



11 am Worship

April 6, 2025

Worship Participants

Margie Schleicher, Randy Umfleet, Joy Barrett
 Janet Carson, piano
 Brian Brill, keys
 Hengyi Ye, accompanist
 Max Plank, alto sax,
 Seth Campbell, bass; Wesley Fritzscheier, drums
 Sanctuary Choir

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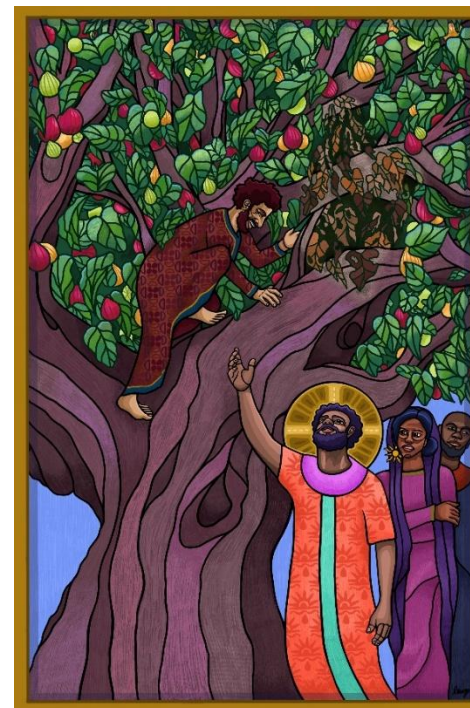
Today

Communion Sunday and Faith In Action Food Drive.
 See the blue bin for the donation list in the lobby.

10:15 am	Lenten Discussion Group
12:15 pm	Rezound Handbell Practice
5 pm	Soup-er Sunday
6:30 pm	Confirmation

This week

Monday	6:30 pm	The Final Days Bible Study
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Leadership Board
Wednesday	7 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	6:30 pm	Nominations Leadership & Development Team
	7 pm	Our Hearts Were Strangely Lukewarm Book Study



Righteousness & Mercy

SCRIPTURE: Luke 19:1-10

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We invite you to participate in worship as we connect with God and each other. You are welcome to remain seated, stand, or move around, whichever you prefer.

Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Welcome

Prelude

Praise to the Lord

Call to Worship

Leader: We come to worship because we long for mercy.

**All: We long for community.
We long for God.**

Leader: We come to worship because we need a good word.

**All: We need connection.
We need moral reminders**

Leader: We come to worship because we are in between:

**All: hope and grief,
faith and doubt,
joy and longing,
curiosity and conviction.**

Leader: So we come to worship and God meets us here.

**All: Surely, we are not alone.
Thanks be to God for meeting us in the middle!
Amen.**

Opening Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
red hymnal #89

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**All: Merciful God,
When we fail to be righteous,
show us mercy.
When we fail to be merciful,
show us what is right.
Again and again,
bring us closer to you.
Again and again,
show us the way.
Amen.**

Words of Forgiveness

Leader: Family of faith, hear and believe this good news:
When we fail to be righteous,

All: God is merciful.

Leader: When we fail to be merciful,

All: God invites us to try again.

Leader: Again and again,

All: God moves closer to us.

Leader: Again and again,

All: God shows us the way.

Leader: Thanks be to God for this unending love.

All: Amen.

Anthem

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

Prayer for Illumination

Message

Song of Preparation

Righteous Mercy
see insert

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving red hymnal, #15

Sharing Bread and Cup
(music during communion: In Christ Alone)

Closing Words and Blessing

Closing Hymn

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
red hymnal #121; vs 1,3 & 4

Postlude

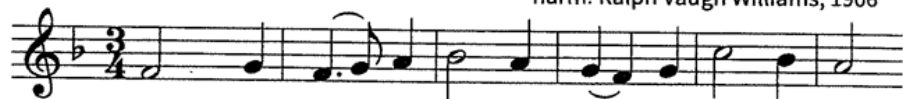
And Can It Be

Righteous Mercy

HYFRYDOL 8.7.8.7 D ("Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus")

Words by Anna Strickland, 2023

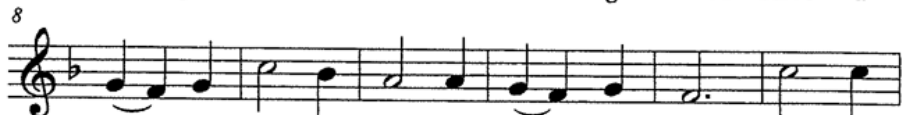
Music by Rowland H. Prichard, 1830;
harm. Ralph Vaughn Williams, 1906



Since our child - hood you have taught us what is wrong
Though there's wide - ness in your mer - cy, let us not
Far too of - ten we hold on - to an - ger dressed



'and what is right Nur - tur - ing our sense of
a - buse that grace Called in - to this Chris - tian
as righ - teous - ness We for - get we serve a



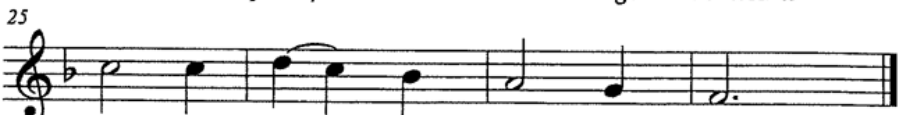
jus - tice, fuel - ing us to work and fight Keep that
jour - ney, let our lives re - flect our faith When we
God who calls us to re - la - tion - ship So when



fire for jus - tice burn - ing in the sha - dow
fal - ter and fall short of our com - mit - ment
those who caused us harm re - pent and choose a



of our fear E - ven there your Spi - rit's stir - ring,
to your will Hold us, wrap - ping us in your love
bet - ter way Spi - rit move our venge - ful hearts



light - ing us a path that's clear
as we work toward whole - ness still
to choose love in - stead of wrath