

# PARK LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Order of Worship

**August 21, 2022**

10:30 am

## **GATHERING**

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Silence

Prelude

Archangel Suite: I. Michael  
Will Benton, organist

Craig Phillips

Choral Introit

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful  
Chancel Choir

Jacques Berthier

Call to Worship (Psalm 138)

We gather to give thanks to You, O Lord,  
**with all our heart!**

We will sing Your praises before all creation,  
**and rejoice in Your steadfast love!**

You have created us O Lord, and made us for Yourself;  
**In You we become everything You have made us to be.**

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Hymn No. 81

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Scripture Reading

Psalm 103:1-8

pew Bible, O.T. pg. 523

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**We come to you with our prayers, Holy God. Our crippling spirits keep us from following you. Our grudges weigh us down until we cannot walk straight in your way. Our anger becomes a fire which scorches our friends and loved ones. Our fears blind us to the goodness in those we believe to be different.**

**Forgive us, God our Rock, and set us free from our missteps and failures. We have known your faithful love, unending grace, and unfailing hope. Teach us to respond to you with our joyful thanks, as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, reaches out to touch us with your healing forgiveness, yet once more. Amen.**  
(time of silent prayer)

Declaration of Forgiveness

God chooses not to turn a deaf ear to us, but to listen to our prayers. God chooses not to shame us, but to save us.

**This is, indeed, good news for us! We are set free to drink deeply from the waters of life.  
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Hymn of Response No. 475

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## Lighting of a Candle and Prayers for Peace

### 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.*

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 58:9b-14

pew Bible, O.T. pg. 647

Sermon

Love Neighbor, Love God

Rev. Melanie Ruta

\*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Glory to God hymnal, pg. 17  
(ecumenical version)

**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.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place  
Chancel Choir

Music by John Purifoy

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

### SENDING

Hymn No. 727

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant  
(The Servant Song)

Charge and Benediction

Choral Response

Amen

Anon. Danish

Postlude

Postlude on Old Hundredth  
Will Benton, organist

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**We welcome** Rev. Melanie Ruta to the pulpit today. Pastor Melanie has served as interim at five churches in Central Florida Presbytery--most recently at Grace Covenant. Prior to going to seminary, Melanie was a prosecutor in Orlando. She and her husband Steve are long-time residents of the area and have two adult children.

**Assisting in Worship:** Jane Callahan and Tony Boada Davila.

**Worship Leaders:** Will Benton, organist, Robb Ross, Chancel choir director.

**August Ushers:** Anne Gardepe, John Gardepe, John Bowers, Marie Butler, John Rachev and Frank Kaney.

**August Greeter:** Evie Park

# 81 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.  
 2 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear  
 3 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,

God, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.  
 for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.  
 well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.

On the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?  
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,  
 Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows, their thirst to as - suage?

With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.  
 safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.  
 Grace, so like the Lord the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.

The Nazi appropriation of this tune for propaganda purposes has clouded a noble piece of music first associated with this text in 1889. In a 1779 collection, the author indicated that this hymn is primarily based on Isaiah 33:20-21 with allusions to several other passages.

## Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475

1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;  
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - dering from the fold of God;  
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love!  
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

# Will You Let Me Be Your Servant 727

## The Servant Song

1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me  
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -  
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the  
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you  
 5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall

be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the  
 geth - er on the road. We are here to help each  
 night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out  
 laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and  
 find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -

grace to let you be my ser - vant too.  
 oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.  
 to you, speak the peace you long to hear.  
 sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
 geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.  
 (repeat stanza 1)

The opening and closing stanza expresses the essence of this folk-style song about the mutuality of servant ministry: those who serve must also be willing to be served. This is what Christ intended when he commanded the disciples to "wash one another's feet" (John 13:14).