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Today's service will be recorded.

Music streamed in today's service

Still, Still, Still - arr. Pam Turner
God Our Author and Creator - NCH #530
There Is A Balm in Gilead - arr. Winnegene Hatch
Prelude in B - F. Chopin
I Want Jesus to Go with Me - NCH #490
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee-arr. Becki Slagle Mayo

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Prelude

Still, Still, Still

arr. Pam Turner

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Reebee Kavich Girash

Call to Worship (themes from Psalm 2)

Bruce Nickerson

Let us praise God together!
In our homes and sanctuaries,
On hillsides and by the river,
Let us tell of God's decrees.
God says to us: you are my children!
Blessed are all who take refuge in God!

Opening Prayer

We take refuge in you, O God. We come to you as a people scattered physically but united in your community. Welcome us home. Through your beloved son, remind us of your love and renew our call to serve. Amen.

Unison

1 God our Au - thor and Cre - a - tor, in whose life we find our own,
 2 Like those first a - pos-tles, Sav-ior, give us strength to love and serve:
 3 Keep us faith-ful, Ho-ly Spir-it, help us bear the mes-sage true,

make our dai - ly wit - ness great-er, by our lives make your love known.
 when our faint-ing spir - its wa-ver, fire our hearts and steel our nerve.
 that at last all lands may hear it: "God is love; Christ died for you."

Help us show how love em-brac-es those whom fear and greed down-trod;
 Teach us wis - dom and com-pas-sion: bid our rest - less thoughts be still;
 Join our lives in might-y cho-rus till we come from ev - ery place,

in all yearn-ing hearts and fac-es let us see a child of God.
 by your guid-ance help us fash-ion lives con-formed un - to your will.
 with all those who went be - fore us, to the full - ness of God's grace.

1 God our Author and Creator, in whose life we find our own,
 make our daily witness greater, by our lives make your love known.
 Help us show how love embraces those whom fear and greed downtrod;
 in all yearning hearts and faces let us see a child of God.

2 Like those first apostles, Savior, give us strength to love and serve:
 when our fainting spirits waver, fire our hearts and steel our nerve.
 Teach us wisdom and compassion: bid our restless thoughts be still;
 by your guidance help us fashion lives conformed unto your will.

3 Keep us faithful, Holy Spirit, help us bear the message true,
 that at last all lands may hear it: "God is love; Christ died for you."
 Join our lives in mighty chorus till we come from every place,
 with all those who went before us, to the fullness of God's grace.

4John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 6Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 7He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. 8I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. 11And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Children's Message

Rev. Reebee Girash

Anthem

There Is A Balm in Gilead

arr. Winnegene Hatch

Sermon

Rev. Reebee Girash

Passing the Peace

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father (Creator), 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.

Invitation to the Offering

Rev. Reebee Girash

Offertory

Prelude in B

F. Chopin

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Doxology (#515 Red)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Bruce Nickerson

Holy One, whose heart abounds with gifts, receive this offering as a sign of our intention to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit, open to the joy of your presence, and generous toward your world. Amen.

Closing Hymn **I Want Jesus to Go with Me** New Century Hymnal #490

1 I want Jesus to go with me;
I want Jesus to go with me;
All along my pilgrim journey,
O I want Jesus to go with me.

2 In my trials, O comfort me;
In my trials, O comfort me;
When my heart is almost breaking,
O I want Jesus to comfort me.

3 When I'm in trouble, O stay with me;
When I'm in trouble, O stay with me;
When my head is bowed in sorrow,
O I want Jesus to stay with me.

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I Want Jesus to Go with Me

African-American spiritual; alt.

Unison

1 I want Je - sus to go with me;
2 In my tri - als, O com - fort me;
3 When I'm in trou - ble, O stay with me;

I want Je - sus to go with me;
In my tri - als, O com - fort me;
When I'm in trou - ble, O stay with me;

All a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
When my heart is al - most break - ing,
When my head is bowed in sor - row,

O I want Je - sus to go with me.
O I want Je - sus to com - fort me.
O I want Je - sus to stay with me.

Benediction

Rev Reebee Girash

Postlude

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

arr. Becki Slagle Mayo

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