

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

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Impromptu in G-flat major, Op. 90

Katia Dinas

Franz Schubert

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Trust in the Lord and do good; take delight in the Lord.

People: The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord.

Leader: Be still before the Lord; commit your way to the Lord; trust in the Lord.

People: The Lord helps and rescues; the Lord saves.

Debbie Menefee, Lay Liturgist

◆ OPENING HYMN

God Is Calling through the Whisper

GTG 410

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Over and over, we are told how simple life with God can be: trust, do good to others, take delight in the wonders God provides for us. But we simply have trouble living such a life. Let us confess in community the struggles we have.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In this season of light, Revealing God, we find ourselves wandering the shadows of the world. In this time when we focus on Jesus' ministry of healing, we hold tight to all those emotions – bitterness, fear, worry, anger – which continue to damage us. In these days when we are invited to listen to Jesus' teaching, we confess it is easier to hear the seductive words of apathy and cynicism. Forgive us of our sin, Resurrecting God, for trusting in promises that are short-lived, rather than in your Word which endures forever. You have sent Jesus before us so that, as we follow him, we might travel from that far country of fear and doubt to that better country of resurrection of life, in Christ. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Take delight in the good news. Salvation is from our God, who restores us to new life in love and forgiveness.

God chooses to be gracious; God longs to give us our heart's desires; God provides healing and hope to all.

Thanks be to God for we are dead to sin through Christ and raised to life in the Spirit!

◆ 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

A New City of Joy

Words by Joseph M. Martin
Music by Brad Nix

Directed by Kyle Feather
Katia Dinas, pianist

I'm-a building up a city, a new city of joy. I'm-a building up a city, a new city of joy.

No more cryin', no more tears, gone is ev'ry doubt and fear.
I'm-a building up a city, yes, I am, a new city of-a hope.

Lift your eyes, behold the sight; find a city bathed in light.
Raised in peace for all to see, shining for eternity.

I'm-a building up a city, (I'm-a building up a city,) a new city of love. (a new city of love.)
I'm-a building up a city, (I'm-a building up a city,) a new city of love.

See the gates are open wide, all are welcome, come inside.
I'm-a building up a city, yes, I am, a new city of-a love.

I'm-a building, building up a city. I am a building up a city. I'm building a city of joy.
I'm building a city of hope. I'm building up a city, I'm building up a city, I'm-a building a new city of joy!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Luke 6:27-38

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

SERMON

"Death and Life"

Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie

RESPONDING

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Confession of 1967, 9.26

Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is God's sign that God will consummate his work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ.

◆ HYMN OF MEDITATION

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

GTG 274

PICARDY

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

Whispering Hope

arr. Jennifer Cook

◆ Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

GTG 606

◆ Prayer of Dedication

**You pour out grace upon us, Loving God, not so we might be filled, but we might empty ourselves for others.
Bring new life and hope to all around us, in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

SENDING

◆ HYMN OF DEDICATION

For the Healing of the Nations

GTG 269

ST. THOMAS

◆ CHARGE & BENEDICTION

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

◆ CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

You Shall Go Out with Joy

GTG 80

THE TREES OF THE FIELD

◆ Stand as you are able

GTG-Glory to God Hymnal

Live-streamed through Facebook Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent. Acknowledging that we have all sinned and fallen short of God's glory, we repent and return to our loving creator. Acutely aware of our failure and frailty, we express our utter reliance on God's saving grace. Ashes are an ancient symbol of repentance, sorrow, and sacrifice. Like so many other areas of church life, COVID continues to alter how we will mark Ash Wednesday this year. The service will be live-streamed. Ashes are impractical in remote worship. Yet, we will still gather for worship to begin our Lenten journey. We will celebrate communion. So, we encourage you to prepare the elements for your use. The service will be shown live through the church's Facebook page. If you are unable to tune in live, the video will be available on both the Facebook page and YouTube channel.



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Thanks to the musicians in worship today!

David Pierce, Director of Music

Katia Dinas, Pianist

Soprano

Mary Marxer
Barbara Ritchie
Gerry Shotswell
Katelyn Spivey

Alto

Patti Sloey
Jessica Stottlemeyer
Renee Wensley

Tenor

Kyle Feather
Jeremy Rohwer

Bass

Kurt Booth
Hawkins Burns
Rich Lewis
Zachary Rohwer

The FUPC Staff is here for you!

Pastor Ken and Brenda Swindle are in their "Work from Home" offices and ready to assist. Ken and Brenda are checking the mail box daily to receive your notes or checks. They are also receiving your emails and calls with any questions or concerns.

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PRAYER LIST

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Dennis Van Deventer	Mike Jones
Kathie Heffler	David Duell
George & Mozelle Mills	Marxer family

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OPENING HYMN

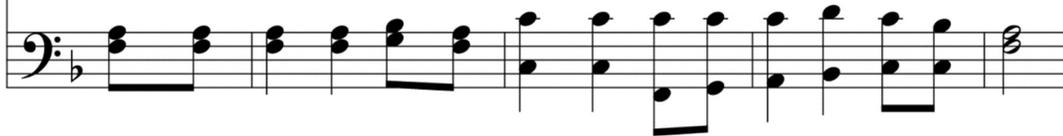
410 God Is Calling through the Whisper



1 God is call-ing through the whis-per of the Spir - it's deep-est sighs,
 2 God is call-ing through the voic-es of our neigh-bors' ur-gent prayers,
 3 God is call-ing through the mu-sic of sub-lime and hu-man arts,



through the thrill of sud-den beau-ties that can catch us by sur-prise.
 through their long-ing for re-demp-tion and for res-cue from de-spair.
 through the hymns of earth and an-gels, and the car-ols of our hearts.



Flash of light-ning, crash of thun-der; hush of still-ness, rush of won-der:
 Place of hurt or face of need-ing; stri-dent cry or si-lent plead-ing:
 Lift of joy and gift of sing-ing; days and nights our prais-es bring-ing:



God is call - ing—can you hear? God is call - ing—can you hear?
 God is call - ing—can you hear? God is call - ing—can you hear?
 God is call - ing—and we hear! God is call - ing—and we hear!



This wide-ranging text reminds us of the many surprising and urgent ways God calls to us, both to draw us near and to send us forth. In the third line of music it is especially effective at harnessing the momentum of the phrases that are each a note higher than the one before.

HYMN of MEDITATION

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd 274

Capo 5: (Am) Dm (F) B^b (C) F (Em) Am (Am) Dm (A7) D7

1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep-herd. You, Lord, are both
 2 Clothed in light up - on the moun-tain, stripped of might up -
 3 You, who walk each day be - side us, sit in pow - er
 4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus! Wor - thy is our

(Dm) (G) (C) (F) (Em) (Dm) (Am)
 Gm C F B^b Am Gm Dm

prince and slave. You, peace-mak - er and sword-bring - er
 on the cross, shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
 at God's side. You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
 cos - mic Christ! Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - tory;

(B^b) (F) (E) (A/C#) (Dm)
 E^b B^b A D/F# Gm

of the way you took and gave. You, the ev - er - last - ing
 beg-gared by a sol - dier's toss, you, the ev - er - last - ing
 have a love that reach - es wide. You, the ev - er - last - ing
 wor - thy still your peace and strife. You, the ev - er - last - ing

(Am) (G) (Am) (Dm) (Em) (Am)
 Dm C Dm Gm Am Dm

in - stant; you, whom we both scorn and crave.
 in - stant; you who are both gift and cost.
 in - stant; you, who are our pil - grim guide.
 in - stant; you, who are our death and life.

When it was first published, the author called this text "Christus Paradox," because so many attributes of Christ stand in tension with each other. Mindful of the works of Søren Kierkegaard, she drafted it on a commuter bus after "a particularly bad day" of prison ministry.

HYMN of DEDICATION

346 For the Healing of the Nations

1 For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with
 2 Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your
 3 All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the
 4 You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on

one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing
 world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred,
 earth be banned: pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing,
 hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in your like - ness,

of the things that earth af - fords; to a life of
 all may come and go in peace. Show us how through
 dog - mas that ob - scure your plan. In our com - mon
 bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our re -

love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our word.
 care and good - ness fear will die and hope in - crease.
 quest for jus - tice may we hal - low life's brief span.
 sponse and ser - vice earth its des - ti - ny may find.

The first line of this text quotes the declared purpose of the leaves of the tree of life growing beside the river of life in the heavenly Jerusalem (Revelation 22:2). The hymn continues by identifying some of the many ways we are called to share with God in this healing work.

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