

Worship June 26th, 2022

Worship YouTube Livestream link: <https://youtu.be/-irBDxyQkWU>

PRELUDE:

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS & MEDITATION MUSIC:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

OPENING SONG: #674 *In the bulb*

(Natalie Sleeth)

♪ *In the bulb there is a flower, in the seed, an apple tree,
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

*There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

*In our end is our beginning, in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing, in our life, eternity,
in our death, a resurrection, at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

CHILDREN'S TIME: #373 *Jesus loves me*

(Anna Bartlett)

♪ *Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.
Chorus: Yes, Jesus loves me! 3x The Bible tells me so.*

*2. Jesus loves me, this I know, as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me."*

*3. Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way
Wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live.*

BAPTISM:

DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS: *Glory to God*

♪ *Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, Amen*

SCRIPTURE: Acts 16:9-15 (from The Message version)

Reader: Ruth Bennett

This is the word of the Lord - ...thanks be to God.

PRAYERS: #635 *Brother sister*

(Richard Gillard)

Loving God, we come to you today, as we have baptized little ones....

♪ *Brother, sister, let me serve you; let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.*

As we journey with our loved ones God we ask you to be with us in our relationships..

♪ *I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow, till we've seen this journey through.*

We have private prayers today Lord –.

♪ *When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.*

LORD'S PRAYER & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:

MESSAGE: *"Claiming the Promise - for ourselves and those we love"*

CLOSING HYMN: *Because he lives*

(Bill Gaither)

♪ *God sent His son, they called him Jesus; he came to love, heal and forgive;
He lived & died to buy my pardon, an empty grave is there to prove my Saviour
lives!*

*Chorus Because he lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because he lives, all fear is gone; because I know he holds the future,
And life is worth the living, just because he lives!*

*How sweet to hold a newborn baby, and feel the pride and joy she gives;
But greater still the calm assurance: This child can face uncertain days
because he Lives! **Chorus***

*And then one day, I'll cross the river I'll fight life's final war with pain
And then as death gives way to victory I'll see the light of glory and I'll **KNOW** he
lives. **Chorus***

BENEDICTION & BLESSING SONG: *Go now in peace*

(Don Besig)

POSTLUDE: