

Lyrics and Prayers: Sunday, May 7, 2023

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Ralph Connor Memorial United Church
Worshiping in Banff

Heritage Hymn: Voices United #339
“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

~words: German Hymn, tr. R.S.Bridges and E.Caswall

tune: Joseph Barnby~

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1. When morning gilds the skies,
my heart awakening cries:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
When evening shadows fall,
this rings my curfew call,
may Jesus Christ be praised!

2. To God, the Word on high,
the hosts of angels cry:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let mortals, too, upraise
their voice in hymns of praise:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

**3. Let all of humankind
in this their concord find:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let all the earth around
ring joyous with the sound:
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

4. Be this, while life is mine,
my canticle divine:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this th'eternal song,
through all the ages long:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

-end-

Prayer of Approach (*unison*)

God of life, God of endless possibility, we confess that we do not always perceive the opportunities you place before us. Caught up in our own hopes, plans, and fantasies, and crushed when they disappoint us, we are slow to see the open pathways you set before us. Open us to the new life you offer, that we may show forth the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Amen

Chant: (*seated*) More Voices #75

“Holy Spirit, come to us”

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Holy Spirt, come to us,
kindle in us the fire of your love.
Holy Spirit, come to us.
Holy Spirit, come to us.

-end-

Hymn: More Voices #40

“Never Ending Joy”

~Daniel Charles Damon~

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Refrain:

Never ending joy, never ending joy,
never ending joy,
never ending joy, never ending joy,
never ending joy!

1. God of every tribe, every language,
God of every river and sea,
God of every mountain and island,
you bring joy to me:

*Never ending joy, never ending joy,
never ending joy,
never ending joy, never ending joy,
never ending joy!*

2. God of every hill, every valley,
God of every leaf, every tree,
God of every cloud, every raindrop,
you bring joy to me:

*Never ending joy, never ending joy,
never ending joy,
never ending joy, never ending joy,
never ending joy!*

3. God of every song, every story,
God of every captive set free,
God of every dance, every footstep,
you bring joy to me:

*Never ending joy, never ending joy,
never ending joy,
never ending joy, never ending joy,
never ending joy!*

-end-

Offertory Hymn: Voices United #543

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

~W.W.How – J.B.Konig~

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1. We give thee but thine own,
what e'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O God, from thee.

2. May we thy bounties thus
as stewards true receive;
and gladly, as thou blessest us,
to thee our first-fruits give.

-end-

Closing Hymn: Voices United #427

“To Show by Touch and Word”

~Fred Kaan & Ron Klusmeier, 1974~

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1.To show by touch and word
devotion to the earth,
to hold in high regard
all life that comes to birth,
we need, O God, the will to find
the good you had of old in mind.

2. Renew our minds to choose
the things that matter most,
our hearts to long for truth
till pride of self is lost.
For every challenge that we face
we need your guidance and your grace.

3. Let love from day to day
be yardstick, rule, and norm,
and let our lives portray
your word in human form.
Now come with us that we may have
your wits about us where we live.

-end-

Sung Amen: Voices United # 974

~Jim Strathdee~

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Amen! Amen! Hallelujah, amen!

Amen! Amen! Hallelujah, amen!

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