Prelude

Call to Worship and Greeting

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Introit

Northfield

Jeremiah Ingalls (1764–1828)

How long, dear Savior, O how long shall this bright hour delay,
Fly swifter ‘round the wheel of time, and bring the welcome day.

Hymn 92

For the beauty of the earth

Collect

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
Kyrie

Kyrie eleison,
Christe eleison,
Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

All: Thanks be to God.

Lesson 1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10–11, 22–30, 41–43

Lector: A lesson from the first book of Kings, chapter 8:

Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion. Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the LORD, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.
"Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God

Anthem
Jubilate Deo
Cipriano de Rore (c.1515–1565)

Jubilate Deo, omnis terra;
servite Domino in lætitia.
Introite in conspectu ejus in exsultatione.
Scitote quoniam Dominus ipse est Deus;
ipse fecit nos, et non ipsi nos.

Sing joyfully to God, all the earth,
serve the Lord with gladness.
Enter into his presence with great joy.
Know that the Lord alone is God;
he has made us, and not we ourselves.

Psalm 100:1–3

Lesson
Ephesians 6:10–20

Lector: A lesson from the epistle to the Ephesians, chapter 6, verses 10–20:

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God
Psalm 84

The antiphon is sung twice, first by choir alone, and then by choir and congregation.

Cantor: How lovely is your dwelling place,
        O LORD of hosts!

People: My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD;
        my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Cantor: Even the sparrow finds a home,
        and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,
        at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

People: Happy are those who live in your house,
        ever singing your praise.

Cantor: Happy are those whose strength is in you,
        in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

People: As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs;
        the early rain also covers it with pools.

Cantor: They go from strength to strength;
        the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

People: O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
        give ear, O God of Jacob!

Cantor: Behold our shield, O God;
        look on the face of your anointed.

People: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.
        I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
        than live in the tents of wickedness.

Cantor: For the LORD God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor.
        No good thing does the LORD withhold from those who walk uprightly.

People: O LORD of hosts,
        happy is everyone who trusts in you. ♩
**Gospel Lesson**  
John 6:56–69

*Lector:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John, chapter 6, verses 56–69:

*People:* Glory to you, O Lord.

"Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."


*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Homily**  
The Rev. Scott Donahue-Martens  
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Hymn 399  Take my life, and let it be consecrated

Call to Prayer  Lead me, Lord (sung by all)

The music to this hymn is found on page 473 of the United Methodist Hymnal.

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Response  from “Peace I leave with you”  Walter L. Pelz (b. 1926)

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you:
not as the world giveth give I unto you.

Community Life and Offering

At the Offertory  Ave Maria…Virgo serena  Josquin Desprez (c.1440–1521)

Ave Maria, Gratia plena,  Hail Mary, full of grace,
Dominus tecum, Virgo serena.  The Lord is with thee, serene Virgin.
Ave, cuius Conceptio,  Hail, thou whose Conception,
Solemi plena gaudio,  Full of great joy,
Caelestia, Terrestria,  Fills heaven and earth
Nova replet laetitia.  With new gladness.
Ave, cuius Nativitas  Hail, thou whose Nativity
Nostra fuit solemnitas,  Became our great celebration,
Ut lucifer lux oriens  As the light-bearing Morning Star
Verum solem praeveniens.  anticipates the true Sun.
Ave pia humilitas,  Hail, faithful humility,
Sine viro fecunditas,  Fruitful without man,
Cuius Annuntiatio  Whose Annunciation
Nostra fuit salvatio.  Was our salvation.
Ave vera virginitas,  Hail, true virginity,
Immaculata castitas,  Immaculate chastity,
Cuius Purificatio  Whose Purification
Nostra fuit purgatio.  Was our cleansing.
Ave, praeclara omnibus  
Hail, glorious one  
Angelicis virtutibus,  
In all angelic virtues,  
Cuius fuit Assumptio  
Whose Assumption  
Nostra glorificatio.  
Was our glorification.  
O Mater Dei,  
O Mother of God,  
Memento mei. Amen.  
Remember me. Amen.

**Presentation of the Gifts** *(sung by all)*

The music to this hymn is found on page 577 of the United Methodist Hymnal.

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church’s story; bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

**Offertory Prayer**

**Hymn 451**  
Be thou my vision

**Benediction**

**Response**  
God be in my head  
arr. John Rutter (b. 1945)

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking.  
God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in my heart and in my thinking.  
God be at mine end and at my departing.  
*Old English Prayer from Sarum Primer*

**Postlude**

*The preacher is the Reverend Scott Donahue-Martens.*  
*The conductor is Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett, Director of Music.*  
*The organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell, Associate Director of Music.*

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We thank you for joining us this morning for worship, and hope that you have found the Spirit of God in our midst. If you are interested in becoming a member of Marsh Chapel, or have other questions, please feel free to contact any of the Chaplains or Associates listed below.

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