



February 09, 2024
Celebrating Worship and
The Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

Threefold Chime and Prelude *These Alone Are Enough*

Lighting the Christ Candle Opening Prayer

Welcome, and Announcements

Introit *We Walk By Faith*

Call to Worship (responsive, based on Psalm 84:1-4)

Deep in our hearts we long to be where God dwells,
and sing joyful songs to our Creator.

**The Lord God All-Powerful offers a home
even to sparrows and swallows,
where they can build nests and raise their young.**

God blesses everyone who lives on the earth,
this divine dwelling place.

Let us worship God and sing praise!

***Hymn # 402** *How Lovely, Lord*

Call to Confession

God works through us by grace. Through prayer, we approach the One who relieves us of burdens, refreshes us, and nurtures our growth. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

O God, you call us to live our lives in the way of Jesus, who humbly and justly loved you and all neighbors.

You call us to set ourselves aside, to make the world a place reflective of your grace.

Yet we fall short. We resist our own spiritual growth because it seems easier to remain unchanged.

Before you, our just and merciful Creator, we acknowledge our shortcomings and our reluctance to develop deeper wisdom.

We seek your forgiveness and your help.

Set us free to pursue your good purposes again.

(Please pause to offer a silent prayer.)

Beloved God, you hear us when our hearts cry out.

Despite our failures, you love the people we are, and in Jesus Christ, you lead us to grow in faith and wisdom. Amen.

(Quiet prayer and reflection)

Sung Response

TUNE: 451, OPEN MY EYES

Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.

Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unlock and set me free.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Words of Assurance (responsive, based on Hebrews 2:14-18)

We are people of flesh and blood. Jesus, who became one of us, serves God on our behalf, mercifully and faithfully, giving himself for our sake.

Because he suffered and was tempted, Jesus helps anyone else who struggles.

We are not alone. We are forgiven, loved, and given a fresh beginning! Amen.

***Sung Response**

TUNE: 612, KREMSER

**We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator!
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we rise up and adore you;
We bless your holy name; glad praises we sing!**

***The Passing of Christ's Peace** (contactless)

May the peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**
Let us turn to each other, put our hands together prayerfully, and say,
The peace of Christ be with you.

Gospel Reading Luke 2:22-40

Response The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *Faithful Maturity and Committed Service*

Ordination and Installation of Deacons and Elders

Deacons-Elect Ellie Birch and Alida Wilkes
Elders-Elect Susan Harden, Chris Maitin, Jerry Kinkade, Pamela Schultz
Ordinations Questions, Prayer, and Joyful Celebration

Anthem *Here I Am, Lord*

Offering Invitation (based on Malachi 3:3-4)

The Lord purifies people as though we are gold or silver.
Then we are able bring pleasing offerings to the Lord.
We may place our offerings in the plate or give securely online
at mountainshadowchurch.org. Thank you, and thanks be to God.

Offertory *O Day of Peace*

***Doxology**

Tune: 607

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Christ, all creatures here below.
Praise Holy Spirit ever more.
One God, triune, whom we adore! Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication** (unison, based on Psalm 84:11-12)

**Our Lord and our God, you are both our sun and our shield.
You treat us with kindness and with honor,
never turning away from those who seek you.
As you bless everyone who trusts you,
bless these offerings for your good purposes, we pray. Amen.**

The People's Joys and Concerns

The Pastoral Prayer and 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.**

***Hymn # 313** *Lord, Make Us More Holy*

***Charge and Benediction**

*** Postlude** *Lord, Make Us More Holy*

Hymns for Worship Service – 2-9-25

Large Print Hymn – #402, Page 1 of 2

#402 -- “How Lovely, Lord (*Psalm 84*)”



1 How love - ly, Lord, how love - ly is
2 In your blest courts to wor - ship, O
3 A sun and shield for - ev - er are



your a - bid - ing place; my
God, a sin - gle day is
you, O Lord Most High; you



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bet - ter than a thou - sand if
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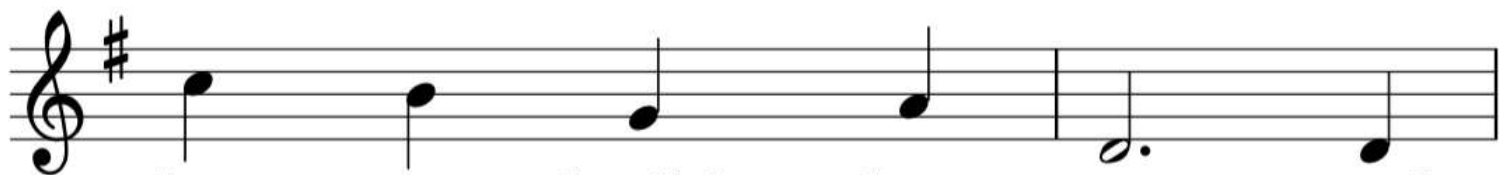


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#402 -- “How Lovely, Lord (*Psalm 84*)”



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rath - er keep the en - trance and
saints, your grace re - ceiv - ing, from



place to build her nest; and
claim you as my Lord than
strength to strength shall go, and



so your tem - ple calls us with -
rev - el in the rich - es the
from their life shall riv - ers of



in its walls to rest.
ways of sin af - ford.
bless - ing o - ver - flow.

#313 -- “Lord, Make Us More Holy”



1 Lord, make us more ho - ly;
2 Lord, make us more lov - ing;
3 Lord, make us more pa - tient;
4 Lord, make us more faith - ful;



Lord, make us more ho - ly;
Lord, make us more lov - ing;
Lord, make us more pa - tient;
Lord, make us more faith - ful;



Lord, make us more ho - ly, un -
Lord, make us more lov - ing, un -
Lord, make us more pa - tient, un -
Lord, make us more faith - ful, un -



til we meet a - gain: ho - ly, ho - ly,
til we meet a - gain: lov - ing, lov - ing,
til we meet a - gain: pa - tient, pa - tient,
til we meet a - gain: faith - ful, faith - ful,

#313 -- “Lord, Make Us More Holy”



ho - ly, un - til we meet a - gain.
lov - ing, un - til we meet a - gain.
pa - tient, un - til we meet a - gain.
faith - ful, un - til we meet a - gain.

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