

Lexington Presbyterian Church
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9 August 2020
10:00AM

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

SIGN IN AND FELLOWSHIP

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

*After the earthquake, the wind and the fire
Let us hear what God will speak.
Jesus says: Take heart, it is I, do not fear
Rejoice, the Word of God is near.*

OPENING PRAYER (unison)

Holy God, you speak to us in an unexpected voice and come to us in ways we do not recognize. We are never left to our own devices or defenses because you are the ever present, all powerful God. Call us out in faith again and again, until we learn to walk with you in steadfast love and faithfulness, and in peace. In the name of him who comes to us upon the waters, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

OPENING HYMN 8

Eternal Father Strong to Save

A TIME OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession
Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon Hymn 447

We Are Forgiven

***We are forgiven, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God, thanks be to God.
We are forgiven, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God, thanks be to God.***

The Peace (responsive)

We are washed in the waters of God's grace. Let us share this good news of God's love for us: The peace of Christ be with you.
and also with you...

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Pam Luecke

THE BLESSING OF OUR OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication*

Hymn 606

The Doxology

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 10: 5-15 & Matthew 14:22-33

A TIME WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE

OLD TESTAMENT READING I Kings 19: 9-18

SERMON "When God Whispers"

Rev. Betty G. Dax

HYMN OF REFLECTION 169

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

*from the Belhar Confession**

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells; that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

AFFIRMATION IN SONG - Hymn 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

***Glory to God, whose goodness on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.***

***World without end, without end, Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen***

PASTORAL PRAYER

SENDING

HYMN

BLESSING IN WORD

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Through the Love of God

***Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well.
Ours is such a full salvation, all, all is well.
Happy still in God confiding, fruitful, if in Christ abiding,
holy, through the Spirit's guiding; all must be well.***

FELLOWSHIP/BREAKOUT ROOMS

The flowers are given to the glory of God. Thank you to Tom Goodale for providing worship leadership today. Thank you to Pam Luecke for providing a Life of the Church on Outreach. Thank you to our worship team: Mary & David Dugan, and David Dax.

Worship Notes: August 9, 2020

*Prayer of Dedication: Nancy C. Townley. Nancy C. Townley was an ordained elder in the UMC.

*Belhar Confession: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/belhar-confession/>

The full version of the Confession of Belhar, originally published September 1986. This version was added to the Book of Confessions in 2016 by the 222nd General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) at its meeting in Portland, Oregon. This is a translation of the original Afrikaans text of the confession as it was adopted by the synod of the Dutch Reformed Mission Church in South Africa in 1986. In 1994 the Dutch Reformed Mission Church and the Dutch Reformed Church in Africa united to form the Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa (URCSA). This inclusive language text was prepared by the Office of Theology and Worship, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

*Congregational Hymns/Songs

PUBLIC DOMAIN (text and music):

Hymn 8 Eternal Father, Strong to Save
Hymn 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Hymn 169 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind
Hymn 307 God of Grace and God of Glory
Hymn Through the Love of God Our Savior

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Hymn 447 We Are Forgiveness
Music: Hal H. Hopson. © 1995 Hal H. Hopson

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Hymn 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me
Text & Music: Paul M. Vasile. © 2008 Paul M. Vasile.

Numbered hymns from *Glory to God* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2013)

Hymn: Through the Love of God Our Savior - from *Church Hymnary, 4th ed.* (Canterbury Press, 2005)

8 Eternal Father, Strong to Save

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
 2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who did brood up - on the cha - os
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and power, all trav - elers guard in

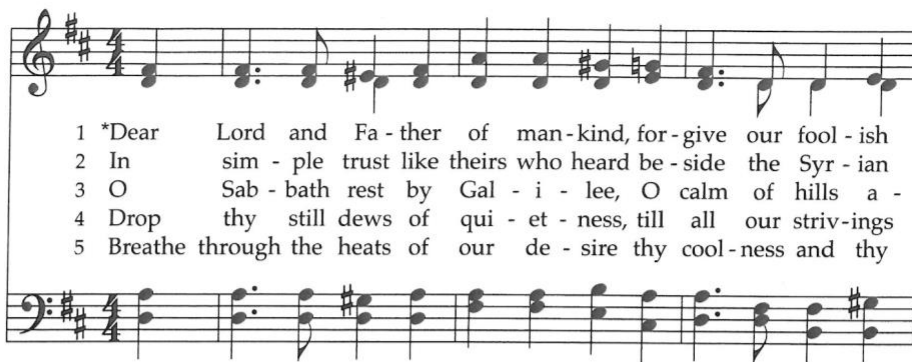
rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
 mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
 wild and rude, and bade its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
 dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
 calm a - mid its rage did sleep: O hear us when we
 gave, for fierce con - fu - sion, peace: O hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

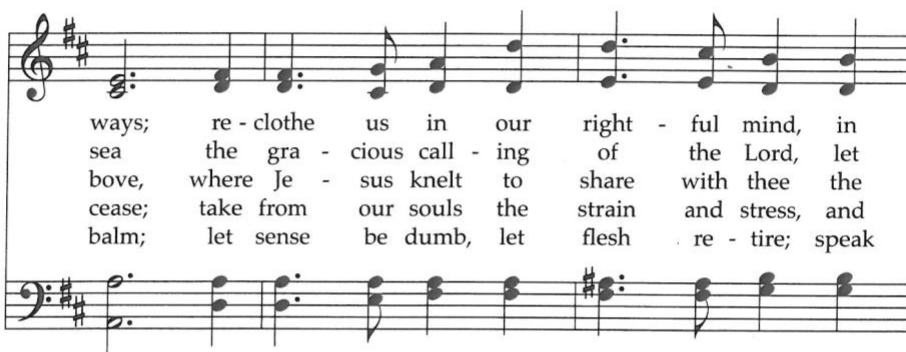
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.

The year after this text was written for a student sailing to America, it was included in the most influential British hymnal of the 19th century. The tune especially composed for it preserves the ancient Roman name of the island where Paul was shipwrecked, now called Malta.

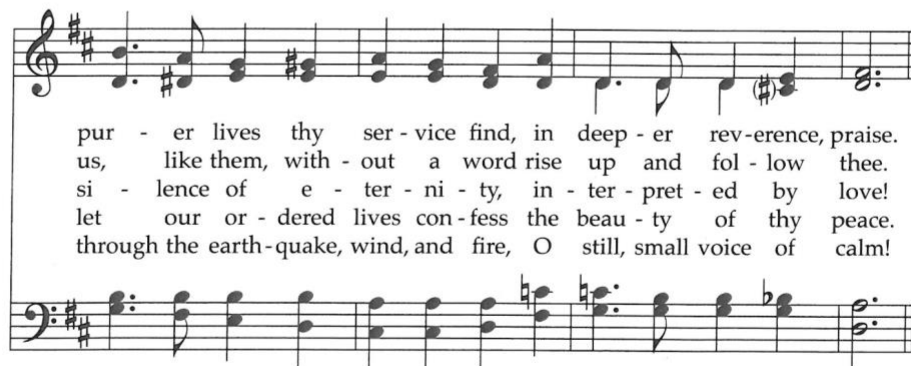
169 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind



1 *Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for - give our fool - ish
 2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard be - side the Syr - ian
 3 O Sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee, O calm of hills a -
 4 Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till all our striv - ings
 5 Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy cool - ness and thy



ways; re - clothe us in our right - ful mind, in
 sea the gra - cious call - ing of the Lord, let
 bove, where Je - sus knelt to share with thee the
 cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and
 balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh re - tire; speak



pur - er lives thy ser - vice find, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.
 us, like them, with - out a word rise up and fol - low thee.
 si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty, in - ter - pret - ed by love!
 let our or - dered lives con - fess the beau - ty of thy peace.
 through the earth - quake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm!

*Or "Dear Lord, Creator good and kind"

These stanzas were carved into a hymn from a much longer poem describing a frenzied ritual by an obscure sect in India, but they culminate in a reference to 1 Kings 19:11-12 that celebrates silence (as befits a Quaker poet). This tune was created especially for these words.

TEXT: John Greenleaf Whittier, 1872
 MUSIC: Frederick Charles Maker, 1887

REST
 8.6.8.8.6
 (alternate tune: REPTON)

307 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

TEXT: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930, alt.
 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

CWM RHONDDA
 8.7.8.7.8.7.7