

**May 24, 2020 ~ The Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**Welcome and Announcements** ~ The Rev. Joanne Morgan

**Prelude** ~ “*Create in Me a Clean Heart*” (arr. Hayes) ~ Leigh Emmett

**Call to Worship** (from Psalm 33) ~ *responsive*

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright.

**All: Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.**

**Praise #616** ~ “*Our God Is an Awesome God*”

*Our God is an awesome God who reigns from heaven above*

*with wisdom, power, and love; our God is an awesome God!* (once)

Leader: For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

**All: Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him,**

**on those who hope in his steadfast love,**

**to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.**

**Praise #616** ~ “*Our God Is an Awesome God*”

*Our God is an awesome God who reigns from heaven above*

*with wisdom, power, and love; our God is an awesome God!* (once)

Leader: Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield.

**All: Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.**

**Psalm Prayer** ~ *in unison*

**Creating and redeeming God, you made our hearts to sing**

**and in Jesus Christ you teach us new songs.**

**Teach us also to wait with patience and hope for that promised victory**

**when all peoples return to you;**

**for Christ is Lord of all, and in his name we pray. Amen.**

*\*you are invited to stand as you are able*

**\*Hymn #354** ~ “*Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*”

**The Peace**

**Reflection with children**

**Response #455** ~ “*Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken*”

*Listen to the word that God has spoken; listen to the One who is close at hand;*

*listen to the voice that began creation, listen even if you don't understand.* (repeat)

**Gospel** ~ John 17:1-11

**Special Music** ~ “*Community of Christ*” (Murray/Lyon)

**Epistle** ~ 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

## Message

\*Hymn #340 ~ “*This Is My Song*”

## Community Prayers

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 #730 ~ “*I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*”

## \*Benediction

Postlude ~ “*Sunshine Medley*” (arr. Hayes)

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*Peter Rettig* ~ May 14, 2020

*Helen Lightle* ~ May 17, 2020

Next Sunday, May 31, is the **Day of Pentecost**. During the Pentecost season, we join together to build a life of faith and build the household of God with our children, youth, and young adults. An envelope for the annual special offering is provided in your packet. The offering supports Young Adult Volunteers serving in communities around the world, Ministries with Youth to help guide youth by uniting them in Christ and lifting them up as leaders and messengers of God’s word, and is devoted to children at-risk to improve education and provide safe havens.

## *From the Board of Deacons...*

Greetings and blessings to you in these challenging times from St. Paul’s Board of Deacons. The COVID-19 pandemic has changed life for all of us. Most of us have grown weary of the limitations it has placed on us, but we are doing OK. But for others, the Michigan executive orders have caused a large increase in food insecurity in the Metro Detroit area, especially in Detroit. The Board of Deacons felt compelled to address this issue. Your generous donations enabled us to donate \$535 from St. Paul’s to Gleaners during Easter week. At our meeting on May 9, we passed a motion to request more donations for hunger relief.

Money may now be donated as you wish for Hunger Relief. It will be used to stock our Food Pantry, or be given to Gleaners, as the Board sees fit. You may make donations in honor or in memory of someone or something, and an acknowledgement will go into the online bulletin, as was the procedure for chancel flower donations. No set amount is required, and acknowledgements will go in the bulletin as soon as possible. Donations may not be made in advance for future dates.

**To donate, please:**

***Make your check payable to: St. Paul's Board of Deacons***

***In the Memo line, write: Hunger Relief***

*Enclose a note with:* Donor(s) Name(s) and the dedication  
Dedication examples:

In honor of the first responders

In honor of our grandchildren, whom we love and miss

In memory of my parents, (names)

*Send the donation with your check and note to St. Paul's, or you may drop it in the secure mailbox outside the entrance.*

The Board of Deacons appreciates the spirit of our congregation, which has pulled all of us through so many difficult times. Let us pray for better days, and continue to encourage and support each other in the weeks to come, following the lessons of Jesus. Let's feed each other spiritually, and the hungry, literally. May the peace of Christ be with you all.



Sheldon Davis, Carol Townsend, Joyce Barton, Pam Phillips, Suzanne Tabaka, Jim & Joanna Roye  
Nola Bonandrini, Tamar Duthie, Frank & Nancy Saunders, Jerry Stone, Beverly Dearth, Anita Falk  
Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz, Lila Hindmarsh, Susan Grant, Grace Campbell, Bruce Phillips, Barbara Kett  
The family of the Rev. Dr. Louis Forsythe ~ friends of St. Paul's; Thomas Peeples ~ friend of Jeff Graham  
Phyllis Badman ~ niece of Georgia Hunt; Katie Potter ~ granddaughter of Kathy Potter  
Christie Piastowski ~ daughter of Karen Bright; Janet Kusuhara ~ cousin of Meta Tulley  
John Barclay ~ uncle of Steve Boyak; Joe Ducsay ~ friend of Mike & Carol Graham  
Mark Osborne ~ son of Janet; Sarah & Mason Young ~ cousins of Judy McGregor  
Tony S. ~ cousin of Gail Artinian; Diane Calloway ~ cousin of Gail Artinian  
MaryAnn Tabaka ~ mother of Suzanne; Eric Tabaka ~ nephew of Suzanne  
Cyndi Knecht ~ daughter of Doris; Joe Perko ~ friend of Wanda & Bob Seymour  
David Bonandrini ~ son of Nola & Ben; Zoe Marcus ~ friend of Karen Erwin  
Gideon Janku ~ great nephew of Bob Westbrook; Judy Siegfried ~ sister-in-law of Pam Phillips  
Randy Tillman ~ son of Gloria Rubbo; Leslie Benoit ~ daughter of Tamar Duthie  
Mary Rayes ~ friend of Pat Hutchison; Adam Schilling ~ grandson of Ron & Janet Frank  
Eric Schilling ~ grandson of Ron & Janet Frank; Donald Keller III ~ son of Jan Lapenta  
Scott Davis ~ son of Sheldon & Marion Davis; Jill Haddox ~ friend of Connie Shoup

**Please review the prayer list and report any changes to the office as soon as possible.**

## ***Christian Century Conversations***

Online Sundays @ 9am

The Adult Sunday School where, each week, we gather readings of current events and news from the wider church. Assignments will be posted the week before. Those without access, contact Paul about articles. To join the conversation, visit [SPPC's Google Meet \(meet.google.com/rnp-eeko-gjx\)](https://meet.google.com/rnp-eeko-gjx) or join by phone, call [813-435-9471](tel:813-435-9471) PIN: 602 392 483#.

## Adult Forum - Discovering Hope in the Psalms

Please join us Sundays - 9:00 – 10:00am!

We are moving on to a study of Psalm 2!! We are studying out of *Discovering Hope in the Psalms*, a "creative Bible Study Experience" by Pam Farrel, Jean E. Jones, and Karla Dornacher.

Those of you who have purchased the book, have that handy. Everyone have a Bible, a writing utensil and something to write on available for the class. If you have not purchased a book, contact me, Kathy Potter, at christianeducator@stpaulspresbyterian.church for help in obtaining a copy.

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## After Church Hang Out! Sundays -11:30am – 12:00pm

*After Church Hang Out!* is St. Paul's time for our children and youth to meet up, talk, pray and hear about Jesus. We will hang out, sharing our life and faith. This week we will read a book by Patricia Polacco and see how it applies to our lives today! Hope to see you Sunday!

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### Highlights from the May 19 Council Meeting...

1. Council will be assisting the Deacons with calling members who have been isolated during the Executive Stay at Home order, including shut-ins. If you know of someone who needs to be contacted or would like a call, please contact Karen Bright.
2. Thank you to those who have maintained financial pledges. And thank you to all who have been signing in and participating in our Sunday live streamed services! Although we cannot always see you, it is nice to know you are there!
3. A welcome is extended to Jeff Velis as he has officially accepted the position of part time Technology Advisor at St. Paul's.
4. Council has begun preliminary planning for the reopening of St. Paul's.
5. Faith Formation and Council invite you to join us for a time of prayer every Tuesday evening on Google Meet at 6:30PM.
6. Sunday, June 28 will be the final worship service led by the Rev. Paul Stunkel. All are invited to the planned outdoor service, following social distancing guidelines. More information will follow.

## 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).



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## This Is My Song

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,  
 3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.  
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.  
 thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;  
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,  
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;  
 and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.  
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

The first two stanzas of this hymn were written between the 20th century's two world wars and focus on the theme of international peace. The third stanza, by another author and added later, uses the language of the Lord's Prayer to voice a distinctly Christian perspective.

TEXT: Stanzas 1-2, Lloyd Stone; stanza 3, Georgia Harkness, alt.

MUSIC: Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr. *The Hymnal*, 1933, alt.

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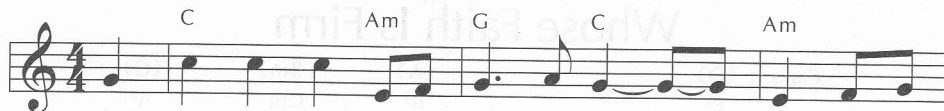
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but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing  
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:

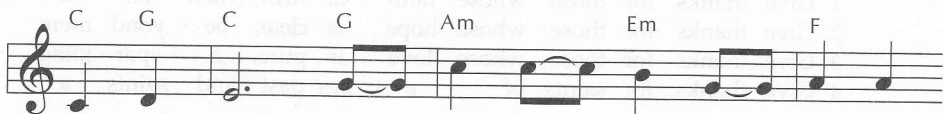
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.  
 my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.



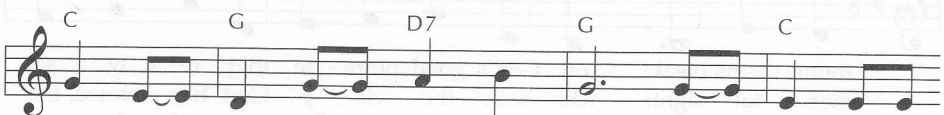
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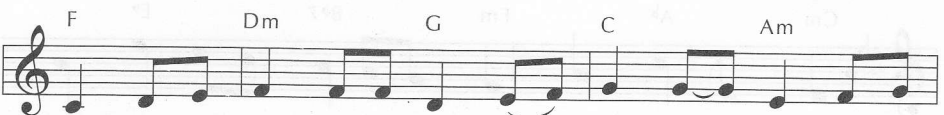
1 I sing a song of the saints of God, pa - tient and  
 2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and God's love  
 3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past; there are hun - dreds of



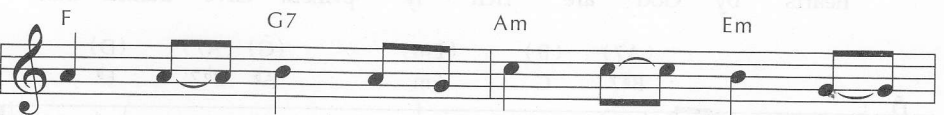
brave and true, who toiled and fought and lived and  
 made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for Je - sus'  
 thou - sands still; the world is bright with the joy - ous



died for the Lord they loved and knew. And one was a  
 sake, the whole of their good lives long. And one was a  
 saints who love to do Je - sus' will. You can meet them in



doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep - herd - ess  
 sol - dier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a  
 school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains, or in



on the green: they were all of them saints of  
 fierce wild beast: and there's not an - y rea - son,  
 shops, or at tea; for the saints of God are just



God, and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.  
 no, not the least, why I should - n't be one too.  
 folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

Despite the quaintness of some of the language in this text, it has an important message to communicate about the down-to-earth ordinariness of the holy people of God at all times and places. The tune name honors the island in Vermont's Lake Champlain where the composer lived.