

**Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**Great God of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

***INVOCATION**

***GLORY TO GOD #34**

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

FIRST READING

Psalm 23:1-3

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

PRAYER HYMN "As The Deer"

**As the deer pants for the water so my soul longs after you,
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.**

(Refrain)

**You alone are my strength, my shield,
To you alone may my spirit yield;
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.**

**I want you more than gold or silver, only you can satisfy,
You alone are the real joy giver and the apple of my eye.**

(Refrain)

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

SPECIAL MUSIC

"This Is My Father's World"

arr. Craig Curry

SECOND READING

Psalm 23:4

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.

SERMON

“Tools of the Trade”

Bob Merkley

HYMN OF PREPARATION #295 “In This Very Room”

**In this very room there's quite enough love for one like me,
And in this very room there's quite enough joy for one like me,
And there's quite enough hope, and quite enough power
To chase away any gloom,
For Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.**

**In this very room there's quite enough love for all of us,
And in this very room there's quite enough joy for all of us,
And there's quite enough hope, and quite enough power
To chase away any gloom,
For Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.**

**In this very room there's quite enough love for all the world,
And in this very room there's quite enough joy for all the
world,
And there's quite enough hope and quite enough power
To chase away any gloom,
For Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.**

Invitation to Commune

Julie

Communion Sentences

One: God of goodness and mercy, follow me all my days!

All: **Source of grace and compassion, flow from me
all my days!**

Prayer of Consecration

(Please partake of the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation.)

Communion Music “Sing Alleluia To the Lord”

***INVITATION AND HYMN OF DEDICATION**

#452 “Here I Am, Lord”

**I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?**

**(Refrain) Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone
I will speak my words to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)**

**I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)
*(Please be seated for the Postlude and Benediction.)***

POSTLUDE James McGranahan, arr. Charity Book Putnam
“There Shall Be Showers of Blessing”

BENEDICTION Bob Merkley
**Please stand, if you can.*

Portions of the worship service were adapted from:

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News in the Pews

Upcoming Schedule: The following Pulpit Supply ministers will lead worship services on the following days:

April 30: Bob Merkley

May 7, May 14: The Reverend Dr. L. Louise Bruce

May 28, June 11, June 18: The Reverend Dr. Tim Diebel

June 4: The Reverend McKinna Daugherty

Who to Contact: If you have general concerns or questions, please contact our President, Kathleen. If you have pastoral concerns, please contact our Elder Chair, Rosemarie.

Music Recital: Judith and her students will be having a music recital on May 14th (Mother's Day) at 5:00 PM. Come and enjoy their hard work and talent!

Good Fellowship: The Good Fellowship dinner in May will be on Friday the 26th. We'll be meeting at the Drake Diner at 6:00 PM.

Upcoming Vacation: Josh, our Administrative Assistant, will be on vacation Wednesday, May 17th through Monday, May 21st. If you have items to be put in the bulletin, it will be printed early that week.

Directory Update: Lawrence & Jeanine have moved to Ramsey Village.

**EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK
APRIL 30 – MAY 6, 2023**

Sunday	Worship Coffee Fellowship in Lounge	10:15 AM After church
Next Sunday	Deacon Callers in Sanctuary	After church

Today's Serving Schedule

Accompanist:	Judith Henry
Deacon:	Agatha
Elder:	Julie
Minister:	Bob Merkley
Videographer:	Teresa
Worship Leader:	Kathleen

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