

Glorify God, grow disciples, and meet the needs of our neighbors.

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Wonderful Peace

Mark Hayes

Katia Dinas

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. Isaiah 9:2

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

Kurt Booth, Lay Liturgist

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: **The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

Leader: One thing I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after; to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

People: **"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek.**

◆ OPENING HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth

GTG 14

DIX

CALL TO CONFESSION

When we come to God with open hearts and honest words, we are not pushed away, but wrapped in God's loving and forgiving embrace. Let us confess our lives to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of Light, how we compartmentalize Jesus in the closet of darkness – a piece of Jesus to support our politics, a piece of Jesus to undergird our economics, a piece of Jesus to empower our patriotism, a piece of Jesus to bolster our fear of others. We are hesitant followers of Jesus, wanting to know where he might lead us. We hope you will look upon us with favor always, even as we turn our backs to those around us. Have mercy upon us, O God our Deliverer. May your love become the core of our hearts, may your compassion become the words we speak, may your hope illuminate the ways in which we serve others, even as we seek to follow the One who calls us to new life, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God is our help, there is nothing to fear; God keeps us safe, there is nothing to dread! This is good news for all!

Sheltered in God's gracious heart of mercy and love, we raise shouts of joy:

thanks be to God, we are forgiven and made new! Amen!

◆ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GTG 582

GLORY TO GOD

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.

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.

HEARING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

Down by the Riverside

Arr. Mary McDonald

Gonna lay down my burden, down by the riverside, down by the riverside, down by the riverside.

I'm gonna lay down my burden, down by the riverside, down by the riverside, the riverside.

I ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more, no more.

Ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more down by the riverside, the riverside.

It's me, it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer. It's me, it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

Not my mother, not my father, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

It's me, it's me, O Lord, (Gonna lay down my burden) standing in the need of prayer. (Down by the riverside)

It's me, it's me, O Lord, (Gonna lay down my heavy load) standing in the need of prayer. (Down by the riverside)

Gonna lay down my sword and shield, down by the riverside, down by the riverside, down by the riverside.

Gonna lay down my sword and shield, down by the riverside, down by the river, down by the river, down by the river.

It's me, it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer! It's me, it's me, O Lord!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

SECOND READING

Matthew 4:12-23

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie

"Let's Go Fishing"

RESPONDING

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *The Confession of 1967*, 9.37-38

The church disperses to serve God wherever its members are, at work or play, in private or in the life of society. Their prayer and Bible study are part of the church's worship and theological reflection. Their witness is the church's evangelism. Their daily action in the world is the church in mission to the world. The quality of their relation with other persons is the measure of the church's fidelity. Each member is the church in the world, endowed by the Spirit with some gift of ministry and is responsible for the integrity of his or her witness in their own particular situation. Believers are entitled to the guidance and support of the Christian community and is subject to its advice and correction. They in turn, in their own competence, help to guide the church.

◆ HYMN OF MEDITATION

Great God of Every Blessing

GTG 694

AURELIA

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

Offertory

Simple Aveu

Francis Thomé

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

GTG 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below.

Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

O God of our salvation, receive these offerings and bless them for the work of your realm, through Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

◆ HYMN OF DEDICATION

Lord, you Have Come to the Lakeshore

GTG 721

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

◆ CHARGE & BENEDICTION

We will glorify God, grow disciples, and meet the needs of our neighbors.

◆ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

You Shall Go Out with Joy

GTG 80

THE TREES OF THE FIELD

**You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills will break forth before you; there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands; the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.**

◆ Stand as you are able

GTG-Glory to God Hymnal

PRAYER LIST

Mary Marxer, Dale Durcholz, Dennis Van Deventer, George & Mozelle Mills,
Greg Kaut (George & Moselle's son-in-law, David Duell, Mary Marxer

Homebound or Recovering: Charley Rae Furrh (Terri Russell's cousin)



2023 Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2023 are available on the counter in the Narthex. If you currently give online or have checks mailed by your financial institution, no envelope is necessary. Rest assured your gifts are logged under your giving profile. If you do not see an envelope box with your name on it and you would like a box, please contact us at the church office and a box will be reserved for you.

The Session has called for a Congregational Meeting for today, January 22, immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to elect new elders to the Session, approve the terms of call for Rev. Ritchie, and receive the 2023 Budget. Please plan to attend this important meeting as we strive to glorify God, grow disciples, and meet the needs of our neighbors.




PRAYING THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Whenever we pray the Lord's Prayer, we pray that God's kingdom would come and that God's will would be done on earth as it is in heaven. What are we praying for? Jesus offers several parables to describe the kingdom of God. We will consider those parables as models of prayer to form and shape our faith and faithfulness. Each week, usually Wednesday afternoon, a new episode will be uploaded to the church's Facebook page and YouTube channel. If you like the Facebook page and/or subscribe to the YouTube channel you will be notified when the latest video is uploaded. You can view the video offering at your convenience. This midweek devotional series will run through April 19. Join Pastor Ken as we pray the kingdom of God!





For the Beauty of the Earth


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1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;

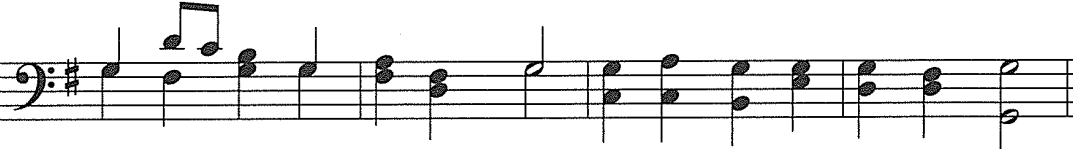
for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:



Refrain



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

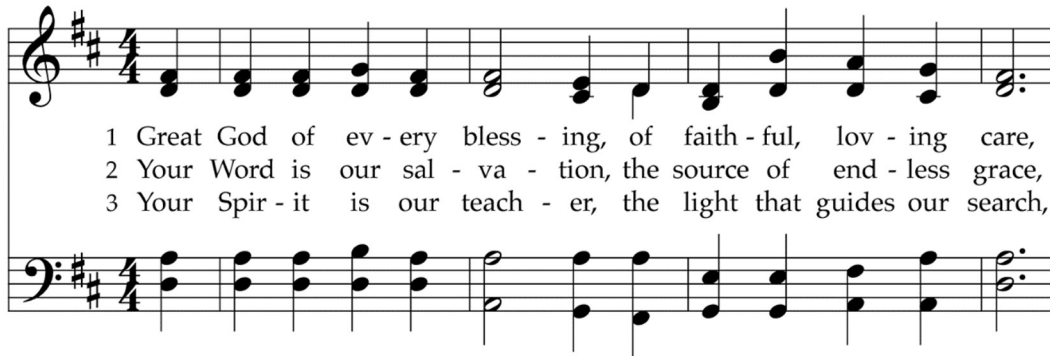


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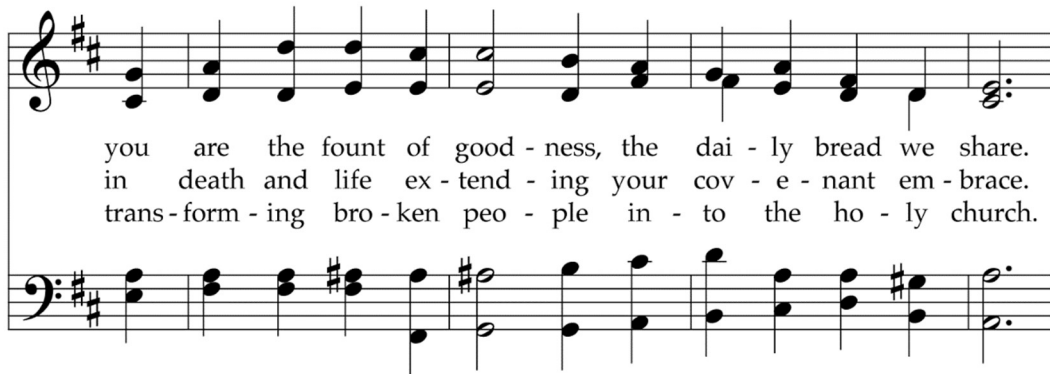
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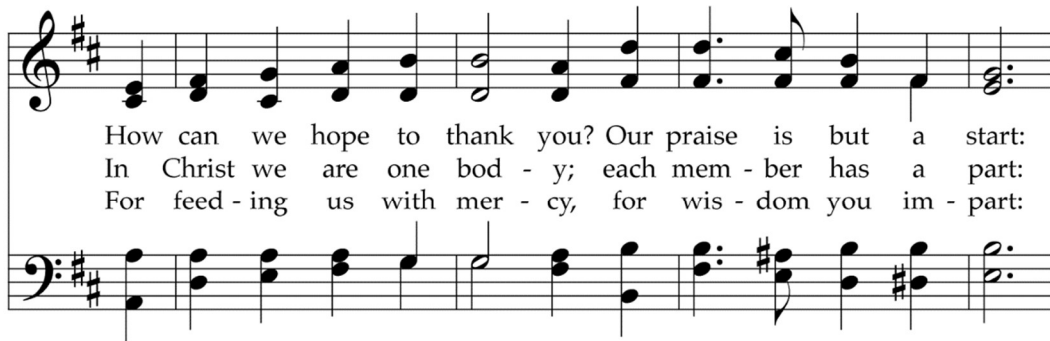
694 Great God of Every Blessing



1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,
 2 Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,
 3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,



you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.
 in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace.
 trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.



How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
 In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:
 For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:



sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

Written for the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birth, this text sums up his liturgical theology, ending each stanza with his motto: *Cor meum tibi offero, Domine, prompte et sincere*. By moving from plural to singular the stanzas show how corporate faith becomes personal piety.

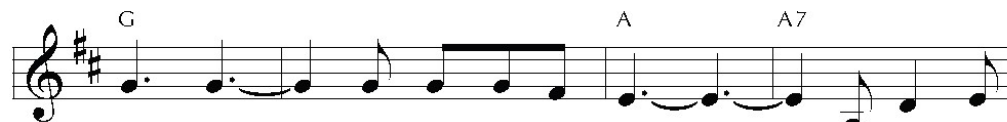
HYMN of DEDICATION

721 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Tú has venido a la orilla



1 Lord, you have come to the lake - shore look - ing
2 You know so well my pos - ses - sions; my boat
3 You need my hands, full of car - ing, through my
4 You, who have fished oth - er o - ceans, ev - er



nei - ther for wealth - y nor wise ones; you on - ly
car - ries no gold and no weap - ons; you will
la - bors to give oth - ers rest and con - stant
longed for by souls who are wait - ing, my lov - ing



asked me to fol - low hum - bly.
find there my nets and la - bor.
love that keeps on lov - ing.
friend, as thus you call me:

Refrain / Estribillo



O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while
Se - ñor, me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos, son - ri -



smil - ing have spo - ken my name; now my
en - do has di - cho mi nom - bre, en la g -



boat's left on the shore - line be - hind me. By your
re - na he de - ja - do mi bar - ca, jun - to g



side I will seek oth - er seas.
ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.

FUPC Choir and Music leadership

David Pierce, Director of Music

Katia Dinas, Pianist

Soprano

Marissa Guerrero
Lois Norton
Barbara Ritchie
Gerry Shotswell
Katelyn Spivey

Alto

Patti Sloey
Jessica Stottlemeyer
Renee Wensley

Tenor

Houston Burns
Kyle Feather
Jeremy Rohwer

Bass

Hawkins Burns
Rich Lewis
Zachary Rohwer

The Session

Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie, Moderator of Session
Rich Lewis, Treasurer

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*Katie Miller, CE
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