

PARK LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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March 14, 2021

Order of Worship

10:30 am

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission - Presbyterian Women

Recognition of Leadership – Susan Kaney
Lifetime Membership Award – Nancy Clark

Time of Silence

Prelude

Dreams

Hugh McAmis

Will Benton, organist

Call to Worship (from Psalm 107:1-3, 8-9)

Dan DeBevoise

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; For his steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble,
and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west,
From the north and from the south.

Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.

Let us worship God.

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Hymn No. 403

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 2:1-10

Pew Bible, N.T., page 181

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O Great Lover of our souls, we want your presence in our lives, but we find ourselves turning away from you time and again. We want to serve your people but become obsessed with our own desires. We know that we need your Word to fill our emptiness, but our ears and hearts are overwhelmed by the noise of our world and the foolishness of our lives. In this silence, and in the depths of our hidden souls, come to us and make us whole, merciful God. May your grace within us make us more forgiving people; may Your mercy upon us make us become more welcoming people; make us more like Jesus, who came for all people, even us.

(silent prayers of confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Friends remember, "God, who is rich in mercy out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our sins, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved." (Ephesians 2:4) This is the good news!

Thanks be to our God for his love, grace and mercy poured out upon us!

Response No. 696

O God, You Are My God Alone

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

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

Luke 3:22-23

Pew Bible, N.T., page 56

Sermon

Places Jesus Prayed: The Thin Places

Dr. Helen DeBevoise

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

(page 17 Glory To God hymnal)

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

**And in Jesus Christ, God's 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;

the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come 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 Prayer

Offertory

Alone He prays

Words & Music by Joel Raney & John Parker

Through the daylight hours
fragrant flowers bloom,
In the olive orchard
emitting sweet perfume,
But on this night of malice
kneeling 'mid the stones,
Jesus prays with passion,
in agony alone.

Peaceful walls of roses
Blossom 'neath the sun,
While near the stony staircase
Climbing grapevines run,
But in the darkest hours
Up on this night of hate,
Pleading with His Father,
The Lord awaits His

Stream and hedge and olive
Are thriving there by day,
Calling to the weary to come,
And rest, and pray,
But underneath the clouds
No moonlight finds the sky
As on this night of treason
The Lord prepares to die!

Alone He prays, Alone He prays.
Up on this night of hate,
The Lord awaits His fate,
Alone He prays, Alone He prays.
Up on this night of hate,
The Lord awaits His fate,
Alone. Alone.

Alone He prays,
Alone He prays.
Up on this night of hate,
The Lord awaits His fate,
Alone.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn No. 377

I Want to Walk as a Child of Light

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Pipings

James Southbridge

Will Benton, organist

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty 403

1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so
 3 Speak, O Lord, and I will hear thee; let thy will be

en - ter there, where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
 un - to me; where we find thee and a - dore thee,
 done in - deed; may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee,

waits for God who an - swers prayer; O how bless - ed
 there a heaven on earth must be; to my heart O
 while thou dost thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the

is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace.
 en - ter thou; let it be thy tem - ple now.
 foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

In the first stanza "Zion" is not a general synonym for Jerusalem but a reference to the part of the city where the Temple stood. It prepares the way for the interior temple of the heart in stanza two. The pre-existing tune is by a prominent German Reformed hymnwriter.

696 O God, You Are My God Alone

(Psalm 63)

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A) (D)
 E^b A^b E^b A^b B^b E^b

1 O God, you are my God a-lone, whom ea-ger - ly I seek,
 2 Your faith - ful love sur-pass-es life, e - vok-ing all my praise.
 3 Through-out the night I lie in bed and call you, Lord, to mind;

(D) (F[#]m) (G) (A) (Em) (A) (D)
 E^b Gm A^b B^b Fm B^b E^b

though long-ing fills my soul with thirst and leaves my bod - y weak.
 Through ev - ery day, to bless your name, my hands in joy I'll raise.
 in dark-est hours I med - i - tate how God, my strength, is kind.

(G) (D) (Em) (A)
 A^b E^b Fm B^b

Just as a dry and bar-ren land a-waits a fresh-ening shower,
 My deep-est needs you sat - is - fy as with a sump-tuous feast.
 Be - neath the shad - ow of your wing, I live and feel se - cure;

(D) (Em) (D) (G) (A7) (D)
 E^b Fm E^b A^b B^b7 E^b

I long with-in your house to see your glo - ry and your power.
 So, on my lips and in my heart, your praise has nev - er ceased.
 and dai - ly as I fol-low close, your right hand keeps me sure.

Given its wide range of references, scholars have proposed many occasions and uses for Psalm 63. Because of the imagery that opens stanza three in this paraphrase, for example, the great Reformed theologian and scholar Theodore Beza regularly recited this psalm at night.

377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at
3 I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with

Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and
Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

Refrain

star of my life is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at
shall know the joy of Je - sus.

all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the

The author/composer of this unrhymed hymn regards it as a meditation and prayer deeply rooted in many scriptures, most connected with the theme of light: Genesis 1:17; Psalm 139:12; Isaiah 60:19; Malachi 4:2; John 14:8; Ephesians 5:8; Hebrews 12:1-2; 1 John 1:5; Revelation 21:23.