

The Worship of God

Sunday, January 12, 2025

Welcome & Invocation

Dr. Rory Naeve

Chimes & The Opening of God's Word

The open Bible testifies to our belief in the presence of God through the proclaimed word and our commitment to the "soul liberty" of the individual conscience. These twin commitments constitute a rich heritage, a present enjoyment, and a treasured legacy for succeeding generations. (Taken from the Sunday bulletin of the First Baptist Church, Providence, Rhode Island, the oldest Baptist congregation in America, founded by Roger Williams and John Clarke in 1638.)

Prelude

"Meditation on THAXTED"

Miriam Griffin, organ
Arr. Charles Callahan

† Hymn #559

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

WARRENTON

Responsive Reading

Rev. Tim Bounds

Leader: Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,

People: and hope beyond our sorrow.

Leader: You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness;

People: Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.

Leader: In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,

People: give us all your vision, God of love.

Leader: Give us strength to love each other,
every sister, every brother;

People: Spirit of all kindness, be our guide.

Leader: You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;

People: Spirit of compassion, fill each heart.

Leader: Healer of our every ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,

People: and hope beyond our sorrow. By Marty Haugen

Hymn #140

"Jesus Came to Dwell Among Us"

HARLAN

Prayers of the People

Dr. Naeve

† Offertory Hymn #366
“O God Beyond All Praising”

THAXTED

Offertory Prayer

Rev. Shawn Simic

Offertory
“O God, Beyond All Praising”

Miriam Griffin, organ
Robert S. Wallace, II

Scripture Reading

Luke 6:27-38

Dr. Naeve

²⁷“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you. ³²“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. ³⁷“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

Sermon

“Ouch”

Dr. Naeve

† Hymn of Response #129
“Jesus, the Light of the World”

WE’LL WALK IN THE LIGHT

† The Spoken Benediction

Dr. Naeve

† The Sung Benediction #129
“Jesus, the Light of the World” (refrain)

Congregation & Choir

**We’ll walk in the light,
beautiful light.
Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
Oh, shine all around us by day and by night,
Jesus, the light of the world.**

Postlude
“O God, Beyond All Praising”

Miriam Griffin, organ
Arr. Michael Burkhardt