

**PRESBYTERY OF WV STAFF-LED WORSHIP
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Call to Worship

Nellie Howard and Sarah Specht

One: If we come here hoping You will confirm all our beliefs and values

Many: convict us that our thoughts are not Your thoughts.

One: If we come here uncertain we are welcome

Many: embrace us in Your loving arms.

One: If we come here longing for Your Word

Many: Open our ears to hear it.

One: If we come here merely out of habit

Many: Meet us as we are and transform us into what You call us to be.

ALL: HOW EVER WE COME HERE, LET US NOW WORSHIP GOD!

Hymn

'Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty'

Susan Sharp Campbell

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly for aye we adore him.

Call to Confession

Amy Robinson

Prayer of Confession

Ed Thompson

God of the spirit of kindness, in the glory of earth and sea and stars, in the kaleidoscope of color and shade and shapeliness, in the patterns of humor and tenderness and touch, we celebrate your generosity. Forgive us when we forget the gift in our every breath, the care that sustains our every moment, the grace that can transform our every day. Set us free from the prison of grudging hearts, mean desires, resentful spirits. Give us the courage to act with justice and generosity, and draw us into love that does not calculate or keep scores. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon**Amy Robinson**

One: Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name you are mine.
God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth!
By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Many: Thanks be to God.**Prayer for Illumination****Rocky Poole**

Almighty God, your Word does not return to you empty, therefore we trust in Your power to silence in us any voice but Your own. We anticipate the promptings of the Holy Spirit that will take us to people and places yet unknown so that we might proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ where ever You lead us. Amen.

Scripture**Deuteronomy 8****Mark Miller****Children's Time****Maureen Wright****Sermon****Mark Miller****Hymn****"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"****Susan Sharp Campbell**

1 I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

2 I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
God formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

3 There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known.
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne,
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,
and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**Barbara Chalfant****Offering****Invitation to the Offering****Offertory****Prayer of Dedication****Sarah Specht****Susan Sharp Campbell****Sarah Specht**

Hymn

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Susan Sharp Campbell

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

Charge and Benediction

Mark Miller

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Resources for Worship

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