

**HOME BULLETIN**  
**September 27, 2020 Worship Service**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

Psalm 78:12-16

**Introit**

**Call To Worship**

**Invocation**

**Hymn**

*"Come Christians Join to Sing"      #267GTG (See following page)*

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, Creator of all life, in the face of the rising death toll from the pandemic and our fears about when this virus' stranglehold on our nation and world will end, it is hard to believe. In the face of another victim of brutality and racial injustice, it is hard to believe. In the face of the incivility of our political and social dialogue, wherein there is little self-reflection and a lot of self-righteousness, it is hard to believe. In the face of our powerlessness as our neighbors suffer through natural disasters, we find it hard to believe. In the face of hungry children, homeless women and men, in the face of problems that seem bigger than our prayers, it is hard to believe. Holy God, help our unbelief. May we continually rediscover your love and grace and trust in your power to redeem and restore and renew. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon**

**GLORIA**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading:**

Matthew 21:23-32

**Anthem**

*"Seek Ye First the Kingdom of Heaven"*

Asher Neville

**2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading**

Exodus 17:1-7

**Sermon**

*Strike the Rock*

**Affirmation of Faith**

(in unison)

A Declaration of Faith, Ch.2, pt. 2

God called all God had made good. We declare that the universe of matter, energy, and life is God's good creation in all its parts. Even though evil has emerged within God's creation, we may work and play in it and explore it with wonder and joy. Evil is whatever works against the loving purpose of God for human beings and all creation. Natural forces may have evil effects. Sinful human choices produce evil results. Evil may become institutionalized in our social structures. The power of evil to hurt and destroy, to cut off the possibilities of full human life, calls into question the power and goodness of God. Whether we understand evil personally or impersonally, we cannot explain how it originated in a world made good. But we can affirm that evil is God's enemy as well as ours. In Christ, God shared our agony over evil and broke the back of its power by bearing the worst it could do. God works continually to overcome evil. In the end it will be utterly defeated. Therefore we have courage to endure evil, to learn from it, and combat it.

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**Prayers of the People**

**Call to Offering**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Hymn**

*"Let All Things Now Living"*

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**Charge and Benediction**

**Choral Amen**

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COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING

Christian H. Bateman, 1813–1889

MADRID  
Trad. Spanish melody  
Arr. John Stoddart



1. Come, Chris-tians, join to sing Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!  
2. Come, lift your hearts on high: Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!  
3. Praise yet the Lord a-gain: Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!



Loud praise to Christ our King, Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!  
Let prais-es fill the sky: Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!  
Life shall not end the strain: Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!



Let all, with heart and voice, be-fore his throne re-joice;  
He is our guide and friend; our needs he will at-tend;  
On heav-en's bliss-ful shore his good-ness we'll a-dore,



praise is his gra-cious choice. Al-le-lu-ia!  
his love shall nev-er end. Al-le-lu-ia!  
sing-ing for-ev-er-more: Al-le-lu-ia!



A-men!



4. Come, Chris-tians, join to sing Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!



Loud praise to Christ our King, Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!



Let all, with heart and voice, be-fore his throne re-joice;



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Let All Things Now Living

1. Let all things now liv - ing A song of thanks - giv - ing  
2. His law he en - forc - es, The stars in their cours-es,

To God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;  
The sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine,

Who fash-ioned and made us, Pro - tect - ed and stayed us,  
The hills and the moun-tains, The riv - ers and foun-tains,

By guid - ing us on to the end of our days.  
The depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

God's ban - ners are o'er us, Pure light goes be - fore us,  
We, too, should be voic - ing Our love and re - joic - ing

A pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night:  
With glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise:

Till shad-ows have van - ished And dark - ness is ban - ished,  
Till all things now liv - ing U - nite in thanks-giv - ing,

As for - ward we trav - el from light in - to Light.  
To God in the high-est, ho - san - na and praise.

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