

PARK LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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January 17, 2021

Order of Worship 10:30 am

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Silence

Prelude

The Peace May Be Exchanged  
Will Benton

Dan Locklair

Call to Worship Psalm 139

Dr. Helen DeBevoise

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

**You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.**

You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

**Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.**

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.

**See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.**

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Hymn No. 645

Sing Praise to God

Scripture Reading

John 1:43-51

Pew Bible, N.T., page 87

Call to Confession

Nothing can be hidden from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth, whose wisdom is endless, whose mercy is great. (Isaiah 40:27-28)

Hymn No. 426

Search Me, O God

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Unison Prayer of Confession

**God our Creator, we confess that we are broken, sinful creatures.**

**You speak to us with tender mercy, yet we fail to recognize your voice.**

**You know everything about us, yet we pretend we do not know you.**

**Forgive us, God of grace.**

**Help us to heed your voice of truth, to follow your way of faithfulness,**

**and to glorify you with our lives;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(moment of silent prayer)

Hymn No. 426

Search Me, O God

Declaration of Forgiveness

In front of us, behind us, to our right, to our left: look! God is there!

In our past, beside us today, waiting in the future: look! God is there!

In the shadows, in the light: look! God is there!

From the top of the mountains, to the bottom of the seas;

in the morning, in the evening, in every moment:

God knows us. God is with us. God forgives us!

**In Jesus Christ, who is God with us, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Response No. 29

O God, You Search Me

## THE WORD

Welcoming the Children

The children's bulletin is available on the plpc.org and the Park Lake Up2Date weekly email.

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

Psalms 139

Pew Bible, O.T., page 545

Sermon

God Knows You

Dr. Dan DeBevoise

\*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

(page 35 Glory To God hymnal)

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

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

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

Offertory

Balm in Gilead  
Faith Graves, soloist

arr. by H.T. Burleigh

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Dr. Helen DeBevoise

Hymn No. 450

Be Thou My Vision

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Trumpet Praise  
Will Benton, organist

Gilbert Martin

# 645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all  
 2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -  
 3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief  
 4 Thus all my toil - some way a - long I sing a - loud

cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,  
 cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade  
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,  
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song

the God of our sal - va - tion. With  
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -  
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as  
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less  
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and  
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the  
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

The regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza's image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.

## Search Me, O God

主上帝，求你鑒察我

(Psalm 139)

Capo 3: (B) (Em) (B) (Am) (B) (Em)  
D Gm D Cm D Gm

Search me, O God, and know my heart. Try me, O God, and  
主上帝，求你鑒察我，試驗我，知

(B) (B7) (Em) (C) (Am7)  
D D7 Gm Eb Cm7

know my thoughts, and see if there be any wicked way in  
我心思，看我有甚麼歹所行

(B7) (Am) (B) (Am) (Em)  
D7 Cm D Cm Gm

me. And lead me in the ever-lasting way.  
無，引導我行你永活的路。

The two verses that make up this text, Psalm 139:23-24, form a prayer at the conclusion of one of the most remarkably introspective psalms of the Psalter. The distinctive Taiwanese musical setting provided for the words gives them a beautiful sense of mystery and awe.

## O God, You Search Me

(Psalm 139)

D G A D Bm



1 O God, you search me and you know me. All my  
 2 You know my rest - ing and my ris - ing. You dis -  
 3 Be - fore a word is on my tongue, Lord, you have  
 4 Al - though your Spir - it is up - on me, still I  
 5 For you cre - at - ed me and shaped me, gave me

F#m G Bm Asus A



thoughts lie o - pen to your gaze. When I  
 cern my pur - pose from a - far, and with  
 known its mean - ing through and through. You are  
 search for shel - ter from your light. There is  
 life with - in my moth - er's womb. For the

Bm G F#m Bm 3



walk or lie down you are be - fore me: ev - er the  
 love ev - er - last - ing you be - siege me: in ev - ery  
 with me be - yond my un - der - stand - ing: God of my  
 no - where on earth I can es - cape you: e - ven the  
 won - der of who I am, I praise you: safe in your

Em G A7 D



mak - er and keep - er of my days.  
 mo - ment of life or death, you are.  
 pres - ent, my past, and fu - ture, too.  
 dark - ness is ra - diant in your sight.  
 hands, all cre - a - tion is made new.



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## Be Thou My Vision

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;  
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;  
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heav - en - ward, O Power of my power.  
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

*Guitar chords in Pew Edition do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.