Offertory Solo

The Holy City

Stephen Adams

Last night I lay a-sleeping,
there came a dream so fair.

I stood in old Jerusalem,
beside the temple there;

I heard the children singing,
and ever as they sang,
me thought the voice of angels,
from heaven in answer rang.

Jerusalem! Lift up your gates and sing,
"Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna to your King!"

And then me thought my dream was changed,
the streets no longer rang.
Hushed were the glad Hosannas the little children sang.

The sun grew dark with mystery,
the morn was cold and chill
as the shadow of a cross arose upon a lonely hill.

Jerusalem! Hark, how the angels sing,
"Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna to your King!"

And once again the scene was changed,
new earth there seemed to be,
I saw the Holy City beside the tideless sea;

the light of God was on its streets,
the gates were open wide,
and all who would might enter, and no one was denied.

No need of moon or stars by night,
or sun to shine by day,
it was the new Jerusalem that would not pass away.

Jerusalem! Sing for the night is o'er!
"Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna forevermore!"

*Doxology
Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication
We Depart to Serve the Lord

*Hymn
"Come, Thou Almighty King"
Hymn No. 2

*Benediction

Organ Postlude

"Toccata"

James Biery

The Postlude signifies the conclusion of worship.
We invite you to remain seated.

Worship Leaders: The Rev. Dr. Karen Blanchard, Associate Pastor
The Rev. Dr. David Holyan, Pastor
Music Ministry: Thomas Lowery, Soloist; Travis Evans, Music Associate
Live Stream Host: Gary Hepp
Ushers: Jim Cooper, Pam Cooper, David Kistler, Marilyn Kistler,
Jason Mitchell, Kristy Mitchell, Marty Sumner, Missy Wulff
Carol Layton, Usher Captain

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Prelude signifies the beginning of worship.
Let us join together in a time of prayerful preparation as the music begins.

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

We Gather to Worship God

Organ Prelude
“Aria”
James Biery

We Address Ourselves to God

*Call to Worship
Leader: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;
People: What are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?
Leader: Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.
People: You have given us dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under our feet,Leader: all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,
People: the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas,
Leader: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
We ask the Lord to be with us as we gather.

*Processional Hymn
“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord, God Almighty!”
Hymn No. 1

*Call to Confession
God of mystery and love, you call us each by name into a life of faith and service. Yet we know that too many times we focus only on ourselves and think only about the “me” and not the “we.” May we remember that we do not live in isolation, but also in community; that the needs of others are more important than our wants. Help us to remember the call to serve others even when it may ask us to give extravagantly. For it is in giving that we also receive. It is in loving that our faith deepens and grows. We ask these things in the name of your son who gave his life for us that we might know life and love in a new way. Amen.

*Silent Confessions

We Hear God’s Word

First Reading
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon
“Love One Another”
The Rev. Dr. Karen Blanchard

We Respond to God’s Word

*Hymn
“Be Thou My Vision”
Hymn No. 450

Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering Sentences

*Assurance of Pardon

*Response to Confession
“We Are Forgiven” Hymn No. 447

*The Passing of the Peace
Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

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Time with Children