

July 5, 2020 ~ Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude ~ Leigh Emmett

Call to Worship (from Psalm 145) ~ *responsive*

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All: The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

Chorus #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!

Leader: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,

All: and all your faithful shall bless you.

Leader: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power,

All: to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Leader: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,

All: and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

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

**Hymn #134 ~ "Joy to the World"*

**Prayer of Confession ~ in unison*

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Declaration of Forgiveness*

**Sharing the Peace*

Reflection with children

Special Music

Prayer for Illumination

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)

Hebrew Scripture ~ Genesis 3:19

Message ~"Liminal Spaces"

Charon Barconey, Associate Executive Presbyter, Presbytery of Detroit, guest

*Hymn #338 ~ "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

Community at Prayer

*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. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Words of Institution

God's Faithful Love through Bread and Cup

Prayer

*Hymn #370 ~ "This Is My Father's World"

*Benediction

Postlude

A donation to the Board of Deacons Hunger Relief Ministry was made by Pat and Bill Garvey in memory of George Floyd - Black Lives Matter

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Dear Friends,

WOW! Over the Top! Your send off to retirement amazes me. Thank you for the *Blessings* and prayers and a send off that is way beyond my expectations.

- For the redbud tree planted in my honor and the twin tree going in my backyard.
- For honoring me with gifts to Freedom House, Gleaners, and to a group promoting anti-racism called New Detroit, Inc.
- For the nativity carved from olive wood in Bethlehem.
- For the "thumbprint" of God, the art work using a verse from every book of the Bible- from "in the beginning to Halleluia!"
- For the gift certificates to Barnes and Noble and Carl's Golf Land.

Thank you also to the Senior Friday golfers who thought to replace my golf bag and fill it with Calloways - plus adding a caricature - drawn by Melissa Kosiba. Surely I am still young by the picture.

Thank you to the Faith Formation Committee who sweetened up my future with a gift card to Sister Pie (our local pie shop).

Thank you also to the Livonia Community Theatre for the gift card to Oakland golf courses.

And if you tuned in on Sunday, you would have heard the "Covid Choir" - thank you for all the music - Jeff and Leigh - gratitude.

Perhaps the virus continues to teach us that we humans are better when we work together.

What I know is that the team is woven into memory of our shared fears and courage lived as we labored to create worship in spite of pandemic. To my fellow team members - you live in my heart and my prayers rise in gratitude.

Blessings upon you all, church.

Halleluia! Amen.

Paul - Honorably Retired

A note from the Worship Committee... with gratitude for your very generous donations that made the gifts to honor Pastor Paul possible, thank you!

An update from the PNC...

The PNC diligently continues our search for St. Paul's next called pastor. We are meeting weekly, and at times twice a week, to do our due diligence to research, follow up, and have conversations with prospective candidates. As you can imagine, the pandemic had an effect on the search process, but we have remained dedicated in our continued search. Currently within the PCUSA, there are 1495 churches seeking solo pastors with 346 candidates searching. We realize you may be feeling anxious with Paul's retirement quickly approaching. Please keep the faith! Say your prayers! We are working hard and remind ourselves that this will happen in God's time, not ours. We remain faithful that God is guiding us and with us in our search. We ask for your continued prayers and support as we move forward.

Pastoral Care: As Pastor Paul retired on June 30, what is St. Paul's plan for pastoral care? Although the Rev. Joanne Morgan's relationship with St. Paul's as Parish Associate terminated with Paul's retirement, she has agreed to handle the coordination of pastoral care needs in the interim. If someone is hospitalized, we encourage you to phone the office or call Jo directly. Funeral arrangements and hospital visitation may be arranged with Rev. Jo and may include elders helping with follow-up in the gap between Paul's retirement and the arrival of a new pastor.

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*In Our Thoughts
& Prayers* 

Camilla White, Sheldon Davis, Doris Knecht, 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
Debbie Peterson & family ~ friends of Meta Tulley & Joan Westbrook
The family of the Rev. Dr. Louis Forsythe ~ friends of St. Paul's; Thomas Peebles ~ friend of Jeff Graham
Phyllis Badman ~ niece of Georgia Hunt; Christie Piastowski ~ daughter of Karen Bright
Janet Kusuhara ~ cousin of Meta Tulley; Joe Ducsay ~ friend of Mike & Carol Graham
Mark Osborne ~ son of Janet; Sarah & Mason Young ~ cousins of Judy McGregor
Bob Kortenhoeven ~ brother of a friend 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.

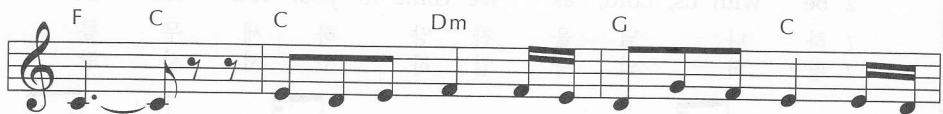
Great Are You, Lord

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Great Is the Lord



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love. Great are you, Lord: you are faith-ful and true; by your



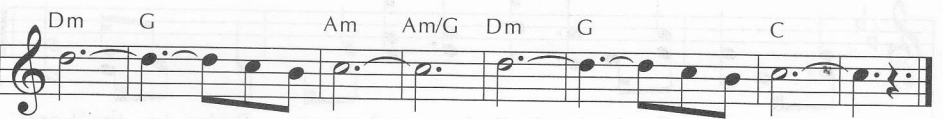
mer - cy you prove you are love. Great are you, Lord, and



wor-thy of glo - ry! Great are you, Lord, and wor - thy of praise.



Great are you, Lord. We lift up our voice; we lift up our voice:



great are you, Lord! Great are you, Lord!

Although it is not a direct paraphrase of any particular psalm, this text echoes "great is the Lord and greatly to be praised," found in three of them (Psalms 48:1; 96:4; 145:3). Such songs of adoration lift up the heart and mind to God, asking nothing but to enjoy God's presence.

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Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -

her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
 tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
 and heaven and na - ture sing,

and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,

While Isaac Watts did not write this text strictly for Christmas use, he did purposely cast his paraphrase of Psalm 98:4-9 in Christian terms, titling it "The Messiah's coming and kingdom." So "the Lord" here is Jesus Christ, rather than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies 338

1 O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, for am-ber waves of grain,
 2 O beau-ti-ful for he-roes proved in lib-er-at-ing strife,
 3 O beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream that sees be-yond the years

for pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties a-bove the fruit-ed plain!
 who more than self their coun-try loved, and mer-cy more than life!
 thine al-a-bas-ter cit-ies gleam, un-dimmed by hu-man tears!

A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed his grace on thee,
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God mend thine ev-ery flaw;
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! May God thy gold re-fine

and crown thy good with *broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea!
 con-firm thy soul in self-con-trol, thy lib-er-ty in law!
 till all suc-cess be no-ble-ness and ev-ery gain di-vine!

*Or "servanthood"

This text (inspired by the vista from Pike's Peak and by a visit to Chicago's Columbian World Exposition) and tune (named MATERNA because it was composed for "O Mother, Dear Jerusalem") were joined in 1912. The combination proved immensely popular during World War I and afterwards.

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.