

# BETHANIA MORAVIAN CHURCH

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Prelude

*Sanctify Us by Thy Goodness*

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Welcome, Announcements, and Prayer Concerns

PRAISE THE LORD! YOU HEAV'NS, ADORE HIM

Worship, honor, glory, blessing, Lord, we offer unto you;  
young and old, your praise expressing, sing your mercies ever new.  
All the saints in heav'n adore you; we would bow before your throne.  
As your angels serve before you, so on earth your will be done.

## Liturgy on Psalm 29

All of creation, Lord, resounds in praises of you!

**We honor you in the light of your countenance.**

Everyone will know of your glorious splendor and mighty deeds.

**Your brilliance is made known as we bring our praises: Glory to God!**

Day by day pours forth speech and night to night declares knowledge.

**Your covenant of love is eternally over us, around us, and with us.**

**The Lord strengthen and sustain us; and through us bless the community with peace. Amen.**

The Old Testament Law: Genesis 1:1-15

God created the heavens and stretched them out, fashioned the earth and all that lives there, and gave life and breath to all its people.

**And now the Lord God says to his servant: I, the Lord, have called you and given you power to see that justice is done on earth. Through you I will make a covenant with all peoples.**

Through you I will bring light to the nations. You will open the eyes of the blind,

**And set free those who sit in dark prisons.**

Intercession in Times of Crisis

God of mercy, God of comfort, we come before you in this time of difficulty, mindful of human frailty and need, confused and struggling to find meaning in the face of suffering. Where tempers flare and a partisan spirit provokes new hostility, raise up people who have patience and restraint. Where indifference allows crisis to deepen and suffering to go without relief, awaken deliverers who have zeal and strength. We pray for those who are engaged in making important decisions in this time, for those who report on these events, and for those who shape public opinion. Direct all governments in the way of peace and justice, that your will may be known and done among the nations. Deliver us from the sins which lead to war and conflict, and strengthen within us the will to establish righteousness and justice on the earth.

## *Silent Prayer*

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Light of the world, come near and bless your children here below,  
who in your house your name confess, on us your grace bestow.

Light of the world, we worship you; our gifts to you we bring;  
accept our sinful hearts, O Lord, while praise to you we sing.

Epiphany Prayer of Intercession

Let us offer intercessions and petitions for the needs of the world.

**Lord Jesus Christ, as disciples called to your service, we pray for the salvation of all. Lead us to bear witness to friends and neighbors in this community. Fill our words and manner of life with the convincing power of your Spirit.**

Intensify our love for all people that our discipleship may be confirmed as genuine. Through our obedience to your call, bestow on many the faith to be saved.

**Give every gift and blessing to your witnesses in all places. May those who suffer because they have named you as Lord be strengthened to endure every temptation.**

Give courage, insight, and loving patience to those who have left their own people to proclaim the gospel to those yet unreached.

**Savior, grant that your church may always grow in grace and in numbers. Bring multitudes from every people to bow and confess that you are Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Gospel: Mark 1:4-11

Interlude

*Arise, Shine!*

JOHN R. PARADOWSKI

Meditation

I, THE LORD OF SEA AND SKY

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.\_\_\_\_  
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Chorus:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night\_\_\_\_  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.  
  
I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.\_\_\_\_  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? (Chorus)

Postlude

*Trumpet Tune*

FREDERICK SWANN

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