

**PARK LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**February 20, 2022**  
Order of Worship 10:30 am

**GATHERING**

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Silence

Prelude

Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him  
Will Benton, organist

arr. Jerry Westenkuehler

Choral Introit

God Welcomes All

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 37)

Trust in the Lord, take delight in the Lord, commit your way to the Lord.

**We trust in God, who acts with justice and shines God's light.**

Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for God.

**Our salvation comes from the Lord, who is our refuge and our strength.**

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Hymn No. 463

How Firm a Foundation

Scripture Reading

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Pew Bible, O.T., page 40

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**O God, how far we are from being who You have called us to be as the body of Christ. We have not loved as You loved the world, nor forgiven others just as You forgave us in Jesus. We have been given free grace and undying love, but we love with limits and expect a return. You have not judged us or condemned us, but we have judged and condemned others. We have not been required to earn Your kindness and mercy, but we want others to deserve our forgiveness. We nurse grievances and harbor grudges, which only bind us to emotional and spiritual darkness.**

**O God, help us begin again we pray. In Christ we pray.**

(moment for silent prayer)

Declaration of Forgiveness

"Trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security. Take delight in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart." (Psalm 37:3) Friends, this is good news.

**Thanks be to God for God's abundant and redeeming love!**

Hymn of Response No. 735

I Need Thee Every Hour

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## THE WORD

### Welcoming the Children

Following the time on the steps, children are invited to pick up a lap desk from the west side of the chancel and go sit on the floor near their families. This is PRAYground time. The children are provided with coloring and activity pages, as well as other supplies, allowing them to continue exploring today's gospel message.

### 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

Luke 6:27-38

Pew Bible, N.T., page 60

### Sermon

The Blessings and Woes of Following Jesus

Dr. Helen DeBevoise

### \*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed  
(ecumenical)

(pg. 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.**

### Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

### Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

### Offertory Anthem

Fairest Lord Jesus  
Chancel Choir

Music by Michael Cox

## SENDING

### Hymn No. 547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

### Charge and Benediction

### Choral Response

May the Love of the Lord

### Postlude

Toccata  
Will Benton, organist

composer unknown

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**Worship Leaders Today:** Revs. Dr. Dan and Helen DeBevoise, co-pastors; Robb Ross, choir director;  
Will Benton, organist.

**February Ushers:** John Gardepe, Anne Gardepe, John Bowers, Marie Butler, John Rachey.

**February Greeter:** Evie Park

## 463 How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
 3 "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
 4 "When through fiery trials thy pathway 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.

## 735 I Need Thee Every Hour

1 I need thee ev - ery hour, most gra - cious Lord;  
 2 I need thee ev - ery hour; stay thou near by;  
 3 I need thee ev - ery hour; teach me thy will,  
 4 I need thee ev - ery hour, Most Ho - ly One;

no ten - der voice like thine can peace af - ford.  
 temp - ta - tions lose their power when thou art nigh.  
 and thy rich prom - is - es in me ful - fill.  
 O make me thine in - deed, thou bless - ed Son.

*Refrain*

I need thee, O I need thee, ev - ery hour I need thee!

O bless me now, my Sav - ior— I come to thee!

Encouraged by her pastor in Brooklyn, New York, the author of this text wrote over four hundred hymn texts. This is the only one to receive wide use, but it has been translated into many languages. Her pastor composed this tune and, with her consent, added the text of the refrain.

TEXT: Annie S. Hawks, 1872; ref., Robert Lowry, 1872  
 MUSIC: Robert Lowry, 1872

NEED  
 6.4.6.4 with refrain

## Go, My Children, with My Blessing 547

1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.  
 2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.

Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.

In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his  
 Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here my ten-der com-fort

ev-er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."  
 glo-ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure."  
 stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free."

Because this Welsh melody usually sets evening texts, the author was asked to create one for use in daytime. His recasting of the Aaronic blessing in Numbers 6:22-27 imagines that passage as a benediction that might be spoken by God at the conclusion of a worship service.