

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Alumni Chapel

October 18, 1994

10:00 a.m.

Prelude

*Salvation Is Created*

Tschesnokoff

arr. Bruce H. Houseknecht

Greeting and Introductions

Hymn

*Lord, You Have Been Our Dwelling Place*

GERMANY

Lord, You have been our dwelling place,  
a refuge where our feet have trod.  
Before You placed all things in space,  
from everlasting You are God.

Your words can turn us back to dust,  
our lives are fragile, like a dream,  
as grass which sprouts yet fades at dusk  
we're born, we live, but pass unseen.

Our years are but three-score and ten,  
with special health they reach four-score.  
But still they're filled with pain and sin,  
soon gone, and then we live no more.

So teach us how to count our days,  
that wisdom might fill all our time.  
Return, O Lord, accept our praise,  
that through our lives your love may shine.

Establish, Lord, the work we do,  
and through it make your glory known,  
that praise may ever come to You,  
and unto all Your love be shown.

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### Responsive Prayer

Leader: Blessed are you, O Lord, Creator of the universe.

**People: for in your wisdom you have formed us.**

Leader: You feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

**People: We bless you and praise your name forever.**

Leader: You set free those who are bound.

**People: We bless you and praise your name forever.**

Leader: You raise up those whose courage falters.

**People: We bless you and praise your name forever.**

Leader: You provide for our every need.

**People: Accept our grateful praise.**

Leader: You have called us from all peoples.

**People: We rejoice and bless your name forever.**

Leader: You bless your people with peace.  
People: We bless you and praise your loving grace.  
Leader: Blessed are you, O Lord, Creator of the Universe,  
People: for in your wisdom you have formed us.

### Prayer of Confession

All: Most merciful God  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name.

### Assurance of Forgiveness

Old Testament Lesson Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Anthem *Lord, Thou Hast Been Our Refuge* Ralph Vaughan Williams

New Testament Lesson Mark 10:17-27

Sermon *God and Humanity*

### Prayers

Response:

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,  
People: hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Hymn No. 74 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* ST. ANNE

Postlude *setting by Claude T. Smith*  
*Canticle: All Creatures of Our God and King*

### Worship Leaders

Lloyd Mims, liturgist Paul Westermeyer, preacher  
Sue Stanley, reader John Hollins, organist  
Faculty Vocal Ensemble  
Seminary Choir, John Dickson, conductor  
Seminary Winds, Douglas Smith, conductor