

Worship at Trafalgar Presbyterian Church July 30th, 2023
Livestream Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DW8JUXXX-Hg>

PRELUDE, WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MEDITATION MUSIC:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

OPENING SONG: #505 *O Christ the Word* (tune 479) (Wm Walsham How)

♪ *O Christ, the Word incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
we praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page,
a lantern for our footsteps, shines on from age to age.*

*2. Your people hold this treasure from you, its source divine,
a light that to all ages throughout the earth will shine;
it is the chart and compass that all life's voyage through,
'mid mists and rocks and tempest, still guides, O Christ, to you.*

*3. Oh make your church, dear Saviour, a lamp of purest gold,
to bear before the nations your true light as of old;
oh teach your wandering pilgrims by this their path to trace,
till, cloud and darkness ended, they see you face to face. +*

CHILDREN'S TIME: #655 *Give me oil in my lamp* (anonymous)

♪ *Give me oil in my lamp; keep me burning; give me oil in my lamp, I pray.
give me oil in my lamp; keep me burning; keep me burning till the break of day.*
**Refrain: Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the Servant King;
sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna, let us sing!**

*2. Give me joy in my heart; keep me praising; give me joy in my heart, I pray.
Give me joy in my heart; keep me praising; keep me praising till the break of day.*

Refrain

Give me salt in my shaker, keep my shakin' shakin' shakin'

Give me salt in my shaker I pray,

Give me salt in my shaker keep me shakin', keep me shakin' til the break of day!

Refrain.

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 4:23-5:16

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

PRAYERS: #624 *Blest are they*

(Matthew 5 paraphrase David R. Haas)

I share today a prayer written based upon the Beatitudes....

♪ *Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.*

Blest are they, full of sorrow, they shall be consoled.

Refrain: Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you!

Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the Kingdom of God!

While people covet power, Jesus blesses the meek; instruct us, O God,....

♪ *Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth.*

*Blest are they, who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill. **Refrain:***

Gracious God, you have so richly blessed us with life, with love and joy,

♪ *Blest are they, who seek peace; they are the children of God.*

*Blest are they who suffer in faith, the glory of God is theirs. **Refrain:***

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil – for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever, AMEN

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS:

DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

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

MESSAGE: “*Blest are you...*”

CLOSING HYMN: #630 *When we are living*

(Elise Eslinger)

♪ *When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus, and when we're dying, it is in the Lord.
Both in our living and in our dying, we belong to God; we belong to God.*

2. *Through all our living, we our fruits must give. Good works of service are for offering.
When we are giving, or when receiving, we belong to God; we belong to God.*

3. *'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain, when sensing beauty or in love's embrace,
whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing, we belong to God; we belong to God.*

4. *Across this wide world we shall always find those who are crying with no peace of
mind but when we help them or when we feed them we belong to God we belong to God.*

BENEDICTION & BLESSING SONG: *Go now in peace*

(Don Besig)

POSTLUDE: