

PARK LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

309 East Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL 32801 407-841-6550

January 29, 2023

Order of Worship 10:30 am

GATHERING



Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Souper Sunday

Time of Silence

Prelude

Assurance

Robert Hebble

Choral Introit

Raise a Song of Gladness

Jacques Berthier

Call to Worship (Psalm 15)

O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart;

Who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor heap shame upon their neighbors; in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the Lord;

Who stand by their oath even to their hurt; who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be moved.

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

*Hymn No. 401

Here in This Place (Gather Us In)

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

pew Bible, NT pg. 156

Call to Confession

To truly live in God's presence, we must live as God's faithful people. We begin by admitting how we have not been faithful: the wrongs we have done, the people we have hurt. Join me as we pray together, saying,

Unison Prayer of Confession

You are faithful, Patient God, even as we continue to live in the shadows of life. We could delight in your hopes for us, but choose to do things our way. We could serve the most vulnerable around us, but long to pal around with the powerful. We could share the glad news of deliverance, but prefer to swap stories and gossip. You alone are the God who redeems all who seek You. You lean over to listen to our prayers, and whisper forgiveness to our souls. You lift us out of the holes we dig for ourselves, and set us on hope's solid ground. You strengthen our weak faith with the life, grace, and love of Jesus Christ, our Lord, our Savior. (time for silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon (Titus 2:11-13 The Message translation)

"God's readiness to give and forgive is now public. Salvation's available for everyone! We're being shown how to turn our backs on a godless, indulgent life, and how to take on a God-filled, God-honoring life. This new life is starting right now, and is whetting our appetites for the glorious day when our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, appears."

Thanks be to God!

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.

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

Matthew 5:1-12

pew Bible, NT pg. 4

Sermon

God's Foolishness

Rev. Helen DeBevoise

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed
(ecumenical)

pg. 17

**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

You, Lord

by Deborah Govenor

*The Doxology, pg. 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn No. 749

Come! Live in the Light! (We Are Called)

Charge and Benediction

Choral Response

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

Glory to God pg 542

Postlude

Toccata No. 1 on Hyfrydol

arr. Joel Raney

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

January Ushers: Erin Cook, Clay Elliott, John Rogers, Doug Lawton and Lee Bessonette.

Here in This Place

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Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

749 Come! Live in the Light!

We Are Called

G C D G

1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that

C D Em

joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,

Em7 C G Am7

to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and

G C Dsus D

free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain G C D C D G C

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to

D Em Em7 C D

love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -

C D G C D C G

oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"