

PARK LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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September 12, 2021 Order of Worship 10:30 am

GATHERING

Introit

Holy, Holy, Holy

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Justo Mwale, Bill Warlick

Time of Silence

Prelude

Festival of Praise
Will Benton, organist

Phil Lehenbauer

Call to Worship (Psalm 19)

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

Let us worship the God of glory, the God of wisdom, the God of all creation.

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

*Hymn No. 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

Scripture Reading

James 3:1-12

Pew Bible, NT, page 216

Call to Confession

The psalmist asks, "Who can detect their own errors?" (Psalm 19:12)

Let us pray relying on God's grace to help us acknowledge our sin and seek God's forgiveness.

Unison Prayer of Confession

God, the heavens shout your glory; the skies attest to your handiwork.

Your commands are good and the way to life for us.

But we live daily with faults and hidden errors.

We ignore what you command; we choose our own way over your way.

We are prideful and arrogant.

We talk in ways that are puffed up and self-promoting.

We are careless with our words. We tell lies rather than the truth.

We praise the un-praiseworthy,

and we are afraid to speak in ways that will help us honor you with our lives.

**Lord, forgive us, for the words that come out of our mouths and hearts
that don't reflect your living Word, Jesus Christ.**

(silent prayers of confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

James declares, "Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord,
my rock and my redeemer." (Psalm 19:14)**

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*Hymn No. 693

Though I May Speak

THE WORD

Welcoming the Children

Following Welcoming the Children, the children will proceed downstairs for a Bible lesson. The children will return after the sermon. The children's bulletin is available from the ushers, on the Park Lake website at plpc.org and the Park Lake Up2Date weekly email.

Blessing of Children

tune - Hymn No. 748, 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

Mark 8:27-38

Pew Bible, NT pg. 41

Sermon

Watch Your Words

Dr. Dan 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.**

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Thanks Be To You, O Lord
Chancel Choir Leaders

George F. Handel
arr. by Hal Hopson

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn No. 722

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

Charge and Blessing

Choral Blessing

Amen

Franz Schubert

Postlude

Vexilla Regis
Will Benton, organist

Richard Purvis

There will be a **congregational meeting**, on **Sunday, September 19, 2021**, after worship, for the purpose of electing Deacons for Park Lake Presbyterian Church.

September Ushers are Justin Ingram, John Bowers, John Rogers, Vicki Nicoll and Mark Sonderman.
September Greeter is Doug Lawton

For the Beauty of the Earth 14

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

Though I May Speak 693

The Gift of Love



1 Though I may speak with brav - est fire,
 2 Though I may give all I pos - sess,
 3 Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol;



and have the gift to all in - spire,
 and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,
 our spir - its long to be made whole.



and have not love, my words are vain,
 but not be given by love with - in,
 Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;



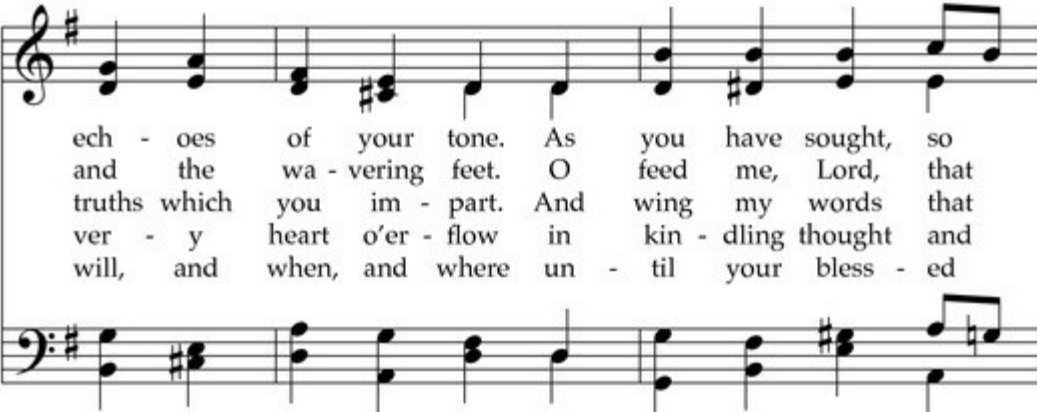
as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.
 the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.
 by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

As paraphrases of 1 Corinthians 13:1, 3 the first two stanzas here are in the first person singular, yet they lead into a plural prayer for the gift of such love, for it thrives in community. These words are especially poignant with this adaptation of an English folk melody.

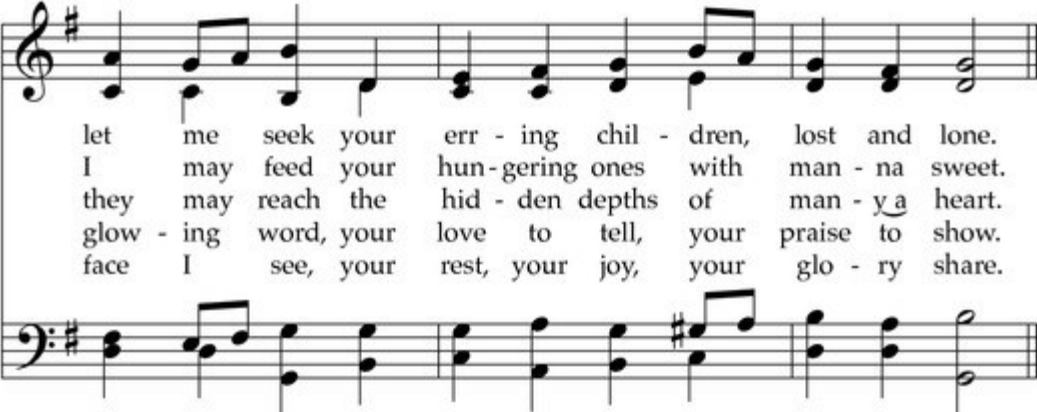
722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak



1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my
 5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you



ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so
 and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that
 truths which you im - part. And wing my words that
 ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and
 will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed



let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 I may feed your hun - gering ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - ya heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.