



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

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Arr. Mark Hayes

Katia Dinas

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed are those whose sin is forgiven.

People: **We are glad in the Lord, and we rejoice.**

Leader: The Lord is a hiding place for us; the Lord preserves us from trouble;
the Lord surrounds us with glad cries of deliverance.

People: **We shout for joy!**

Kyle Feather, Lay Liturgist

◆ OPENING HYMN

To God Be the Glory

GTG 634

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

CALL TO CONFESSION

We know our faults – the way we have treated others, our alienation from God, our unwillingness to be faithful people.
We will not hide our sin or remain silent but confess them to the One who surrounds us with steadfast love.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Waiting God, we confess all the lengths to which we go so we might avoid you. You offer us that kingdom of joy and wonder, yet we would hide in places where temptation waits. You invite us to feast on your grace and peace, but we stubbornly refuse, because you also welcome those, we call outsiders. We are quick to see all the mistakes that those around us make but hope you will ignore our foolish choices. O Celebrating God, before we come to our senses, we find you running towards us, sweeping us up in your arms, tears of grace mingling with our cries of confession, a mighty river washing away our sinful ways to restore us to new life. In Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we find no limitations on your grace, no reservations about your love, but a feast that overflows with wonder, a place we can finally call home, through Christ. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God rolls away everything that stands in our way – our past, our sin, our pain, our hesitation, and reshapes us into new people living in the new creation. What wonderful grace! We are forgiven!

**Broken, we are made whole; lost, we are brought home; empty, we are filled with songs of gladness.
We rejoice and give thanks to God who has graced us with mercy. 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

Unto the Hills

Joseph M. Martin

Katia Dinas, pianist
Directed by Katelyn Spivey

Unto the hills we lift our longing eyes beyond the skies. From where, for us, shall our salvation come? Who hears our cries?

From our Creator shall come our certain aid. Our help is from our God, by whom all things are made. Unto the hills we lift our longing eyes, unto the hills.

Unto the hills, Jehovah God will keep us through the years. God knows our tears. God is our shade, protecting ev'ry dream. God calms our fears, calms our fears.

We will not fear the sun. In faith we live each day and through the silent night, God's candle shows the way. Unto the hills we lift our longing eyes, unto the hills.

Unto the hills we will lift our eyes. From ev'ry evil God will keep our lives. God will keep our lives. God will preserve our going out and coming in. God will guard our lives.

Above the angels watch with careful gaze. God is our refuge, God is our refuge and our strength.

Unto the hills we lift our longing eyes. From where, for us, shall our salvation come? Who will hear us? From our Creator shall come our certain aid. Our help is from our God by whom all things are made. Unto the hills we lift our longing eyes, unto the hills, Unto the hills, unto the hills.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

SERMON

"The Messy Work of Reconciliation"

Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie

RESPONDING

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Confession of 1967, 9.31

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate human beings from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to Christ's call.

◆ HYMN OF MEDITATION

There is Now a New Creation

GTG 774

STUTTGART

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

Songs Without Words, Op. 19, No. 2

Felix Mendelssohn

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

GTG 606

Prayer of Dedication

O Loving Parent, may we not be grumbling and resentful of your generosity. With joy and hope, trusting in the Holy Spirit, we offer our gifts that others might be swept up in your loving and gracious arms through Jesus Christ. Amen.

SENDING

◆ HYMN OF DEDICATION

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

GTG 804

MARION

◆ CHARGE & BENEDICTION

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

◆ CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Soon, and Very Soon

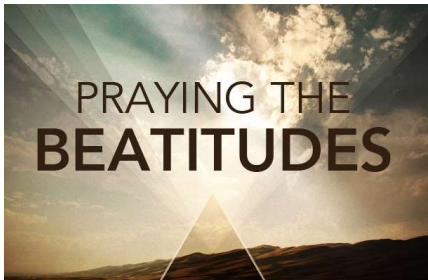
GTG 384

SOON AND VERY SOON

***Soon and very soon we are going to see the King. Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King. Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!***

◆ Stand as you are able

GTG-Glory to God Hymnal



Pastor Ken is leading a midweek devotion, ***Praying the Beatitudes***, each Wednesday. Jesus began his Sermon on the Mount with these provocative and comforting statements of blessing. In many ways, the *Sermon on the Mount* is a disciple's training manual. What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus in these chaotic and anxious times? How might praying the beatitudes form and shape our faith and faithfulness? Each Wednesday a new video offering will be posted to the church's Facebook page and YouTube channel. If you like the Facebook page and/or follow the YouTube channel you will get notice when they have been uploaded. Join us and spread the word! Perhaps someone who is not part of our church might be interested!

PRAYER LIST

Dale Durcholz	Roger Jones
Mike Jones	Dennis Van Deventer
Kathie Heffler	David Duell
George & Mozelle Mills	

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

Easter Lilies – It is time to place your order for Easter Lilies. We will take orders until Palm Sunday. Please complete a brightly colored card (or print form from the March Newsletter) with quantity (\$11 each) and **specific** dedication/sentiment. You may place the card with payment attached in the offering trays, box in the Narthex or return to the church office by Palm Sunday.



We now have online giving available. Just scan the QR Code to the right with your smart phone or go to our website and click the "Give Now" button. www.FaithUnited-pc.com You will have the option to set up your giving profile. This will make it easy to login anytime you are ready to give, even designated giving like Special Offerings, Building Repairs or the Garage Fund. ***You can also select to donate the 2% fee so Faith United does not incur it.***



Lent and Easter is the time of year when we hear about ***One Great Hour of Sharing***. The ***One Great Hour of Sharing*** offerings will be received from now until Easter, April 17. Whether giving online or via check please designate your offering by noting it for "OGHS."



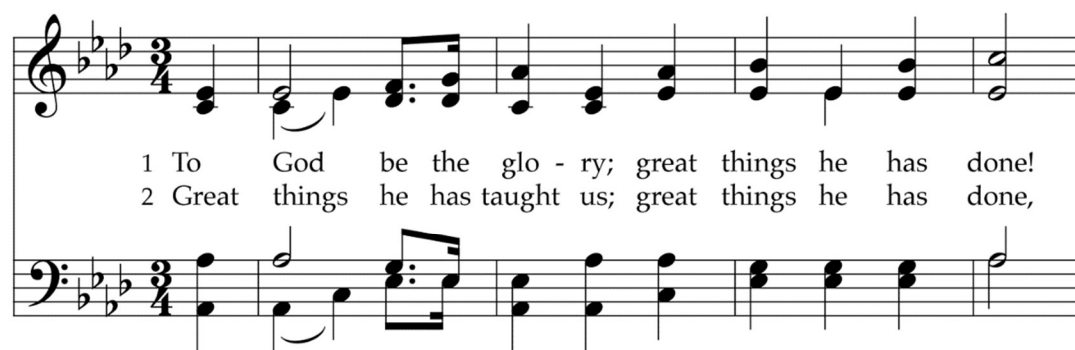
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

For over 70 years, ***One Great Hour of Sharing*** has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world. In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by ***One Great Hour of Sharing*** - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

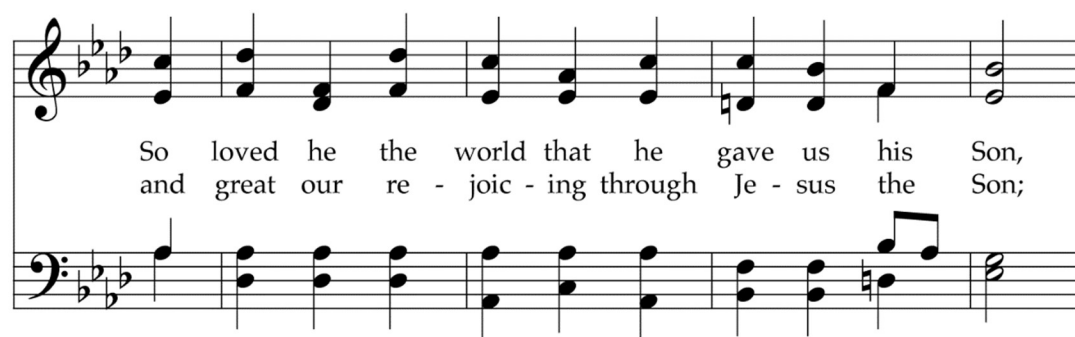
You can choose to give to ***One Great Hour of Sharing*** (OGHS) or specifically Presbyterian Disaster Assistance- Ukraine (PDA-Ukraine). Designate your gift in the Memo section by notating either "OGHS" or "PDA-Ukraine" and your gift will be designated as requested. Thank you in advance for your gifts to ***One Great Hour of Sharing*** and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance-Ukraine.

OPENING HYMN

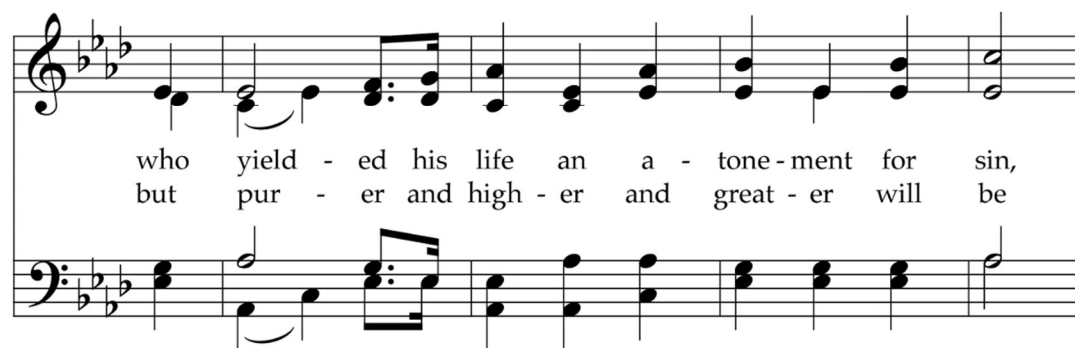
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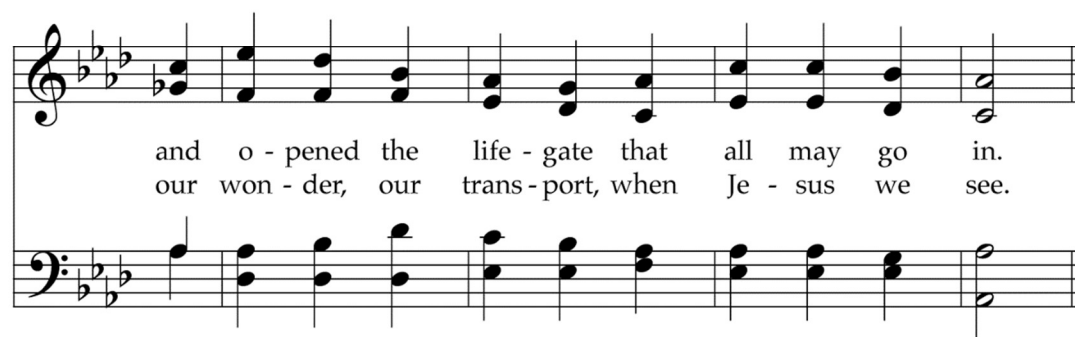
1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
 2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,



So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
 and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;



who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
 but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be



and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
 our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

OPENING HYMN – Cont.

Refrain



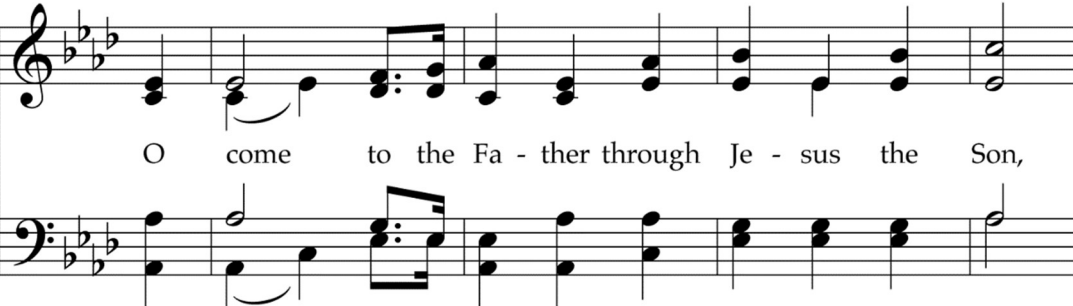
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

The first line of the refrain consists of two staves. The treble staff features a melody of eighth and quarter notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people re-joice!

The second line continues the musical theme, with the treble staff melody and bass staff accompaniment.



O come to the Fa-ther through Je-sus the Son,

The third line of the refrain features a more complex melody in the treble staff, including a half note and a quarter note, with a corresponding bass staff accompaniment.

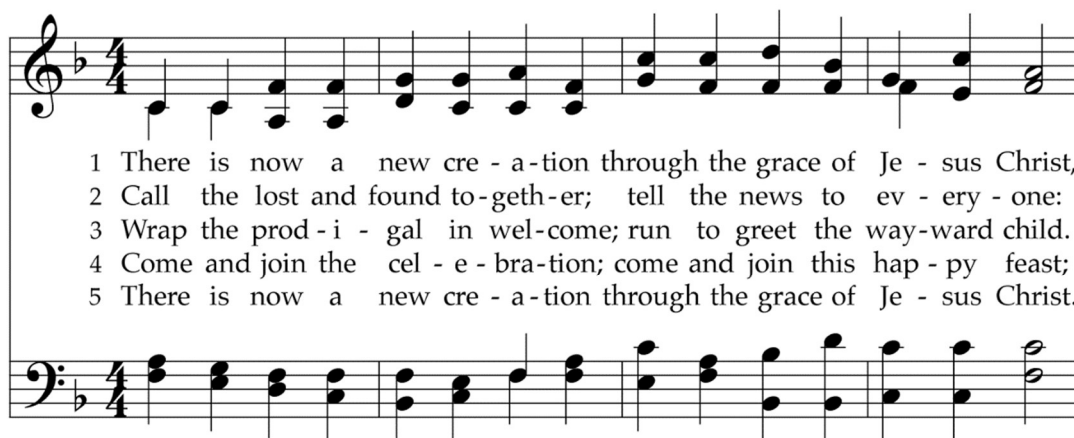


and give him the glo-ry: great things he has done!

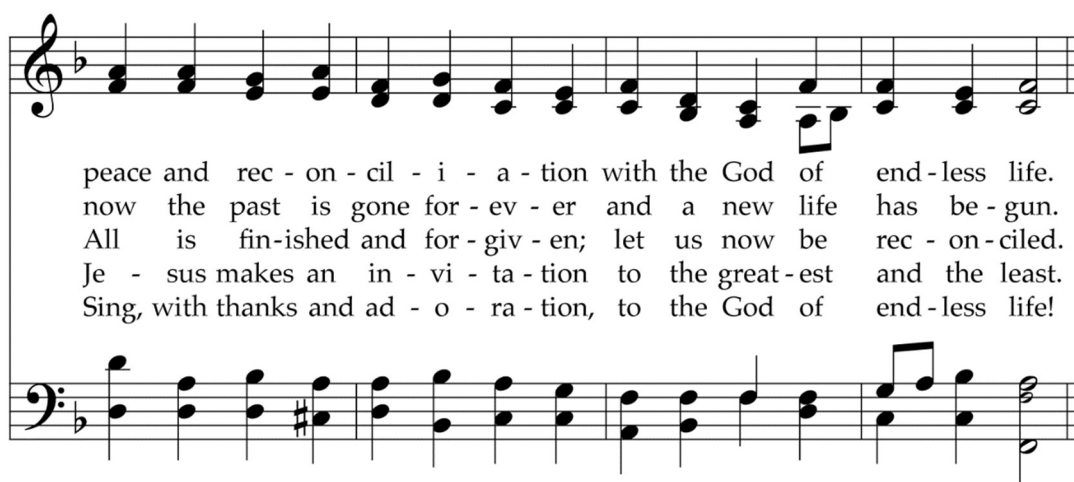
The final line of the refrain concludes with a steady melody in the treble staff and a supporting bass staff accompaniment, ending with a double bar line.

HYMN of MEDITATION

774 There Is Now a New Creation



1 There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ,
2 Call the lost and found to - geth - er; tell the news to ev - ery - one:
3 Wrap the prod - i - gal in wel - come; run to greet the way - ward child.
4 Come and join the cel - e - bra - tion; come and join this hap - py feast;
5 There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ.



peace and rec - on - cil - i - a - tion with the God of end - less life.
now the past is gone for - ev - er and a new life has be - gun.
All is fin - ished and for - giv - en; let us now be rec - on - ciled.
Je - sus makes an in - vi - ta - tion to the great - est and the least.
Sing, with thanks and ad - o - ra - tion, to the God of end - less life!

FUPC Choir and Music leadership

David Pierce, Director of Music

Katia Dinas, Pianist

Soprano

Marissa Guerrero
Mary Marxer
Lois Norton
Barbara Ritchie
Gerry Shotswell
Katelyn Spivey

Alto

Patti Sloey
Jessica Stottleyer
Renee Wensley

Tenor

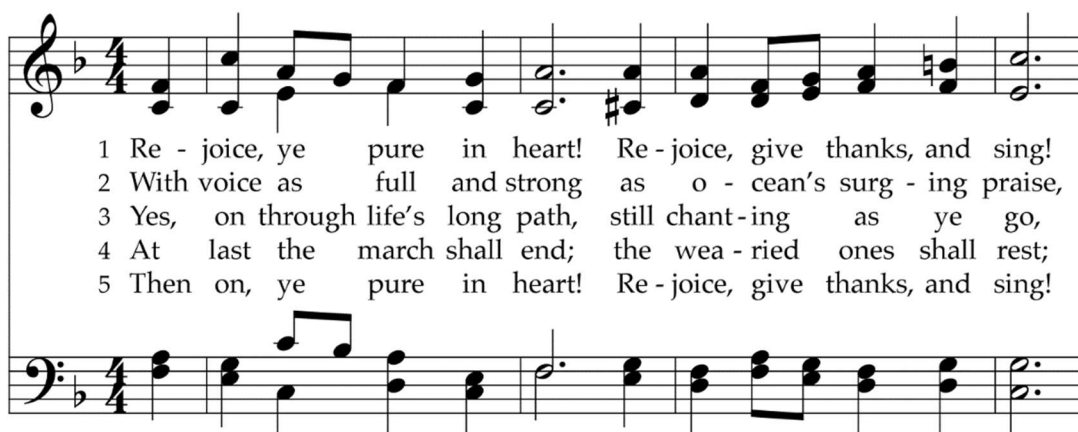
Kyle Feather
Jeremy Rohwer

Bass

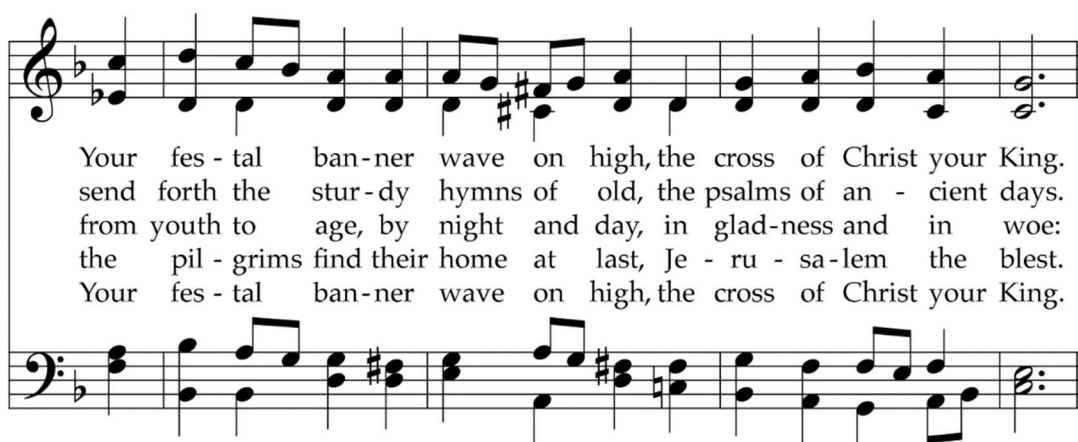
Kurt Booth
Hawkins Burns
Rich Lewis
Zachary Rohwer

HYMN of DEDICATION

804 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!



1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
 3 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go,
 4 At last the march shall end; the wea - ried ones shall rest;
 5 Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!



Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
 send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
 from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe:
 the pil - grims find their home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.
 Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
 Re - joice! Re - joice!

The Session

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

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