

May 21, 2023 ~ 7th Sunday of Easter

Gathering Music ~ Mark Handford

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship ~ *responsive*

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and everything in it,

People: for God has crafted us and our world with love and care.

Leader: Who can stand in the Lord's Holy Sanctuary?

People: Through the blood of Christ we have been given clean hands and hearts.

Our sins have been washed away. Praise the Lord!

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

**Hymn #275 ~ "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession ~ *in unison*

God, you have searched us and you know our hearts. You know that we want to follow you and yet we can get paralyzed by fear and confusion. And when we feel unsure or confused we may even fall to sin. Forgive us and remind us of your love. Amen. (A time of silent, personal prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Responsive Chorus #625 ~ *"How Great Thou Art!"* (refrain)

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!

Passing the Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Responsive Chorus #399 ~ *"God Welcomes All"*

God welcomes all, strangers and friends; God's love is strong and it never ends.

Offering Prayer

**Doxology#606 ~ "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 ~ Psalm 68:1-10

Special Music ~ *"I Will Sing of the Lord's Great Love"* (M. Parks) ~ Celebration Choir

Christian Scripture ~ Acts 1:6-14

Message ~ "So what now?"

*Hymn #630 ~ *"Fairest Lord Jesus"*

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

Prayer Preparation #469 ~ *"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"*
Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

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 #339 ~ *"Lift Every Voice and Sing"*

*Benediction

*Choral Response #614 ~ *"Great Are You, Lord"*

Great are you, Lord: you are holy and just; by your power we trust in your love.
Great are you, Lord: you are faithful and true; by your mercy you prove you are love.
Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory! Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great are you, Lord. We lift up our voice; we lift up our voice: great are you, Lord!
Great are you, Lord!

Postlude

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You are invited by the Faith Formation Committee to coffee hour this morning to celebrate the volunteers who have served this ministry during the past year.

Next Sunday, May 28, is the Day of Pentecost, celebrating the arrival of the Holy Spirit as a bringer of new life. You are invited to celebrate the day by wearing the colors of Pentecost: red, yellow, or orange.

The Pentecost Special Offering is about guiding the Christian formation of our young people—building a life of faith formed in the first third of life, from childhood through young adulthood. Gifts to the Pentecost Offering unite young people in Christ and

**inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world.
An envelope was provided in your May packet.**

**Life Together Book Study Potluck with Pastor Nate - Wednesdays @ 6:30PM through
May 31, 2023 - Room 11. Please sign up in the lobby.**

**Vacation Bible School ~ *Be Like Daniel!* ~ June 26 through 29 ~ 9AM - Noon daily.
An information sheet is available on the lobby table. Please share!!**

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



Andy Foy, Bill Garvey, Mike Graham, Janet Frank, Grace Erwin, August and Faith 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, Anna Richardson
Nate Statly ~ friend of Joey Nicholas
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
Lois Wludyka and John Candiloro ~ friends of August Kornowicz
Ray and Mary Clark ~ neighbors of Don and Meta Tulley
Richard Rosenberg and Mike Hyatt ~ friends of Judy McGregor
Sarah and Mason Young ~ family 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
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 Kusahara ~ 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 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

275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

Sing a New Song unto the Lord 276

(Psalm 98)

Refrain

G D D#dim Em Am7
 Sing a new song un - to the Lord; let your song be
 D G D7/A G G D
 sung from moun - tains high. Sing a new song
 D#dim Em Am7 D7 G Fine
 un - to the Lord, sing - ing hal - le - lu - jah!

1 Shout with glad - ness! Dance for joy! O come be -
 2 Rise, O chil - dren, from your sleep; your Sav - ior
 3 Glad my soul for I have seen the glo - ry

Am7 D7sus D7 G D7/A
 fore the Lord. And play for God on
 now has come. He has turned your
 of the Lord. The trum - pet sounds; the
 Am/G D C Am7 Dsus D to Refrain

glad tam - bou - rines, and let your trum - pet sound.
 sor - row to joy, and filled your soul with song.
 dead shall be raised. I know my Sav - ior lives.

This loose paraphrase effectively conveys the joyful tone of Psalm 98, largely by incorporating allusions to many other Scriptures, such as Psalm 149:3, Romans 13:11, Psalm 16:9, 1 Corinthians 15:52, and Job 19:25. These familiar echoes help to give the text depth and breadth.

339 Lift Every Voice and Sing

1 Lift ev - ery voice and sing till earth and heav - en
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

ring, ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
 rod, felt in the days when hope un - born had
 tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the

ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening
 died. Yet, with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry
 way; thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the

skies; let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 feet come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
 light, keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Initially a poem for a school assembly at which Booker T. Washington spoke on Lincoln's birthday in 1900, this text and tune have gained national recognition and devotion, not only within the African American community, but also among all who seek liberation from oppression.

THE LIFE OF THE NATIONS

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get

us. Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -
 tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at
 thee; shad - owed be - neath thy hand may we for - ev - er

gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.
 last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

ADORATION

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Fairest Lord Jesus

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Rul - er of the

na - ture, O thou of God to earth come
 wood - lands, robed in the bloom - ing garb of
 moon - light, and all the twink - ling, star - ry
 na - tions, Son of God and Son of

down, thee will I cher - ish, thee will I
 spring. Je - sus is fair - er; Je - sus is
 host. Je - sus shines bright - er; Je - sus shines
 Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o -

hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.
 ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Franz Liszt used this melody for a "Crusaders' March" in an oratorio, but this hymn had nothing to do with the Crusades. No record of the German text exists before the middle of the 17th century or of the Silesian folk melody before the first half of the 19th century.

TEXT: Münster Gesangbuch, 1677; stanzas 1-3, trans. *Church Chorals and Choir Studies*, 1850, alt.; stanza 4, trans. Joseph August Seiss, 1873, alt.

MUSIC: Silesian folk melody; *Schlesische Volkslieder*, 1842

CRUSADERS' HYMN
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