

January 15, 2023 ~ 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Gathering Music ~ Leigh Emmett

Welcome and Announcements ~ Pattie Benoit, liturgist

Prelude

Call to Worship ~ *responsive*

Leader: Out of nothing the Lord created our universe.

People: From the smallest pebble, to the mightiest stars, God created them good.

Leader:..And God formed us from the earth to be his beloved creation; his children.

People:.. Lord, as we worship today, breathe your Spirit into us once again. Amen.

**you are invited to stand in body or in spirit*

**Hymn #610 ~ "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (v. 1,3,5)*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession ~ *in unison*

O Lord our God, you have formed us from the dust of the earth and breathed your Spirit into us. And your son Jesus called us back into relationship and called us to follow him. For the times when we have fallen prey to sin and forgotten we are made in your image, forgive us Lord. Restore us with your healing love and help us to lead lives honoring you. Amen.

(A time of silent, personal prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Responsive Chorus #35 ~ *"Glad Adoration"*

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Passing the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Responsive Chorus #753 ~ *"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"* (v. 1)

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.

Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Offering Prayer

**Doxology ~ "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" (Avery & Marsh)*

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. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Scripture ~ Genesis 1

Special Music ~ *“Worship You Alone”* (V. Bedford) ~ Celebration Choir

Christian Scripture ~ John 1:1-18

Message ~ “Genesis”

Ordination and Installation of St. Paul’s Leaders

***Affirmation of our Common Faith ~ The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional)**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Hymn #821 ~ “How Can I Keep from Singing?”**

A time for sharing the joys and concerns of our community.

Prayer Preparation ~ *“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”*
Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord;
Incline Thine ear to us, And grant us Thy peace.

The Lord’s Prayer ~ *in 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;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.

Amen.

***Hymn #370 ~ “This Is My Father’s World”**

***Benediction**

***Choral Response #136 ~ “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” (refrain x 2)**

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

Postlude

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Closed on Monday, January 16, 2023 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

“Greetings in the name of Christ! Our next **ROMANS** event is scheduled for **Sunday, January 22nd** following worship in the Social Hall! We will be supporting Crossroads Soup Kitchen by assembling utensil & condiment packets for the meals that they serve weekly to the hungry in Detroit. Please join us for lunch & fellowship as we support this vital ministry. All are welcome! Please sign up in the lobby so we can prepare enough food! See you there!”

Kathy Potter, Christian Education Coordinator

Thank you from the Faith Formation Committee for your response to the Giving Tree! **153 books** were sent to the children at COTS, the Coalition on Temporary Shelter in Detroit!

Moving with the Spirit, led by Karen Barsy, began a 6 week session on Tuesday, January 10 and will continue through February 14, 2023. The theme is “God’s Light.” The fee is \$30.00 per session and the meeting time is 10:30-11:30AM online or in Room 11. There is an option to do floor/ball work from 11:30AM - Noon. Please see Karen to register. The succeeding 6 week session will begin on February 21 and continue through March 28.

Mark your calendar! Doris Knecht will celebrate her 100th birthday on January 30. A celebration is planned for Sunday, January 29 from 1:00PM– 6:00PM at Anthology of Farmington, 30637 W. Fourteen Mile Road, Farmington Hills 48334. Cards may be sent to Doris at this address, Room #415.

Stewardship update: General Fund pledges: 43 units @ \$131,093.00; Building Fund pledges: 23 units @ \$25,770.00. The budget goal for 2023 is \$225,000.00. If you have not yet made a pledge, please prayerfully consider doing so.

As we begin this New Year, you are once again invited to consider a donation of **\$35.00** for **each member on the rolls** to St. Paul’s **Per Capita** obligation for 2023. The assessment is \$4,278.05, and a donation from each member will lessen the financial impact on the General Fund. An envelope was provided in your January packet, with an option to also donate to Shared Mission. Thank you.

Please hold those listed in prayer... and REVIEW and REPORT updates, PLEASE



Andy Foy, Bill Garvey, Mike Graham, Janet Frank, Grace Erwin, August Kornowicz, Karen Bright
Sheldon Davis, Doris Knecht, Pam Phillips, Suzanne Tabaka, Jim & Joanna Roye, Jerry Stone
Beverly Dearth, Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz, Grace Campbell, Susan Grant, Bruce Phillips
Sister-in law and nephew of Pat Garvey, Linda Thompson & her sister, Shirley Kircoff
Joan Velis and family; Westin ~ infant grandson of Jeanne Sinclair
John Branch ~ father of Christie Piastowski
Dave Schulz ~ nephew of Carol & Mike Graham
Sharon and George and Rita Czanko ~ cousins of Terry Earnley
John Candiloro ~ friend of August Kornowicz
Ray & Mary Clark ~ neighbors of Don & Meta Tulley
Sarah & Mason Young ~ family of Judy McGregor
Chris O'Neill, Tracey Ford, Phil Decker & Vickie McVeigh ~ friends of Judy McGregor
Ben Abela ~ son-in-law of August & Faith Kornowicz
Macaylah Whitlock ~ daughter of the Rev. Kellie Whitlock
Rosemary Iaquina ~ sister of Cathy DeSautel; Pamela Serene ~ daughter of the late Marilyn Allen
Glenn Ellan Rubright ~ sister of Mike Graham; Nicole Snead ~ daughter of Bill VanEck

Nancy Kreipke ~ mother of Christian; Rich McKenzie ~ son of Jean; Erin Lewis ~ daughter of Pattie Benoit
Phyllis Badman ~ niece of Georgia Hunt; Christie Piastowski ~ daughter of Karen Bright
Janet Kusuhara ~ cousin of Meta Tulley; Joe Duksay ~ friend of Mike & Carol Graham
Mark Osborne ~ son of the late Janet
Cyndi Knecht ~ daughter of Doris; Joe Perko ~ friend of Wanda & Bob Seymour
David Bonandrini ~ son of Ben; Gideon Janku ~ great nephew of Bob Westbrook
Judy Siegfried ~ sister-in-law of Pam Phillips; Randy Tillman ~ son of Gloria Rubbo
Mary Rayes ~ friend of Pat Hutchison; Adam Shilling & Eric Shilling ~ grandsons of Ron & Janet Frank
Donald Keller III ~ son of Jan Lapenta; Scott Davis ~ son of Sheldon & Marion Davis

This Is My Father's World 370

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis - tening ears all
2 This is my Fa-ther's world. O, let me ne'er for - get that

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa-ther's world. The bat - tle is not done: Je -

rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the won - ders wrought.
sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heaven be one.

When pastor of a Presbyterian church in Lockport, New York, the author of this text referred to his morning walks as "going out to see my Father's world." The tune created for these words is based on an English melody the composer learned from his mother when he was a boy.

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
 to re - jice; the poor in heart be - lieve.
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

SPANISH

1 *Mil voces para celebrar
 a mi Libertador,
 las glorias de su majestad,
 los triunfos de su amor.*

KOREAN

1 만 입이 내게 있으면
 그 입 다 가지고
 내 구주 주신 은총을
 늘 찬송하겠네

This text comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.; Spanish trans. Federico J. Pagura;

Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee, 2001

MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

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My Life Flows On

How Can I Keep from Singing?

1 My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion.
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? I know my Sav - ior liv - eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!

I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.

Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

In the *New York Observer* of August 7, 1868, this text was titled "Always Rejoicing," and was attributed to "Pauline T." This may well be where the Baptist pastor and musician to whom it is usually credited encountered the words that he later published with his tune.