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We are glad you are here.



PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORD OF GRACE

In India we find the same idea accepted which is expressed in the beginning of the Fourth Gospel, that God and (God's) name are one. In Vedanta, God's name is called the mantra. There are various mantras, depending on the particular aspect of God a devotee chooses to worship. The teacher gives his disciple the mantra at the ceremony of initiation, and enjoins on him to keep it sacred and to meditate upon the aspect of God which it represents for the rest of his life.

The essence of the disciple's Chosen Ideal is concentrated in the mantra in the form of sound-symbol. As the name of God is repeated, the spiritual power with which it is charged becomes evident. By hallowing the name over and over again, we let God take possession of our conscious minds so that finally, no matter what we are doing or saying or thinking, some part of our minds will be praising (God).

CALL TO WORSHIP *

Aron Racho, lay reader

ONE: The Lord is my light and my salvation

ALL: Whom shall we fear?

ONE: The Lord is the stronghold of my life.

ALL: Of whom shall we be afraid?

ONE: One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek:

ALL: That we may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of our lives,

ONE: To gaze on the beauty of the Lord,

ALL: And to seek God in God's temple.

PASSING THE PEACE *

The peace of Christ be with you.

AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Let us offer signs and words of God's peace to one another.

OPENING HYMN *

#399 God Welcomes All

**Please stand in body or spirit*

TIME WITH CHILDREN

PREPARATION

#450 Be Thou My Vision (vs 1)

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the neighborhood of Caesarea Philippi, he asked the disciples this question: "What do people say about who the Chosen One is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." "And you," he said, "who do you say that I am?" "You are the Messiah," Simon Peter answered, "the Firstborn of the Living God!" Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon, son of Jonah! No mere mortal has revealed this to you, but my Abba God in heaven. I also tell you this: your name now is 'Rock,' and on bedrock like this I will build my community, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it. Here, I'll give you the keys to the reign of heaven: whatever you declare bound on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you declare loosed on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then Jesus strictly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

AFFIRMATION

#450 Be Thou My Vision (vs 2)

SERMON

Who is Jesus?

Rev. Kris Voss-Rothmeier

HYMN OF RESPONSE *

#760 Bring Many Names

OFFERTORY

SONG OF COMMITMENT

#822 vs 2

When We Are Living

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

CLOSING SONG

#549 May the Love of the Lord

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP

We invite you to join us in the Petersen Gallery for coffee, tea and fellowship after worship.

See you next Sunday at 10am!