

**PARK LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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October 24, 2021 Order of Worship 10:30 am

**GATHERING**

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Silence

Prelude Will Benton, organist

Choral Introit God is So Good Glory to God Hymnal No. 658

Call to Worship (Psalm 126)

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dreamed.

**Then our mouths were filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

Then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

**The Lord has done great things for us. Let us rejoice and give thanks!**

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

\*Hymn No. 624 I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

Scripture Reading Mark 10:46-52 pew Bible, NT, pg. 44

Call to Confession ( Hebrews 10:21–22)

Since we have, in Jesus our Savior, a great high priest in the house of God,  
let us approach God with confidence, claiming the promise of our baptism.

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

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to seek your will.**

**When the poor cry out for help, we often pass them by.**

**When the weak reveal their strength, we want to silence their voices.**

**We try to follow you, without being transformed by the way of your life.**

**Forgive us, God of grace.**

**Save a place, even for us,**

**at that great banquet of redemption**

**when all will be made well; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(silent prayers of confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness (Hebrews 10:16–17)

This is the promise of the Lord—that by the power of the Holy Spirit  
God will transform our lives and remember our sin no more.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God.**

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

\*Hymn No. 692 Spirit, Open My Heart

## THE WORD

Welcoming the Children

*(Pre-k and elementary children may go downstairs to the Children's library for a worship activity)*

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

2 Corinthians 8

Pew Bible, NT pg. 172

Sermon

How Can I Keep From Giving? Proof of Your Love.

Dr. Dan DeBevoise

\*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

(page 34 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

Beautiful Savior

Arranged by Anna Laura Page

Chancel Choir Leaders

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn No. 463

How Firm A Foundation

Charge and Blessing

\*Congregational Response

How Can I Keep From Giving?

**God's love flows out into the world,  
forgiving and renewing,  
the Spirit sends disciples out,  
into a new beginning.**

**We follow Christ in word and deed,  
our lives filled with new meaning,  
God's love in Christ for every need,  
how can I keep from giving?**

Postlude

Will Benton, organist

## I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art 624

1 I greet thee, who my sure Re-deem-er art,  
 2 Thou art the King of mer-cy and of grace,  
 3 Thou art the life, by which a-lone we live,  
 4 Thou hast the true and per-fect gen-tle-ness;  
 5 Our hope is in no oth-er save in thee;

my on-ly trust and Sav-ior of my heart,  
 reign-ing om-ni-po-tent in ev-ery place:  
 and all our sub-stance and our strength re-ceive;  
 no harsh-ness hast thou and no bit-ter-ness.  
 our faith is built up-on thy prom-ise free;

who pain didst un-der-go for my poor sake;  
 so come, O King, and our whole be-ing sway;  
 sus-tain us by thy faith and by thy power,  
 O grant to us the grace we find in thee,  
 Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,

I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.  
 shine on us with the light of thy pure day.  
 and give us strength in ev-ery try-ing hour.  
 that we may dwell in per-fect u-ni-ty.  
 that in thy strength we ev-er-more en-dure.

The original French text, sometimes attributed to John Calvin, seems to be a Protestant reworking of a Roman Catholic hymn, not a typical practice for him. Yet this text and tune (adapted from GENEVAN 124) clearly date from the early years of the Reformed tradition.

# 692 Spirit, Open My Heart

Refrain Capo 3: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A7)  
F B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> C7

(Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7) (Bm) (D/A) (Em)  
Dm F/C B<sup>b</sup> C7 Dm F/C Gm

(D) (G) (Em7) (D) (G) (D)  
F B<sup>b</sup> Gm7 F B<sup>b</sup> F Fine

(D) (G) (D) (G)  
F B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup>

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's  
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my  
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

(A7) (Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7)  
C7 Dm F/C B<sup>b</sup> C7

goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and  
sis - ter, broth - er. In the wel - come of

(Bm) (Em7) (D) (G2) (G)  
Dm Gm7 F B<sup>b</sup>2 B<sup>b</sup> to Refrain

deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.  
Christ, may we wel - come one an - oth - er.

The pace and diversity of modern life often hinder us from remaining vulnerable to our emotions and to the humanness of other people. This prayerful text to be open to such joys and pains draws on Ezekiel 11:19 and 36:26 in stanza one and echoes Jeremiah 31:33 in stanza two.

## 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,

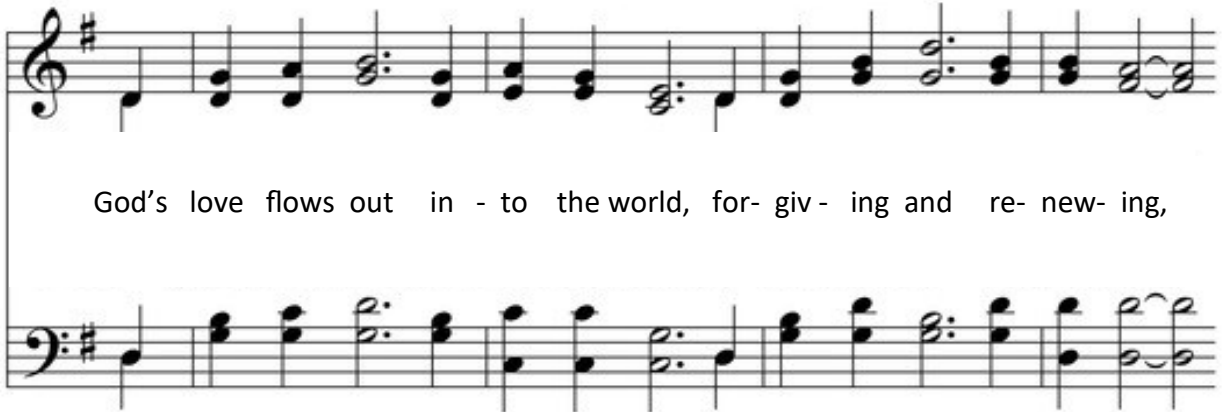
is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!  
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;  
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

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,

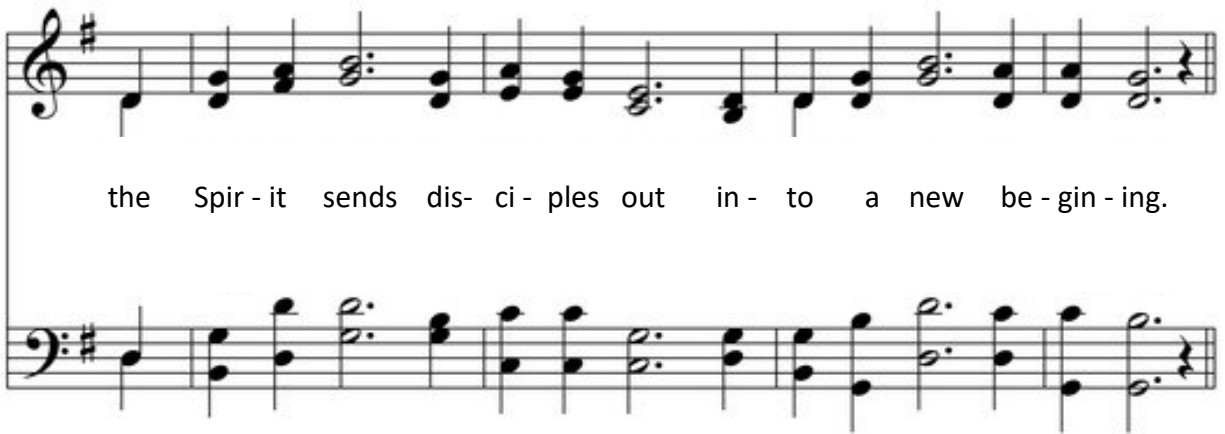
to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

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.

## Congregational Response - How Can I Keep From Giving?

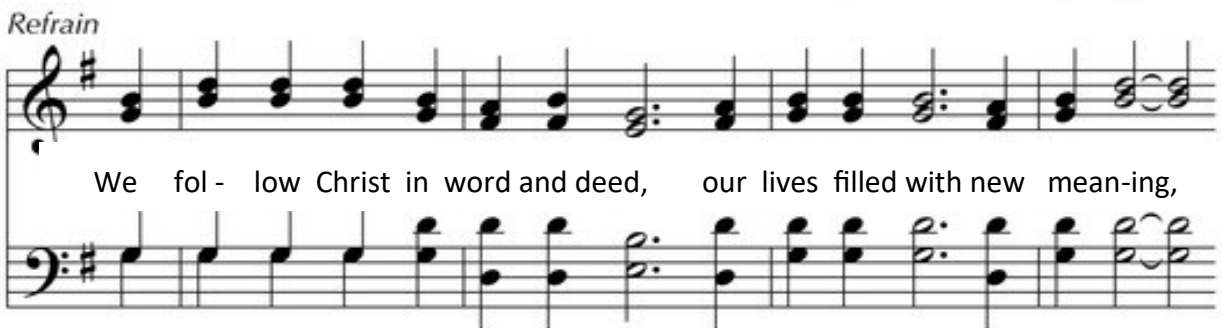


God's love flows out in - to the world, for- giv- ing and re- new- ing,



the Spir - it sends dis- ci - ples out in - to a new be - gin - ing.

*Refrain*



We fol - low Christ in word and deed, our lives filled with new mean- ing,



God's love in Christ for e - very need, how can I keep from giv- ing?