



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

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Confirma hoc, Deus

Jacob Handl (1550-1591)

Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.
Psalm 80:3

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

Houston Burns, Lay Liturgist

Leader: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

People: Rise up, O God, judge the earth; for all the nations belong to you!

Leader: Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.
Rescue the weak and the needy.

People: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

◆ OPENING HYMN

Soon and Very Soon

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SOON AND VERY SOON

CALL TO CONFESSION

Being human, we never find it easy to ask for forgiveness. But as God's children, called to live in relationship with one another, we know we must speak of how we have hurt others, so that we might experience full forgiveness and restoration to new life.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

What can we say, Expectant God, that you don't know already?

You long for justice for all people, but it is washed away by the flood of violence in our world.

You hope that righteousness will walk with us, but you hear the clear cries of those mistreated.

You ask us to speak up for those in need, but we shut our mouths and turn away.

Forgive us, Righteous God. Have mercy when we do not bear the fruit you desire.

Even though we have not lived our faith to the fullest, may we receive the promises of hope and grace you have given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The great cloud of witnesses, those who have gone on before us, are cheering us on as we run towards the finish line of our faith.
Thanks be to God! The victory has already been won for us in Jesus Christ. We are forgiven!

◆ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

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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

In Moments of Quiet

Words by Jonathan Martin

Music by Victor C. Johnson

*In moments of quiet, when all is at ease, I ask the Lord to fill me with peace.
I open my heart to heaven above, and God fills my spirit with grace and with love.
In valleys, on mountains, within, and without, when I am faithful or when I may doubt,
God is my comfort, my soul's one desire. His Word is my lamp, and His truth my fire.*

*There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God, a place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God.
O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God, hold us, who wait before Thee, near to the heart of God.*

*In moments of quiet, when all is at ease, I ask the Lord to fill me with peace.
I open my heart to heaven above, and God fills my spirit with grace and with love.
In moments of quiet, God fills me with peace.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

SECOND READING

Luke 12:49-56

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie

"Interpreting the Times"

RESPONDING

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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 for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering; that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right.

◆ HYMN OF MEDITATION

This Is My Song

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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

Salvation is Created

Pavel Chesnokov

Arr. Timothy C. Takach

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

As you share your blessings with us, Gracious God, you show great faith that we will use them wisely and offer them generously to others. So, in the power of the Spirit, may we bring healing to the broke, hope to the despairing, and joy to those who mourn, through Christ. Amen.

SENDING

◆HYMN OF DEDICATION
Fight the Good Fight

GTG 846
DUKE STREET

◆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

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

Pastor Ken continues the midweek devotional series on prayer, based on the Ten Commandments. 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!



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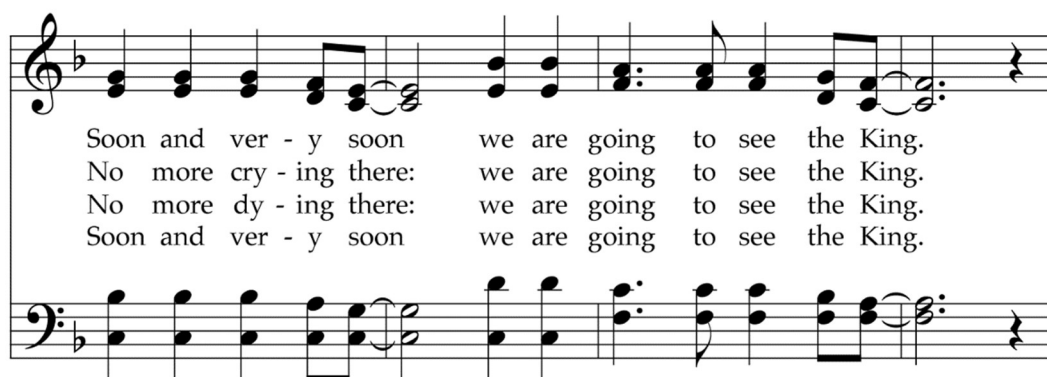
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OPENING HYMN

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1 Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.
 2 No more cry - ing there: we are going to see the King.
 3 No more dy - ing there: we are going to see the King.
 4 Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.



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Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're going to see the King!

This spirited African American gospel hymn draws on John's vision of the new heaven and the new earth in Revelation 21:3-4, with its wonderful promise that God will wipe away the tears from all eyes, that death will be no longer, and that there will be no more mourning or pain.

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This Is My Song

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
 3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
 thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
 and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

The first two stanzas of this hymn were written between the 20th century's two world wars and focus on the theme of international peace. The third stanza, by another author and added later, uses the language of the Lord's Prayer to voice a distinctly Christian perspective.

TEXT: Stanzas 1-2, Lloyd Stone; stanza 3, Georgia Harkness, alt.

MUSIC: Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr. *The Hymnal*, 1933, alt.

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Music Arr. © 1933, ren. 1961 The Presbyterian Board of Christian Education (admin. Westminster John Knox Press)

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HYMN of MEDITATION – cont.



but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:

The first system of the hymn features a treble and bass staff in B-flat major (two flats). The treble staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats, and a common time signature. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing beamed eighth notes. The bass staff begins with a bass clef, a key signature of two flats, and a common time signature. The accompaniment consists of chords and single notes, primarily using the left hand. The system concludes with a double bar line.



with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

The second system of the hymn continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The treble staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats, and a common time signature. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing beamed eighth notes. The bass staff begins with a bass clef, a key signature of two flats, and a common time signature. The accompaniment consists of chords and single notes, primarily using the left hand. The system concludes with a double bar line.

Fight the Good Fight

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1 Fight the good fight with all thy might.
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;
 3 Cast care a - side; lean on thy guide.
 4 Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near.

Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.
 lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face.
 God's bound - less mer - cy will pro - vide.
 God chang - eth not, and thou art dear.

Lay hold on life, and it shall be
 Life with its way be - fore us lies;
 Trust, and thy trust - ing soul shall prove
 On - ly be - lieve, and thou shalt see

thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
 Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
 Christ is its life, and Christ its love.
 that Christ is all in all to thee.

The opening phrase here (based on 1 Timothy 6:12) is not a military image but an athletic one, from a Greek verb meaning "struggle" or "grapple" or "wrestle." The sports context continues in later stanzas reflecting the experience of a runner (recalling Hebrews 12:1-2).

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