

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

Anthem *Fantasy on 'Kingsfold'* H. Dean Wagner

✦ Doxology (sung)
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✦ Prayer of Dedication

HEARING THE WORD

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Congregational Hymn (sung seated) Hymn 438
Children's Message Souper Bowl of Caring Offering

PSALTER (responsive) Psalm 146 OT (p. 549)

GOSPEL READING Ephesians 2:8-10 NT (p. 181)

SERMON *Praise in Action* William M. Klein

A TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION [A time to reflect upon the implications of scripture and sermon for your life.]

✦ HYMN 619 *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH [An expression of our common hope and purpose.]

Affirmation in Words (unison)

from *A Declaration of Faith* (PCUSA)

God has not taken his people out of the world, but has sent them into the world to worship him there and serve all humankind. We worship God in the world by standing before the Lord on behalf of all people. Our cries for help and our songs of praise are never for ourselves alone. Worship is no retreat from the world; it is part of our mission. We serve humankind in the world by discerning where God is at work and joining him there. We risk disagreement and error when we try to say what God is doing here and now. But we find guidance in God's deeds in the past and his promises for the future. We can affirm the Lord is at work in the world in many events and movements, especially these: the liberation of people by the gospel and the advancement of justice, compassion, and peace.

(Ch. 8, (1), lines 2-21)

Affirmation in Song (sung through twice) *Gloria, Gloria*

***Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

✦ HYMN 700 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

✦ BLESSING IN WORD [A departing blessing]

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE *God Be in My Head* H. Walford Davies

BLESSING IN MUSIC [During the playing of the music you are encouraged to greet one another, sharing the peace of Christ, or to remain seated and allow the music to aid you in fashioning some final prayers.]

Voluntary on the Hymn Tune 'Kingsfold' William McCorkle

✦ Those who are able may stand.

** If you are carrying a cell phone or some other electronic device, please turn it off before worship begins. **

All are invited to attend Coffee Fellowship in Brady Chapel.

*Please ask an Usher for assistance with hearing devices
& large print bulletins*

Music Notes:

Handbell Music: The **prelude** is an arrangement (1970) by the respected handbell musician, Donald E. Allured (1922-2011), of an instrumental work by the great Georg Philipp Telemann (1681-1767). The **anthem** is an arrangement by H. Dean Wagner (b. 1961), an American composer of organ and handbell music, of the English folk melody 'Kingsfold,' which was brought (by Ralph Vaughan Williams) into church usage in *The English Hymnal* (1906).

Choir Music: The **choral call to** is taken from a hymn written in 1979 by the Presbyterian leader and hymn writer, Jane Parker Huber (1926-2008) for the National Meeting of United Presbyterian Women. Today we sing the tune ("Austrian Hymn") which Huber chose for her text. This melody, thought to be of Croatian origin, was arranged by the great Franz Josef Haydn (1732-1809), and later received the words of the German national anthem. The text:

*God, your word is still creating, calling us to life made new,
Now reveal to us fresh vistas where there's work to dare and do.
Keep us clear of all distortion. Polish us with loving care.*

Thus, new creatures in your image, we'll proclaim Christ everywhere.

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The closing **choral response** is a setting by the English composer, Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941), of a prayer first found in a *Book of Hours* (1514) and later included in the *Sarum Primer* of 1538, a prayer book used in Salisbury, England. The text:

*God be in my head and in my understanding.
God be in mine eyes and in my looking.
God be in my mouth and in my speaking.*

God be in my heart and in my thinking. God be at mine end and at my departing.

Congregational Hymns: "**From All That Dwell Below the Skies**" is a paraphrase of Psalm 117 by Isaac Watts (1674-1748), often called the 'father of English hymnody.' The tune ("Lasst uns Erfreuen") first appeared in a German hymnal (1623), and was arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) for *The English Hymnal* (1906). The choir's descant is by the English church musician, George Oldroyd (1872-1958). "**Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven**," a paraphrase of Psalm 103, is an altered form of Henry Lyte's "Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven" (1834). Today's version was included in an important inclusive-language hymn collection, *Because We Are One People* (Chicago, 1974). The tune ("Lauda Anima") was composed in 1869 for Lyte's text by John Goss (1800-1880), one of the leading English church musicians and scholars of his time. The choir's descant is by Lois Fyfe. At the children's time, we sing "**Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me**," one of the hymns of Augustus Toplady (1740-1778), English clergyman and writer. The tune ("Toplady") was composed by the American church musician, Thomas Hastings (1794-1872), who spent much of his career serving congregations in New York City. "**I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me**" is an African-American spiritual arranged by the scholar/conductor, Wendell P. Whalum (1932-1987), celebrated director of the Morehouse College Glee Club in Atlanta.

Organ Music: The **postlude** is a spontaneous reflection on the English melody 'Kingsfold,' brought into church use by the great Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) in *The English Hymnal* (1906). Today's handbell anthem was likewise inspired by this tune. (See Hymns 13, 159, 182. 757.)

Announcements & Opportunities

Assisting with 11am worship leadership is Kaitlin Smith. The **beadle** is Jack Jensen.

The **flowers** are given by Paul Miller to the glory of God and in loving memory of his parents, sons and grandson.

Today we receive a special **Souper Bowl of Caring Offering** during the *Time With the Children*. This offering supports a national group which focuses on the challenges of hunger.

This evening at 5:00 we will have our monthly **Wholeness and Healing Service**. This 45 minute service is held each first Sunday evening of the month and is led by your pastor. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Thantastic Thursday - Feb 8th - We will have Tasha Walsh coming to talk to us about the service Hospice provides to the Lexington and Rockbridge community. She will help us understand how supportive Hospice caregivers can be to the family and loved ones at the end-of-life. Dunlap Aud. 5:45pm, cost: \$6/person, \$16/family, under 5 & students free. ALL ARE WELCOME! Please RSVP by Tuesday before the event.

Confirmation Information Meeting February 11th- Parents - join John in Dunlap Auditorium during Sunday School to get more information about Confirmation. If your child is 8th grade or older and has yet to be confirmed, come to hear about what this journey will look like! Dunlap Auditorium 9:45 a.m.

Community Table Volunteers February 12th: Volunteers are needed at the Community Table, Monday, Feb 12th. Servers (6), 5:30 -7:00 and clean-up crew (6) 7:00-8:30. Sign up on the sheet in Murray Hall, or call Lori Inman at 615-585-4828 or email: LLWJPI@HOTMAIL.COM.

Ash Wednesday Fellowship Meal and Service - February 14th: A meal of soup, salad, bread and fruit, prepared by Skip Hess and his kitchen helpers will begin at **5:45pm**. The informal Ash Wednesday Service will begin at **6:30pm** and will include scripture, hymns, responsive prayers and the imposition of ashes for those who would like to do so. All are invited to mark the beginning of Lent with this quiet and reflective service. Dunlap Auditorium, cost-\$6 per person or \$16 per family. Please RSVP by Monday, February 12th.

Lenten Services to Begin February 15th: The Rockbridge Area Ministerial Association (RAMA) will offer Lenten services again this year. Each Thursday during Lent an ecumenical service will be held at 12:10-12:30 in the sanctuary of Manly Memorial Baptist Church. A light lunch will follow the service in the church's fellowship hall. The charge is \$5.00. All services will be 30 minutes in length. There will be two ministers responsible for each service. One will provide the order and structure for worship and the other will preach. The Lenten series begins on **Thursday, February 15**. Make this ecumenical time of worship a part of your Lenten discipline this year.

A new **2018 Church Directory** is available for review in Room 111. Please mark any changes directly in that copy no later than Wednesday, February 14th. New directories will be printed and available on Sunday, February 18th.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUN (2/4)	<i>Souper Bowl of Caring Offering Today</i> <i>Boy Scout Sunday Today</i> 9:15 Youth Choir 9:30 LTT Rehearsal 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 3:00 Lam Handbells 5:00 Wholeness and Healing Service 5:00 Youth Group Super Bowl Party
MON (2/5)	10:00 Helping Hands 5:00 Communications Meeting
TUES (2/6)	10:00 Lectio Divina 7:00 Session Prayer 7:30 Session
WEDS (2/7)	9:00 Lexington Farmers Market 4:30 Youth SubCommittee
THURS (2/8)	12:00 Ruth Circle 5:45 Thantastic Thursday 7:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal
SAT (2/10)	4:00 Youth Group to Lex Lynx Mini Golf
SUN (2/11)	8:45 Informal Worship 9:00 Children's SubCommittee 9:15 Youth Choir 9:30 Lam Rehearsal 9:45 Confirmation Information Meeting 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 5:00 LTT 6:00 Youth Group

RARA Pantry Item (February): Canned Tuna/Salmon



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
4 February 2018
11:00 AM

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC OF PREPARATION *Grazioso*
G. P. Telemann, arr. Donald E. Allured

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) from Ephesians 2
We neither make nor save ourselves.

God does both the making and the saving.

God creates each of us by Christ to join him in the praising work he does,

The good work he has gotten ready for us to do.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP
God, Your Word Is Still Creating
Franz Josef Haydn

WELCOME

PRAYER OF ADORATION

♣ HYMN 327 *From All that Dwell Below the Skies*

A TIME OF CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response (responsive)

We are washed in the waters of God's grace.

Thanks be to God.

The Peace (responsive)

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Life of the Church - Boy Scouts