down in my heart...
Jesus gave to me, and no one can destroy it.
I have joy in my heart; deep, deep down in my heart...

Prayer for Fathers (*unison*)

**For our fathers, who have given us life and love,
that we may show them respect and love,
we pray to the Lord. . .**

**For fathers who have lost a child through death,
that their faith may give them hope,
and their family and friends support and console them,
we pray to the Lord. . .**

**For men, though without children of their own,
who life fathers have nurtured and cared for us,
we pray to the Lord. . .**

**For fathers, who have been unable to be a source of strength,
who have not responded to their children
and have not sustained their families,
we pray to the Lord. . .**

**God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things.
Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers.
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.
Grant that we, their daughters and sons,
may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.
Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Children's Conversation

Announcement

Prayers of the People, & the Lord's Prayer

"Spirit of the Living God"

UMH 393

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Offering

Offertory Anthem

Aseda Nwom (Song of Thanks)

James Varrick Armaah

I will always mention your name to the world.
I will always mention your name to the world,
What you have done for me, what you have done for me.
I will speak of your name to the whole world.

You have changed my life, you have not left me astray
I will sing and praise your name
Thanks always belong to You.

Thanks, thanks, thanks, song of thanks
It is from my heart
Praises, praises, praises, song of praises
It is from my heart,
We have brought them, we have brought them, song of thanks,
Thanks always belong to You.

*Doxology

UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Gospel Reading

Luke 14:25-33

Anthem

Adepa Nyinaa (All good things)

K. Donkor

All Good things are from God. All praises are from God. If we do not praise you, we will be ungrateful. You deserve praises, you deserve all the glory, you deserve all the adoration.

Work, children, strength and well being, wealth and peace are all by your Grace. If we do not praise you, we will be ungrateful. All praise and honor are yours always.

Message

*Hymn

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

UMH 382

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Thou art the potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after thy will,
while I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Search me and try me, Savior today!
Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now,
as in thy presence humbly I bow.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Wounded and weary, help me I pray!
Power, all power, surely is thine!
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway.
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!

*Shalom

Mensah Essilfie

God's peace be unto you,
We wish you Shalom!
The peace of God which transcends all
understanding be with you forevermore.

*Benediction

Postlude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Franklin Ashdown 1942-2023

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