

PARK LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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January 24, 2021

Order of Worship 10:30 am

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Silence

Introit

Let There Be Peace on Earth
Russell Stephens, soloist
Will Benton, piano

Jill Jackson-Miller and Sy Miller

Call to Worship (Jonah 2:2, 6, 9)

I called to the Lord out of my distress, and God answered me

You brought up my life from the Pit, O Lord, my God.

I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay.

Deliverance belongs to the Lord!

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Hymn No. 619

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

Scripture Reading

Jonah 1:1-3

Pew Bible, O.T., page 810

Call to Confession

Alas, Jonah is likely not the only child of God who, when called, finds any vehicle he can to go the other way, away from God. How is God calling us this day? And how are we failing to follow, but instead, turning away from God? Let us pray together our Prayer of Confession followed by a time of silent confession.

Unison Prayer of Confession

You call us, God, to be your hands and feet in the world. Forgive us when we run the other way; when we place conditions on service, like “if we have time” or “if we have energy.” Forgive us, patient and persistent Lord, for the times we turn our backs on serving you to focus on our own comforts. Forgive us when we look the other way when people are in need. Forgive us our angry attitudes and actions which hurt rather than heal. Wrap your arms around us, healing our wounds, binding us to you.

(moment of silent prayer)

Declaration of Forgiveness

God stops at nothing to bring us home. God’s grace is abundant, God’s mercy unending. As far as the east is from the west, so far does God remove our sins from us. Thanks be to God; through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Response No. 22

God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale

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

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 and 4

Pew Bible, O.T., page 811

A Sermon Conversation

The Too-Merciful God

Rev. Dr. Linda Wright Simmons
and John Daniel 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

Christ Be With Me

Music by Michael S. Bryson

Chancel Choir, section leaders

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn No. 741

Guide My Feet

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Let There Be Peace on Earth (reprise)
Will Benton, piano

Jill Jackson-Miller and Sy Miller

Thank you to our guest preachers, Rev. Dr. Linda Wright Simmons and John Daniel DeBevoise for leading our worship today.

The two Sanctuary flower arrangements this day, are given to the glory of God,

- ***In loving memory of*** my son, Chip (Roy) Long, 06/02/1964 - 01/24/2020, given by Lynne Long, may he rest in peace.
- ***In memory of*** Will Park, husband, father, grandfather, by his loving wife, Evie Park and the Park family. The offertory music today is also dedicated to the memory of Will Park, "Let There Be Peace on Earth", was how Will lived his life.

The rose on the Communion table celebrates the birth of Arya Grace Jones, born on Wednesday, January 20, 2021. Daughter of Rose Urena and Camden Jones. Grandparents are Nancy and Walk Jones.

619 Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

(Psalm 103)

1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; glad of heart your
 2 Praise God for the grace and fa - vor shown our fore - bears
 3 Like a lov - ing par - ent car - ing, God knows well our
 4 An - gels, teach us ad - o - ra - tion; you be - hold God

car - ols raise; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
 in dis - tress; God is still the same for - ev - er,
 fee - ble frame, glad - ly all our bur - dens bear - ing,
 face to face. Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion,

who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!
 slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!
 still to count - less years the same. Al - le - lu - ia!
 dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all your days!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing our Mak - er's faith - ful - ness!
 Al - le - lu - ia! All with - in me, praise God's name!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

This adaptation of an older paraphrase of Psalm 103 (see no. 620) is informed by an awareness that much of the received language of religious traditions enshrines social values that obscure the goodness of God, which far transcends all our labels and categories and hierarchies.

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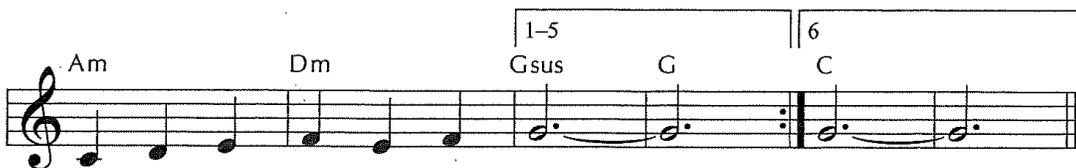
God of the Sparrow



1 God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the
 2 God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the
 3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the
 4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick God of the
 5 God of the neigh - bor God of the foe God of the
 6 God of the a - ges God near at hand God of the



swirl - ing stars How does the crea - ture say Awe
 trum - pet blast How does the crea - ture cry Woe
 emp - ty grave How does the crea - ture say Grace
 prod - i - gal How does the crea - ture say Care
 prun - ing hook How does the crea - ture say Love
 lov - ing heart How do your chil - dren say Joy



How does the crea - ture say Praise
 How does the crea - ture cry Save
 How does the crea - ture say Thanks
 How does the crea - ture say Life
 How does the crea - ture say Peace
 How do your chil - dren say Home

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Though a lack of punctuation makes this text appear freeform and the flowing tune enhances a sense of movement, each stanza here is firmly anchored by a final weighty word (praise, save, thanks, life, peace, home), a sign of God's eternal presence in an ever-changing world.

741 Guide My Feet

1 Guide my feet while I run this race;

(yes, my Lord!)

guide my feet while I run this race;

(yes, my Lord!)

guide my feet while I run this race, for I

don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

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| 2 Hold my hand ... | 5 Search my heart ... |
| 3 Stand by me ... | 6 Guide my feet ... |
| 4 I'm your child ... | |

This African American spiritual is based on the imagery of "the race that is set before us" in Hebrews 12:1-2. Its call-and-response structure allows for the improvisation and addition of stanzas related to an athletic metaphor that is as vivid today as it was centuries ago.