

January 29, 2023 ~ 4th Sunday after Epiphany

Gathering Music ~ *"Fairest Lord Jesus"* (arr. Ray) ~ Leigh Emmett

Welcome and Announcements ~ Jan Lapenta, liturgist

Prelude ~ *"Give Thanks"* (arr. Hayes)

Call to Worship ~ *responsive*

Leader: Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty.

People: Heaven and Earth are full of God's glory.

Leader: Hosanna, Hosanna. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: May the blessings of the Lord God and the movement of the Holy Spirit be felt and realized in our worship today. Amen.

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

**Hymn #354 ~ "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory" (Verses 1 and 3)*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession ~ *in unison*

O Lord our God, you have been our provider and safe place for generations. You saw us in our sin and with love reunited us with you. Yet we confess that at times we have forgotten your promises and faithfulness. Forgive us Lord. In your mercy renew our spirits. Remind us of the faithful witnesses in the Scriptures and in our traditions. 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 ~ Micah 6:1-8

Special Music ~ “*A New Song*” (D. Phillips)

Christian Scripture ~1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Message ~ “Fireside Chats: Apostles Creed”

*Hymn #701 ~ “*Sanctuary*” (x 2)

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 #418 ~ “*Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*”

*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 ~ “*Lead On, O King Eternal*” (arr. Smith)

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Doris Knecht will celebrate her 100th birthday **TOMORROW!** All are invited to the celebration **TODAY** 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.

From Kathy Potter...”Thank you to all who participated in **ROMANS** last Sunday! We assembled about 970 condiment/utensil packets for Crossroads Soup Kitchen to accompany the meals they provide each week to the community in need in Detroit. May God bless the many hands that were able to assist & to those who lifted this project up in prayer. Thank you, too, to the VanEcks for providing a delicious lunch! To God be all the glory!”

The **Livonia Community Theatre** will present the musical “*Don’t Hug Me*” on Friday, February 3 and Saturday, February 4 @ 7:30PM as well as on Friday, February 10 @ 7:30PM and on

Saturday, February 11 @ 2:00PM and @ 7:30PM. Tickets are at ticketleap.com or \$15.00 **CASH** at the door.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation is called for Sunday, February 12, 2023 immediately following the worship service.

The Mission Team is planning another Adult Mission Trip to Madisonville, Kentucky, leaving on **Sunday, March 26 and returning on Saturday, April 1.** We will be staying at the First Presbyterian Church of Madisonville. Please contact Gary Earnley for details.

Please consider making a donation of **\$35.00** to St. Paul's **Per Capita** obligation for 2023. The assessment is \$4,278.05, based on **each member on the rolls** 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 to those who have already made a donation!

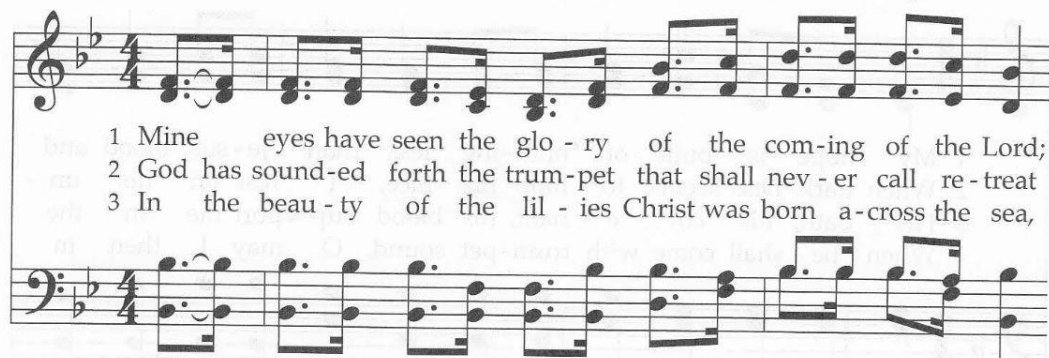
Stewardship update: General Fund pledges: 43 units @ \$131,093.00; Building Fund pledges: 23 units @ \$25,770.00. The budget goal for 2023 is \$225,000.00. If you have not yet made a pledge, please prayerfully consider doing so. **Thank you** to those who have made a financial commitment for 2023. Your support is a blessing!

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

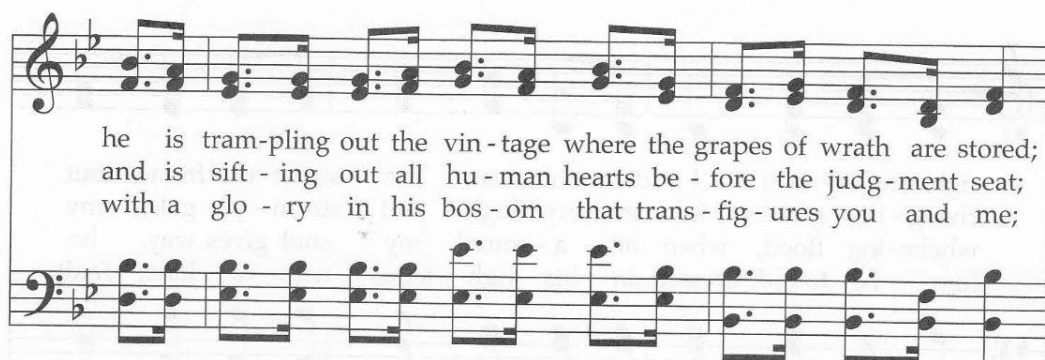


Andy Foy, Bill Garvey, Mike Graham, Janet Frank, Grace Erwin, August Kornowicz, Karen Bright
Sheldon Davis, Doris Knecht, Pam Phillips, Suzanne Tabaka, Jim and Joanna Roye, Jerry Stone
Beverly Dearth, Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz, Grace Campbell, Susan Grant, Bruce Phillips
Julie Newell ~ cousin of Pam Phillips; Sister-in law and nephew of Pat Garvey
Linda Thompson and 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 and Mike Graham
Sharon and George and Rita Czanko ~ cousins of Terry Earnley
John Candiloro ~ friend of August Kornowicz
Ray & Mary Clark ~ neighbors of Don and Meta Tulley
Sarah & Mason Young ~ family of Judy McGregor
Chris O'Neill, Tracey Ford, Phil Decker and Vickie McVeigh ~ friends of Judy McGregor
Ben Abela ~ son-in-law of August and Faith Kornowicz
Macaylah Whitlock ~ daughter of the Rev. Kellie and Marc 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 Ducsay ~ friend of Mike and Carol Graham
Mark Osborne ~ son of the late Janet
Cyndi Knecht ~ daughter of Doris; Joe Perko ~ friend of Wanda and 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 Schilling and Eric Shilling ~ grandsons of Ron and Janet Frank
Donald Keller III ~ son of Jan Lapenta; Scott Davis ~ son of Sheldon and Marion Davis

354 Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory



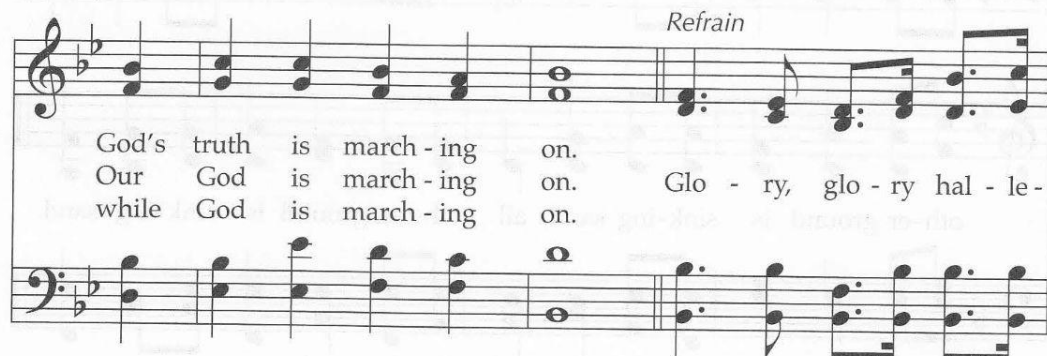
1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;
 2 God has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat
 3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,



he is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
 and is sift - ing out all hu - man hearts be - fore the judg - ment seat;
 with a glo - ry in his bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me;



he has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword.
 O be swift, my soul, to an - swer; O be ju - bi - lant my feet!
 as he died to make us ho - ly, let us live to make all free,



Refrain

God's truth is march - ing on.
 Our God is march - ing on. Glo - ry, glo - ry hal - le -
 while God is march - ing on.

Though its biblical roots are often overlooked, this text incorporates many apocalyptic images such as the coming of the Lord in glory (Matthew 24:30/Mark 13:26/Luke 21:27), the winepress (Isaiah 63:3; Revelation 14:19, 19:15), and the sharp sword (Isaiah 27:1; Revelation 19:15).

CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT

lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry,

glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah! God's truth is march - ing on.

CONFESSION

418 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3 O for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain
 watch - ing for you and for me.
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!
 par - don for you and for me. "Come home, come home!

You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

This 19th-century gospel hymn has often been used as a hymn of invitation at evangelistic services. Its imagery is primarily based on Jesus' parable in Luke 15:11-32, commonly called "The Prodigal Son." Each singer thus becomes a wandering child who is urged to return home.

Lord, Prepare Me

701

Sanctuary

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and
 ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing,
 I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

Chords: A7, D, A, G, Em7, D, A, A7, D, A, G, A7, D

The lines given here convey the central message of the longer song for which they form the refrain. The principal Scripture reference is 1 Corinthians 3:16–17, Paul’s reminder to the Christians at Corinth that “[they] are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in [them].”

TEXT: John Thompson and Randy Scruggs, 1982

MUSIC: John Thompson and Randy Scruggs, 1982; arr. Nylea L. Butler-Moore

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SANCTUARY
Irregular

Christ Be Beside Me

702

1 Christ be be - side me; Christ be be - fore me; Christ be be -
 2 Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all a -
 3 Christ be in all hearts think - ing a - bout me; Christ be on
 hind me, King of my heart. Christ be with - in me; Christ be be -
 round me, shield in the strife. Christ in my sleep - ing, Christ in my
 all tongues tell - ing of me. Christ be the vi - sion in eyes that
 low me; Christ be a - bove me, nev - er to part.
 sit - ting, Christ in my ris - ing, Light of my life.
 see me; in ears that hear me Christ ev - er be.

Chords: C, Am, Dm, G, Dm, G, C, Em, Am, Em, F, G, C, Am, F, C, Am, G, C, G, Am, G7, C

This text adapts part of a traditional Irish prayer associated with St. Patrick (see also no. 6). Such a prayer for protection is known as a *lorica*, from a Latin word for “breastplate” or “armor.” It is set to a Gaelic melody that gained wide popularity in the 1970s.

TEXT: James Quinn, SJ, 1969

MUSIC: Gaelic melody; arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985

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