

# PARK LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**November 15, 2020**

Order of Worship 10:30 am



## GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Silence

Prelude

Sonata No. 1  
Will Benton, Organist

Charles W. Ore

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 90)

Before there was any time,

**there was God.**

When we wandered the wilderness,

**God built a way for us.**

When we lived in exile,

**our homes were built by God.**

When we are overwhelmed with life,

**God unknots the tightness in our shoulders.**

When we seek to serve faithfully,

**God provides the opportunities.**

When tomorrow comes,

**we find God awake and waiting for us.**

When time ends,

**there will still be God**

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Hymn No. 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Scripture Reading

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

Call to Confession

When we remember all the mistakes we have made, all the careless words we have spoken, all the contempt we have given to those around us, we have trouble looking God in the eye. But God gazes at us with mercy and love, waiting to forgive us, even as we hesitate to speak of the broken places in our hearts.

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Again we must confess, Master of the Universe, our struggles to be faithful disciples. You have entrusted us with all your gifts, yet we become fearful of wasting them, and often miss the chance to be a blessing to others. You have invited us to dance in the light of your love, and we stand against the wall once again, hesitant. You call us to be generous with our time and resources to those who struggle in life, but we occupy ourselves once again, with scorn for the poor choices they make. Have mercy, generous God, have mercy on us. Open our eyes to your kingdom in our midst, so we might discover that your day of hope and grace has already come in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**  
(moment of silent prayer)

Declaration of Forgiveness

This is the good news: God wants for us to find life, to embrace hope, to receive forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**The end of our life's journey is not rejection and emptiness, but the fullness of grace and hope in our God. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Minute for Stewardship

**THE WORD**

Welcoming the Children

The children’s bulletin is available on the plpc.org and the Park Lake Facebook page.

Blessing of Children

tune - Hymn No. 535, Tallis Canon

*Go with them, Lord, and guide their way, through this and every coming day,  
That in Your spirit strong and true, their lives may be a gift to You.*

Scripture Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-24

Sermon

The Longest Year

Rev. Dr. Linda Wright Simmons

\*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

Ecumenical version

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Offertory

Today, Tomorrow, and Every Day  
Chancel Choir Leaders

Paul Sjolund

**SENDING**

Hymn No. 749

Come! Live in the Light!

Charge and Benediction

Choral Response

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Postlude

Sortie Toccata  
Will Benton, organist

Théodore Dubois

\*The communion table cloth is a project of Potter’s Hand, a Park Lake group that explores the intersection of faith and art. This table cloth depicts Revelation 7:9-17, and the communion of the saints.

*“A great multitude standing before the throne and before the lamb, robed in white...”*

# 687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)

1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our  
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy  
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or  
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are


hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the  
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine  
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing  
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that

storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

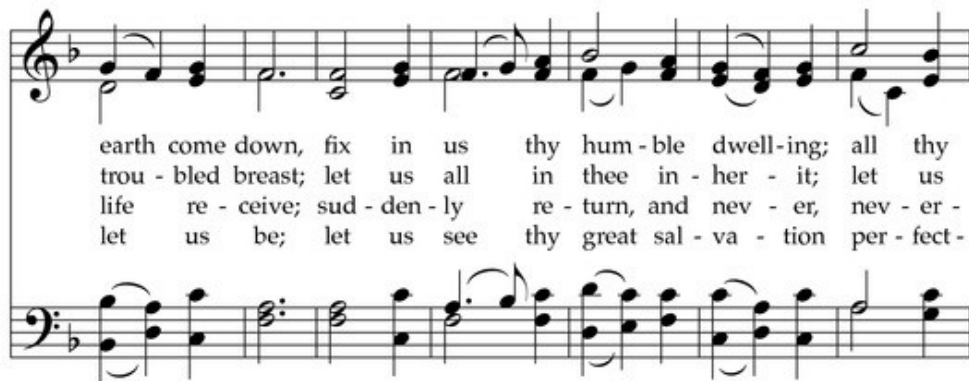
- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,  
 bears all our years away;  
 they fly forgotten, as a dream  
 dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past,  
 our hope for years to come,  
 be thou our guard while life shall last,  
 and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.


## 366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to  
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery  
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy  
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

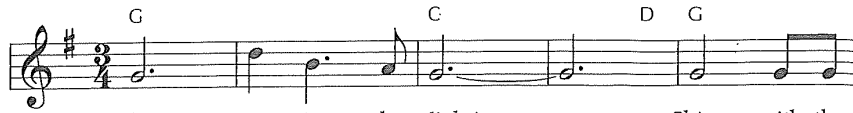


faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;  
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.

# 749 Come! Live in the Light!

## We Are Called



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the  
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your  
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that



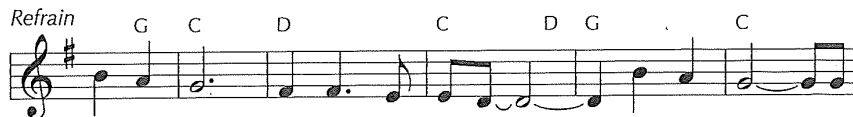
joy and the love of the Lord! We are called  
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called  
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,



to be light for the king - dom, to live in the  
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and  
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and



free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
 vio - lence will be no more.  
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.



We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"