

PARK LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Order of Worship 10:30 am

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Silence

Prelude

Duke Street
Will Benton, Organist

setting by David Christiansen

Call to Worship (Psalm 46)

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear,
though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
we will not fear.

Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

We will not fear.

The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Be still, and know that I am God. I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth!

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Hymn No. 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Scripture Reading

Joshua 24:1-3; 14-25

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Lord, we are surrounded by so many temptations and challenges
that we find it difficult to choose to serve You in our lives.
You ask us to live in ways that bring justice to every person,
but we choose to ignore and discount the weakest in this world.
You ask us to live in peace, but we choose to be suspicious of others.
You command us to love our neighbor, but we can't imagine loving people on the other side.
Forgive us when our list of enemies is what we focus on most.
Open our hearts to the certain hope of Your healing power,
always giving thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**
(moment of silent prayer)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Listen, my friends! The good news is that God is in our midst - moving, forgiving, renewing, restoring.

**This day, we choose - to live with hope, to share God's grace, to tell of God's goodness
in our lives. Thanks be to God.**

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Hymn No. 362

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers!

Minute for Stewardship

Dawn Neff

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

Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon

Choices

Dr. Dan DeBevoise

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**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

For The Beauty of The Earth
Chancel Choir Leaders

John Rutter

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

SENDING

Hymn No. 463

How Firm A Foundation

Charge and Benediction

Choral Response

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Postlude

Fantasie
Will Benton, organist

Franz Liszt

*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.

275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

362 Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

1 Re - joice! Re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
 2 See that your lamps are burn - ing; re - plen-ish them with oil;
 3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing and dark - er night is near.
 look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
 a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this shad - owed sphere!

The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing and soon he will draw nigh.
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

Up, watch with ex - pec - ta - tion; at mid - night comes the cry.
 a - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the Bride-groom is at hand!
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

The Latin original of this text based on the parable of the wise and foolish maidens (Matthew 25:1-13) consisted of ten stanzas, but this briefer version is more appropriate for its message of urgency. It is set to a spirited minor Welsh tune named for a Pembrokeshire village.

463 How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.