

Communion Music

Dee Dee Gain, organ

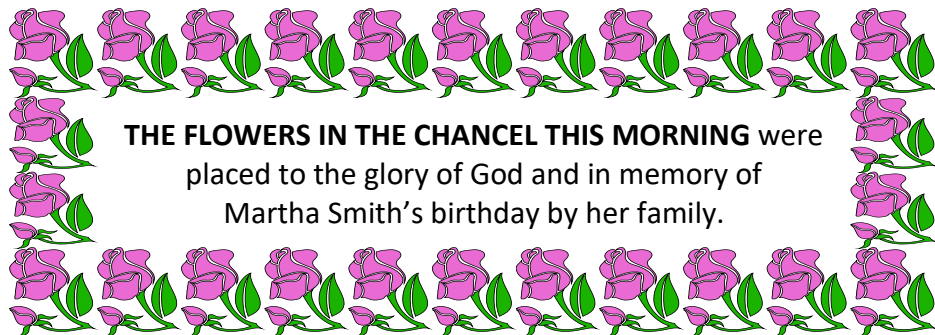
One: The bread which we break is our communion in the Body of Christ.

**All: The cup of blessing for which we give thanks is our Communion
in the blood of Christ. Amen.**

Benediction

Recessional ***Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (vs. 1, 2)*** No. 622

Postlude ***Theme*** Geoffrey Burgon
Dee Dee Gain, organ



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GATHERING

Prelude	<i>Grazioso</i>	Antonio Vivaldi
	Dee Dee Gain, organ	

Opening Music	<i>How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely</i>	No. 285
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*Responsive Reading

Leader: The birds of the air do not sow or reap;

People: I know God watches me.

Leader: The lilies of the field do not toil or spin;

People: I know God watches me.

Leader: God clothes the grass of the field;

People: I know God watches me.

Leader: Do not worry about what you will eat or what you will drink or what you will wear;

People: I know God watches me.

Leader: Strive for the things of God's reign and God's righteousness;

People: I know God watches me.

*Invocation

*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.

*Gloria Patri No. 35

Children's Message

PRAYER

Prayer Hymn	<i>Lead Me, Lord</i>	No. 593
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Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

PROCLAMATION

Offertory Invitation

Special Music ***Gavotte*** J. Ph. Rameau
Dee Dee Gain, organ

Scripture Reading Matthew 6:25-34

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon ***You Are... Valuable***

RESPONSE

Invitation to Discipleship

Communion Music *His Eye Is on the Sparrow (vs. 1, 2)* No. 82
(In Christ's name we welcome all persons into membership into the church by confession of faith and baptism or by transfer of membership. Please step to the front pew during the singing of this Hymn of Communion.)

Meditation

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

(All believing Christians are invited to share in the Lord's Supper, regardless of church affiliation.)

Sermon Outline

"You Are... Valuable"

Potential Difficulty with preaching Matthew 6:25-34

1) Elitist?

Maslow hierarchy of needs

Until basic needs met, worry is a given

2) Lack of care of animals?

After all, humanity is more valuable than the animal kingdom

First incarnation – God's spirit in *all* living things

St. Francis – God speaks even though animals

3) Lack of care for environment?

After all, humanity is more valuable than lilies and grass

"Dominion" = responsibility to care for

4) Words fall flat?

Real struggle in the world regarding lives that "matter"

5) License to be idle?

Passively wait for God's provision

Response:

1) We should be free to give great effort toward our goals

Jesus *did* say "worry about today!"

2) Not elitist

Both the rich and the poor can idolize

The rich – what they DO have

The poor – what they DON'T

3) Earthly "success" or "failure" does not determine value in

God's eyes

Trust in God does

Phil 4:7 – "The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."



Matthew 6:25-34 (NRSV)

²⁵ "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink,^[a] or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?^[b] ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ³² For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But strive first for the kingdom of God^[c] and his^[d] righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

Notes:

Prayer List



Last updated 9/4/2020

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We Pray for Those in the Military:

Rob Aikman, Bobbie Backes, Noah Burkham,
Phillip Johnston, Jeremiah & Rachel Singletary,
Brandon Trail, Trysten Hall, Lucas Ward,
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Friends & Family

Misty Mochel (friend of Marci Baumann)
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Catherine Bower (friend of Jerry Bean)
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