

# PARK LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Order of Worship

**October 9, 2022**

10:30 am

## GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Silence

Prelude

Duke Street hymn tune  
Will Benton, organist

setting by David Christiansen

Choral Introit

Bless the Lord  
Chancel Choir

Call to Worship (Psalm 66)

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

**Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.**

Say to God,

**"How awesome are Your deeds! Because of Your great power, Your enemies cringe before You.**

**All the earth worships You; they sing praises to You, sing praises to Your name."**

Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among humankind.

**Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept us among the living,  
and has not let our feet slip.**

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Hymn No. 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 2:8-15

pew Bible, N.T. pg. 200

Call to Confession

Let us not deny our Lord, but faithfully confess the ways in which we have struggled to trust, placing our trust entirely in the faithfulness of Christ.

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Lord of all, Eternally Faithful, we confess that we have at times turned our backs on You.**

**You offer us Your grace, but we fail to show our gratitude. You faithfully hold out the hand of mercy,  
but we fail to give You recognition for answering our prayers. You are always present to us, but we have  
acted as if we are ashamed to speak Your name in public. Forgive us, loving God. Strengthen us in faith,  
so that we may be well, and whole, and live to praise Your name; through Jesus our Lord.**

(moment for silent prayer)

Declaration of Forgiveness

The Psalmist says, "For You, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. We went through fire and through water; yet You have brought us out to a spacious place." Truly the salvation that is in Jesus Christ is a spacious place, with eternal glory. Beloved of God, I declare to You the salvation of Jesus Christ is Yours, as is the forgiveness of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

Hymn of Response No. 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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 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.*

Hymn No. 188

Jesus Loves Me!

*Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so, little ones to him belong they are weak but he is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

pew Bible, O.T. pg. 687

Sermon

Faith in the Faithfulness of God

Dr. Helen DeBevoise

\*Affirmation of Faith

A Brief Statement of Faith

(pg. 37 Glory to God - hymnal)

**We trust in God,  
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.  
In sovereign love God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God's image,  
male and female, of every race and people,  
to live in one community.**

**But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.  
Ignoring God's commandments,  
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,  
accept lies as truth,  
exploit neighbor and nature,  
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.  
We deserve God's condemnation.**

**Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.  
In everlasting love,  
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people  
to bless all families of the earth.**

**Hearing their cry,  
God delivered the children of Israel  
from the house of bondage.**

**Loving us still,  
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.**

**Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Wade In The Water  
Chancel Choir

Adapted and Arranged by Roger Emerson

\*The Doxology Hymn No. 606

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

### SENDING

Hymn No. 432

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

Charge and Benediction

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

(GTG 541)

Choral Response

Chancel Choir

Postlude

Festival Toccata  
Will Benton, organist

Percy Fletcher

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

**October Ushers:** John Bowers, Vic Evans, Aaron Hull and Mark Sonderman

**October Greeter:** Marie Butler.

## 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.

## 435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness  
 2 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures

of the sea. There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice,  
 of the mind. And the heart of the E - ter - nal

which is more than lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's  
 is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more

sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place  
 faith - ful, we would glad - ly trust God's Word, and our lives re -

where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.  
 flect thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of our Lord.

These stanzas, excerpted from quite a few more, offer a reminder that the model for our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance. The text is effectively set to a broad and sturdy Dutch folk melody, probably from the 17th century.

# How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord 432

Capo 1: (D) (A) (Bm) (G) (D) (A)(D)  
 E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> Cm A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>

1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call  
 2 But if, for-get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;  
 3 We mar - vel how your saints be-came in hin-dranc-es more sure:  
 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,

(G) (Em) (A) (F<sup>#</sup>m) (Bm) (G) (Em)  
 A<sup>b</sup> Fm B<sup>b</sup> Gm Cm A<sup>b</sup> Fm

to live ac-cord-ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re-freshed, re -  
 if world-ly pres-sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un -  
 whose joy - ful vir-tues put to shame the ca-sual way we wear your  
 in old rou-tines or ven-tures new, may we not cease to look to

(A7) (D) (A7)(B) (Em) (G)(A7) (D)  
 B<sup>b</sup>7 E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>7 C Fm A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>7 E<sup>b</sup>

stored, that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.  
 wind its tan-gled skein of care: our in-ward life re - pair.  
 name, and by our faults ob - scure your power to cleanse and cure.  
 you: the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav-ored, done.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This reflection on Christian vocation was written to provide a new text for a pre-existing tune, and the poet has crafted his words so well that the two parts mesh smoothly. The tune is named for a noted British boarding school, whose music director was a friend of the composer.