

World Christianity Focus Week

“Seizing the Momentum of the Great
Commission”

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Prelude

Welcome and Introductions

David Parks

*Call to Worship

The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the LORD!
May your hearts live forever!
All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before you.
For kingship belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations
—Psalm 22: 26-28, ESV

*Invocation

*Opening Hymn no. 96

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Worship Ensemble

Reading of Holy Scripture

Matthew 28: 18-20

Kaye Jones

Prayers of the People

Callie Trombley

The 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,

*The congregation will please stand, if able.

but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

A Kenyan Confession of Sin

Almighty God, creator of all,
You marvelously made us in your image;
But we have corrupted ourselves
And damaged your likeness
By rejecting your love and hurting our neighbors.
We have done wrong and neglected to do right.
We are sincerely sorry and heartily repent of our sins.
Cleanse us and forgive us by the sacrifice of your Son;
Remake and lead us by your Spirit, the Comforter.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Song

“Salvation Belongs to our God”

Worship Ensemble

Chorus:

Salvation Belongs to our God

Revelation 7: 9-10 (English)

Refrain:

Salvation belongs to our God
Who sits on the throne
And unto the lamb

Genesis 22: 17-18 (Farsi)

Psalm 22: 26-28 (Bahasa – Indonesia)

Psalm 67: 1-7 (Polish, German)

Psalm 96: 7-10 (Swahili)

Isaiah 2: 1-5 (Arabic)

Isaiah 56: 6-7 (Bengali)

Matthew 28: 18-20 (Spanish)

Sermon

“Seizing the Momentum of the Great Commission”

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*Hymn no. 336

“And Can it Be”

Worship Ensemble

*Benediction

Sam Nguyen

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The Maasai Creed

We believe in the one High God, who out of love created the beautiful world and everything good in it. He created Man and wanted Man to be happy in the world. God loves the world and every nation and tribe on the Earth. We have known this High God in darkness, and now we know Him in the light. God promised in the book of his Word, the Bible, that He would save the world and all the nations and tribes.

We believe that God made good His promise by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, a man in the flesh, a Jew by tribe, born poor in a little village, who left His home and was always on safari doing good, curing people by the power of God, teaching about God and man, showing the meaning of religion is love. He was rejected by his people, tortured and nailed hands and feet to a cross, and died. He lay buried in the grave, but the hyenas did not touch him, and on the third day, he rose from the grave. He ascended to the skies. He is the Lord.

We believe that all our sins are forgiven through him. All who have faith in Him must be sorry for their sins, be baptized in the Holy Spirit of God, live the rules of love and share the bread together in love, to announce the Good News to others until Jesus comes again. We are awaiting Him. He is alive. He lives. This we believe. Amen.

Worship Notes

Special thanks to our worship ensemble: Daniel Cason, Piano; Effie Hedrick, violin; Yer Lor, vocals; Zac Hicks, acoustic and vocals; Ian Davison (English) MS (Farsi), Grayson Bartlett (Spanish), Hutton Cate (Bahasa – Indonesia), Hayden Betsill (Swahili), Rola Emaish (Arabic), Peter Malysz (Polish, German), GR (Bengali).