

# Welcome to Worship

## October 6th, 2024

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### Prelude

*If You But Trust in God to Guide You* ~ Craig Phillips

### Gathering Hymn

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* ~ ELW 858

### Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### First Reading

Genesis 2:18-24

*Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female, to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other "one flesh." The Hebrew words used here are ish (man) and ishshah (woman).*

### Psalm

Psalm 8

O | Lord our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—  
you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of in- | fants and children;  
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe | and avenger.  
When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,  
what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,  
human beings that you should | care for them?  
Yet you have made them little less | than divine;  
with glory and hon- | or you crown them.  
You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;  
you have put all things un- | der their feet:  
all | flocks and cattle,  
even the wild beasts | of the field,  
the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,  
and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.  
O | Lord our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

## Second Reading

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

*Quoting from the psalms, this passage from Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus, the one through whom God created everything and who sits at God's right hand, is also the one who experienced human suffering and death in order to blaze the path of salvation for us.*

## Gospel

Mark 10:2-16

*Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.*

Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

## Hymn of the Day

*Many and Great, O God ~ ELW 837*

## Musical Offering

*Peals of Praise ~ Karen L. Buckwalter (Hallelujah Ringers)*

## Offertory Hymn

*Feed Us with Hunger for Justice ~ ACS 968 (3x)*

## Communion Hymn

*If You But Trust in God to Guide You ~ ELW 769*

## Sending Hymn

*All Creatures Worship God Most High ~ ELW 835*

## Postlude

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty ~ Craig Phillips*

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