

Sunday Worship

June 14, 2026

First Presbyterian Church, McAllen



Note: In conjunction with today's TED Talk sermon on "The Transformative Power of Classical Music", the hymns in the service are set to music by classical composers:

- Beethoven's *Ode to Joy* (GG #611)
- Mendelssohn's *Nun Danket Alle Gott* (GG #643)

Opening Sentences

- Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Prelude

Call to Worship

Psalm 150

Hallelujah! Praise God in the holy temple;
praise God in the mighty firmament.

**Praise God for mighty acts;
praise God for exceeding greatness.**

Praise God with trumpet sound;
praise God with lyre and harp.

**Praise God with tambourine and dance;
praise God with strings and pipe.**

Praise God with resounding cymbals;
praise God with loud clanging cymbals.

**Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
Hallelujah!**

Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

GG #611



Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

Prayer of the Day

O God, we give thanks to you for bringing us together.
May your Holy Spirit lead us in praising you
so that our hearts and minds will be empowered
to serve your people. Amen.

Call to Confession

Confident in the promise of grace,
let us offer our Prayer of Confession.

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, you send us
to proclaim the good news of your kingdom
to all who are lost, all who are afflicted,
all who are captive, all who have been cast out.
But we are content to proclaim the in-breaking of your kingdom
within familiar communities where we know
others will receive this news with nods of agreement.
Push us beyond what is comfortable and safe,
and strengthen us for lives of compassionate service,
that we might glorify you and serve your kingdom.**

Assurance of Pardon

Beloved, we are God's people.

Hear and trust in the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, healed, and made whole.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Act of Praise Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me, v. 1 GG #582

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all. / **And also with you.**

Life of the Church

Prayer for Illumination

Lord God, by your Spirit,
teach us to obey your voice
and keep your covenant
so that we may be your holy people. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Colossians 3:16

Let the Word of Christ, rich as it is, dwell in you. Instruct and admonish one another wisely. Sing gratefully to God from your hearts in psalms, hymns, and songs of the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

[Benjamin Zander: The transformative power of classical music | TED Talk](#)



Affirmation of Faith

from The Confession of Belhar

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ.

We believe that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God, v. 1-2

GG #643

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 mother's arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with every 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.



Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Loving God,
you cause the rain to fall on the just and the unjust.
Hear our prayers for your church and world:

for the hungry and the overfed,
may we have enough;
for the mourners and the mockers,
may we laugh together;
for the victims and the oppressors,
may we share power wisely;
for the peacemakers and the warmongers,
may clear truth and stern love lead us to harmony;
for the silenced and the propogandists,
may we speak our own words in truth;
for the unemployed and the overworked,
may our mark on this earth be kindly and creative;
for the troubled and the secure,
may we live together as wounded healers;
for the rootless and the pampered,
may our homes be simple, warm, and welcoming;
for the vibrant and the dying,
may we all die to sin and live to love. Amen.

Let us pray together as Jesus has taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven ...

Invitation to the Offering

We have plenty to offer the Lord
for the goodness we have received.
Let us remember what the Lord has done for us
as we bring our tithes and offerings.

Offertory

Act of Dedication Glory to God, v. 2 GG #582

World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Good and holy God,
for your steadfast love and faithfulness
we give you thanks and bless your name.
Let our whole lives become songs
of gratitude, joy, and praise
so that all the earth may know
that we are your people
and you are our God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Charge and Benediction

Congregational Response Now Thank We All Our God, v. 3 GG #643

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.

Postlude

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