



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

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

A Father's Quiet Strength

Lani Smith

Katia Dinas

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God?

O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. Then I will go to the Altar of God, to God my exceeding joy; and I will praise you with the harp. O God, my God. Psalm 42:1,2; 43:3,4

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

Houston Burns, Lay Liturgist

Leader: Hope in God.

People: I shall again praise God, my help and my God.

Leader: By day the Lord commands his steadfast love.

People: And at night his song is with me.

◆ OPENING HYMN

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

GTG 35

LOBE DEN HERREN

CALL TO CONFESSION

Angry words and angrier thoughts, the things we have done and the things we haven't done, so many ways we isolate ourselves from each other, and from God. However, God has freed us in grace and love. Let us come in honesty and humility, trusting the One who is with us and for us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God who listens, we do not call them demons anymore, but there are those words which chain our hearts to them – words which shame others. There are those actions which bind our lives to them – those fears which grab our hands, that anger which pushes away those around us. There are those thoughts which draw us into the shadows, where we seek to hide from you, hoping you do not see the lives we live. Yet, you refuse to stay away; you come closer to us in every moment to make us whole. You would clothe us with grace, so we might be your people in this world. You would tear down all that separates us from others, so we might be one. You would make us heirs to the promise of life and hope with Jesus Christ, who comes to heal and make us your children, and in whose name we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news: Our God comes, not to torment us, but to release us from all that keeps us from being God's beloved children. We are sisters and brothers of Jesus, those who have been blessed, forgiven, transformed.

Thanks be to God, who reaches out to us and shows us the way out of the shadows, pointing to the path of mercy and hope in the way of the Holy Spirit. We are forgiven and made whole!

◆ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

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GLORY TO GOD

HEARING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

I Will Give Joyful Thanks

Douglas Nolan

*I will give my thanks to the Father. I will give my thanks to the Son.
I will give my thanks to the Spirit. I will give thanks! I will give thanks! I will give thanks!*

*Make a joyful noise to the Father. Make a joyful noise to the Son.
Make a joyful noise to the Spirit. Sing to the Lord! Sing to the Lord! Sing to the Lord!*

*God's great mercy and love surround us. God's truth abounds forever more. God's name is
exalted above the earth. Lift high the glory of the Lord. Lift high the glory of the Lord, of the Lord.*

*Sing to the Lord, rejoice, alleluia. Sing to the Lord a jubilant song. Sing to the Lord, Hosanna,
Hosanna. Come and give thanks to the Lord! Come and give thanks to the Lord, our God!*

*Come before God's presence with singing. Come into His courts with a song.
Come into His gates with thanksgiving. Come and give thanks! Come and give thanks! Come and give thanks!*

*I will give my thanks to the Father. I will give my thanks to the Son. I will give my thanks to the Spirit. I will give thanks!
I will give thanks! I will give thanks! I will give thanks! I will give thanks to the Lord! I will give thanks!*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Galatians 3:23-29

SECOND READING

Luke 8:26-39

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie

"It Doesn't Have to be This Way"

RESPONDING

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *Confession of Belhar*, 10.7

We believe that God has revealed God's self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged that God calls the church to follow God in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry; that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind; that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly; that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right; that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

◆ HYMN OF MEDITATION

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

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REST

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

Valse Op. 69, No. 2

Frédéric Chopin

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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**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 who frees, bless our offerings that the despairing would know hope, the sick would receive healing, those held in bondage would experience release. Direct us by your Spirit to fulfill your mission as we await the time when all creation is one in your love, through Christ. Amen.

SENDING

◆ HYMN OF DEDICATION

The Church of Christ in Every Age

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WAREHAM

◆ CHARGE & BENEDICTION

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

◆ CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

O How He Loves You and Me

from *Sing the Faith*

◆ Stand as you are able

GTG-Glory to God Hymnal

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SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES The church can use your service and help! We need people to be trained as back-up on the following church systems: Accounting, Email, Bulletin and other Publications, Web Site. Training will be provided. You can learn as many or as few of these as you feel called. Primarily, the need is for back-up for Brenda for those times when she is out of the office. If you have interest in any of these needs or have questions, call Brenda or speak with Pastor Ken.

Pastor Ken has begun a new midweek devotional series on prayer based on the Ten Commandments. These ten words, or as sometimes called the Decalogue, form the heart of God's teaching to the people of God. They give shape to a life directed by Christ as we express the image of God in our lives. Rather than being a burden, they point us to a life set free in Christ. How might praying the Decalogue form and shape our lives of faith and faithfulness in these chaotic and anxious times? Each Wednesday a new video offering will be posted to the church's Facebook page and YouTube channel. Join us and spread the word! Someone who is not part of our church might be interested!



As we move into Summer, we want to update the church on the finances of the church. Through May 31 offering revenue is up from last year about \$5,000 or 8%. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Your generosity and faithfulness have helped us to be about the business of the church – mission, worship, staff, building expenses, utilities, etc. The plumbing repair project and demolition of the garage are now complete and paid. As was mentioned previously, the plumbing project exceeded projections substantially due to unforeseen challenges in tunneling under the building. The proceeds from the loan and grant have been expended. To maintain an adequate cash reserve, we will not be able to repave the parking lot at this time. As a result of your continued faithfulness and generosity, the increased revenue from Little Treasures and the Josey Lane mortgage we hope to have a balanced budget going forward. Please prayerfully consider our financial needs going forward and how you might be called to respond.

~ The Finance Committee and Session

PRAYER LIST

Dale Durcholz

Mike Jones

Dennis Van Deventer

Tom Duell

David Duell

George & Mozelle Mills

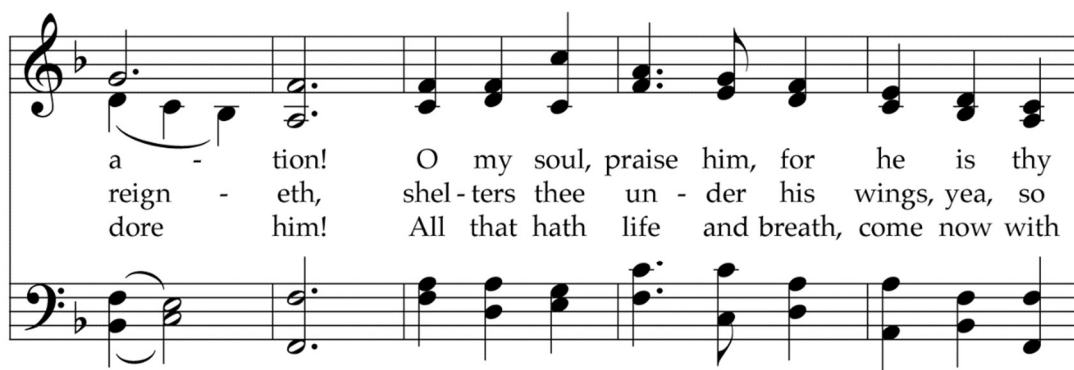
Homebound or Recovering: Freddie Simmons, Charley Rae Furrh (Terri Russell's cousin)

OPENING HYMN

35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty



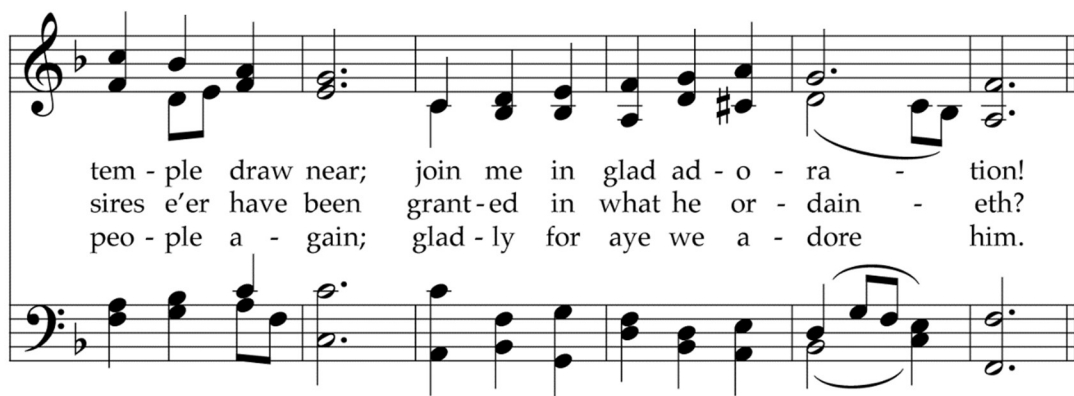
1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly
 3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

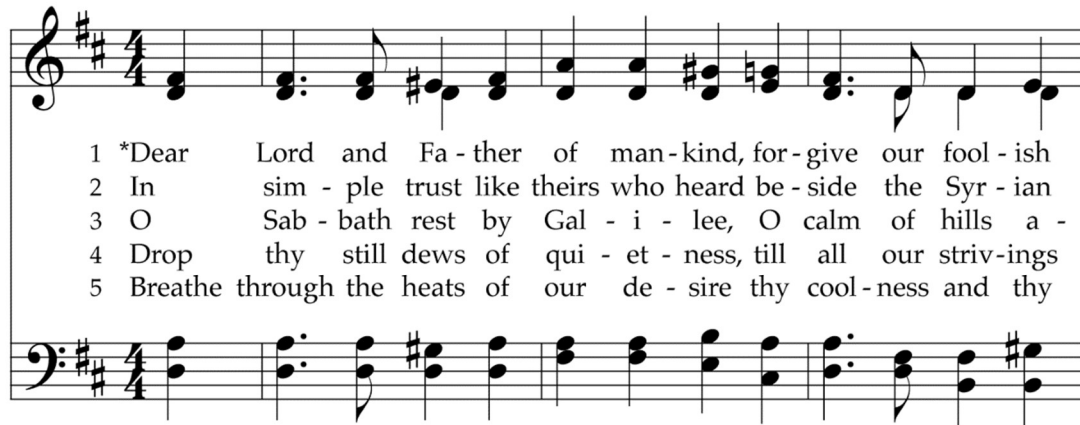


tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

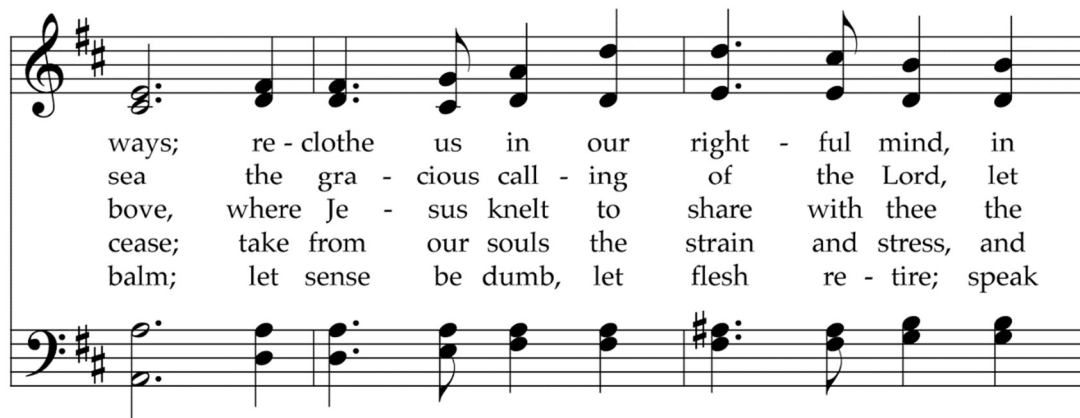
This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1-6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.

HYMN OF MEDITATION

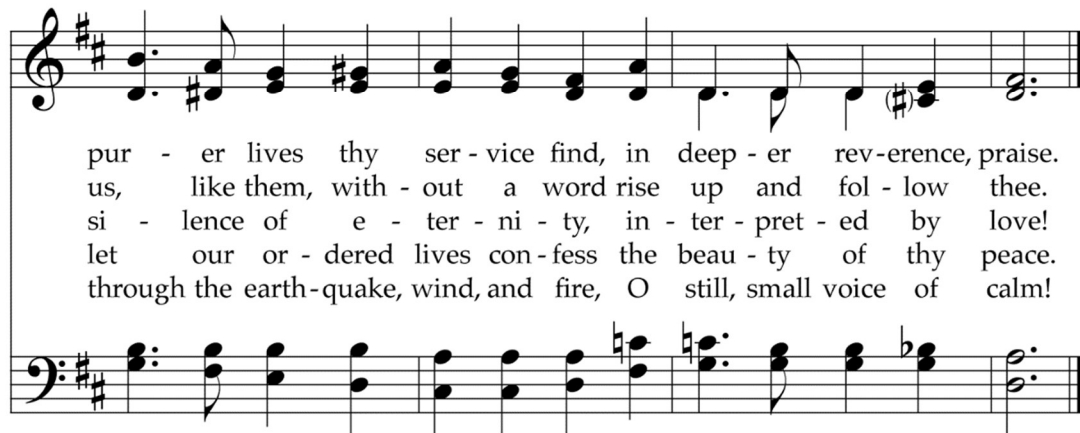
169 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind



1 *Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for - give our fool - ish
 2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard be - side the Syr - ian
 3 O Sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee, O calm of hills a -
 4 Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till all our striv - ings
 5 Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy cool - ness and thy



ways; re - clothe us in our right - ful mind, in
 sea the gra - cious call - ing of the Lord, let
 bove, where Je - sus knelt to share with thee the
 cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and
 balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh re - tire; speak




pur - er lives thy ser - vice find, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.
 us, like them, with - out a word rise up and fol - low thee.
 si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty, in - ter - pret - ed by love!
 let our or - dered lives con - fess the beau - ty of thy peace.
 through the earth - quake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm!

*Or "Dear Lord, Creator good and kind"

These stanzas were carved into a hymn from a much longer poem describing a frenzied ritual by an obscure sect in India, but they culminate in a reference to 1 Kings 19:11-12 that celebrates silence (as befits a Quaker poet). This tune was created especially for these words.

HYMN of DEDICATION

320 The Church of Christ in Every Age



1 The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
 4 For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
 be - dience to our Lord: to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
 out re - serve, and spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word.

In this challenging text by a British Methodist minister, the odd-numbered stanzas develop the image of "the servant church," while the second surveys the many needs and the fourth describes the true source of strength for the task.

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Katia Dinas, Pianist

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Lois Norton
Barbara Ritchie
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Patti Sloey
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Tenor

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Rich Lewis
Zachary Rohwer

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