



PRELUDE

Lead Me Lord

arr. Jan Sanborn

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

Lead Me Lord (Ps. 5:8)

Samuel Wesley

CALL TO WORSHIP

From the mustard seed a great and mighty shrub emerges.

Good things can come from something that seems so insignificant!

The spore of the yeast can leaven the whole loaf of bread.

We can be those people who bring hope and peace to God's world.

Come, let us praise the God of great and mighty wonders.

Let our spirits soar in gratitude for the opportunities God gives us to serve.

HYMN 263 (v. 1,3,4)

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,

Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,

Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small; in all life Thou livest,

the true life of all; We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,

Then wither and perish; but naught changeth Thee.

Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light, Thine angels ador Thee,

all veiling their sight; All praise we would render; O help us to see

'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we like BIG things. We have focused on big cars, big houses, big bank accounts, big, big, big! And you must be disappointed in us when we forget that from even the smallest thing something mighty can happen.

Today the scriptures remind us of the smallness of the mustard seed and the tiny grain of yeast. Each of these things grew into something that offered shelter, peace, and hope.

Take away our need for the BIG possessions.

Open our hearts to receive your word of love and healing, and let our spirits be ready to grow for you.

ANTHEM

How Can I Keep from Singing?

arr. Gwyneth Walker

PASSING THE PEACE

RESPONSE *Halle, Halle, Halleluja!*

Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halleluja! Halleluia!

SCRIPTURE Matthew 13:31-33

SERMON *Small but Mighty*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God whose love we know in the beauty of his world, In daily bread, in the kindness of human hearts, and most clearly in Jesus of Nazareth.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ whose touch of grace makes our eyes to see, our ears to hear, strengthens us to do all things in him, and delivers us from death to life.

We believe in the Holy Spirit in whose power there is peace, in whose presence there is joy, And in whose promise we dare to be more. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father 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

***HYMN** *"Mustard Seed"* (tune: Azmon, Lyrics by Martha Spong 2008)

Oh, once there was a mustard seed almost too small to see.

I planted it and watched it grow into a spreading tree.

The tree became a home for birds; the branches held their nests.

The birds they came from miles around to find a place to rest.

How can we live our lives today to be the mustard seed?

We'll share God's love with all we meet and help the ones in need.

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BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Postlude on 'St. Denio'*

arr. Gordon Young

Today's Worship Leaders:

Kim Skilling, Pastor

David Hughes, Director of Music, Carol Hughes, Accompanist,

Abbott Hatch & Richard Ramich, Video and Sound



Announcements