

PARK LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Order of Worship

August 28, 2022

10:30 am

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Silence

Prelude

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Will Benton, organist

setting by Dan Miller

Choral Introit

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

Chancel Choir

Jacques Berthier

Call to Worship

At the dawn of the day you are with us, O God,

filling us with hope, giving us a clear vision of the way to be taken.

In the heat of the day you are with us, O God,

strengthening us in the struggle, encouraging us when the way is challenging.

In the cool of the evening you are with us, O God,

calling us to gratitude, enabling us to reflect faithfully on our day's journey.

Today, now, you are with us, O God.

calling us to worship Jesus Christ, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Hymn No. 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Scripture Reading

Luke 14:1, 7-14

pew Bible, N.T. pg. 72

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess our enjoyment of places of honor, whether as guest or host. We confess that this attitude is born out of a society where being seated in high places is rewarded by attention, prestige, admiration. We admit the misconceptions this reveals. We know, as Your followers, that our only true security is how You think of us. We know the world cannot affirm our true worth. Forgive us for wanting more from the world than we do from You. Forgive how we have ignored Your children, the hungry and the hurting. Help us to find fullness in practicing Your way. (moment for silent prayer)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Jesus allowed himself to be made last, most despised and rejected. He did this for us that we might come up higher, be lifted out of the darkness of our sin and into the light of forgiveness.

Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Hymn of Response No. 470

There Is a Longing In Our Hearts

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 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 pew Bible, N.T. pg. 213
Sermon Entertaining Angels Dr. Helen DeBevoise

*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 I Love You, Lord Arranged by Bill George
Chancel Choir

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

SENDING

Hymn No. 722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

Charge and Benediction

Choral Response Amen Anon. Danish

Postlude Fantasia in C minor J.S. Bach
Will Benton, organist

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

August Ushers: Anne Gardepe, John Gardepe, John Bowers, Marie Butler, John Rachey, Frank Kaney.

August Greeter: Evie Park

645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
 2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -
 3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
 4 Thus all my toil - some way a - long I sing a - loud

cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,
 cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song

the God of our sal - va - tion. With
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

mur - mur stilled:
 all is right:
 cho - sen band: to God all praise and glo - ry!
 take your part:

The regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza's image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.

PRAYER

470 There Is a Longing in Our Hearts

Refrain



There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for



you to re-veal your-self to us.



There is a long-ing in our hearts for love we



on-ly find in you, our God.

Leader or All



1 For jus - tice,	for free - dom,	for mer - cy:
2 For wis - dom,	for cour - age,	for com - fort:
3 For heal - ing,	for whole-ness,	for new life:
4 Lord save us,	take pit - y,	Light in our



hear our prayer.	In sor - row,	in grief:
hear our prayer.	In weak - ness,	in fear:
hear our prayer.	In sick - ness,	in death:
dark - ness.	We call you;	we wait:



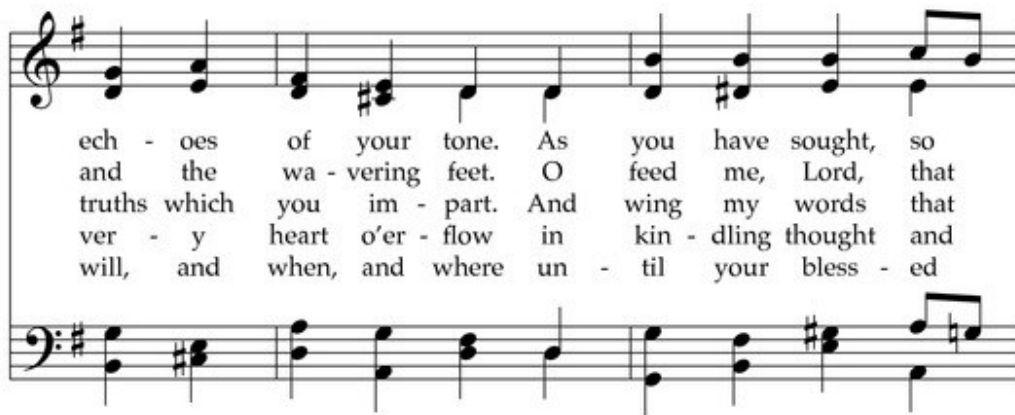
be near; hear our prayer, O God.

The refrain that frames this sung prayer describes why we pray, and the stanzas indicate what we pray for. These requests are not for possessions but for qualities and conditions we hope for in the world around us, and they emerge from the changing circumstances of our lives.

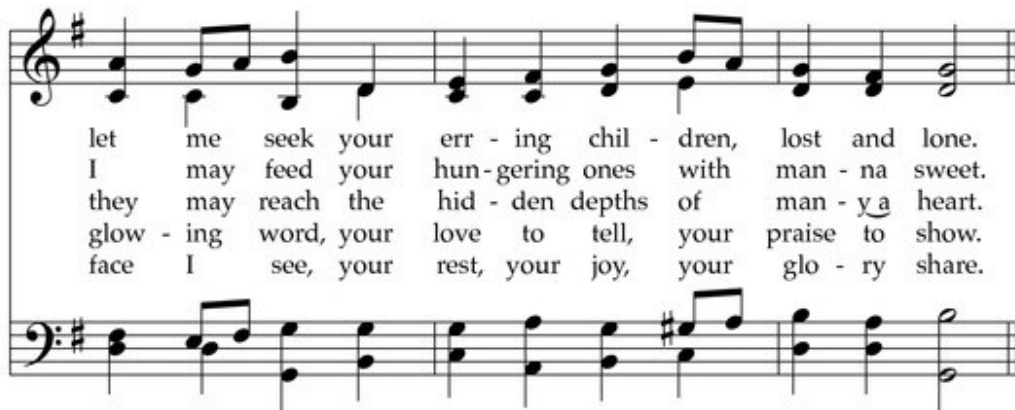
722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak



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 - gery ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a 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.