

July 12, 2020 ~ Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude ~ "Give Me Jesus" (arr. Hayes) ~ Leigh Emmett

Call to Worship (from Psalm 119) ~ *responsive*

Leader: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances.

**All: I am severely afflicted; give me life, O Lord, according to your word.
Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord, and teach me your ordinances.**

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: I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law.
The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your precepts.

**All: Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.
I incline my heart to perform your statute forever, to the end.**

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

**Hymn #664 ~ "Morning Has Broken"*

**Psalm Prayer ~ in unison*

Holy God, your ways are just and your commandments are true.

Help us to understand your law, and when understanding fails

inspire us to follow you in joyful obedience,

so that we may faithfully serve you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Sharing the Peace*

Reflection with children

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 1:1-5

Anthem ~ "Male and Female" (Avery & Marsh) ~ Singers

Hebrew Scripture ~ Genesis 1:26-27

Message ~ "Being Good" ~ Charles Sadler II, guest

**Hymn #713 ~ "Touch the Earth Lightly"*

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.

***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.

***Hymn #800** ~ *"Sometimes a Light Surprises"*

***Benediction**

Postlude ~ *"All Things Bright and Beautiful"* (arr. Hayes) ~ Leigh Emmett

A donation to the Board of Deacons Hunger Relief Ministry was made by Susan Raky in memory of Muriel Pearse

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In memory of Jane Ann Kerr ~ July 2, 2020

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!

Former member, June Roddy, will be 100 years of age on August 1, 2020. June still lives in her own home and the address is 20029 Wakenden, Redford 48239 if you would like to send her a card.

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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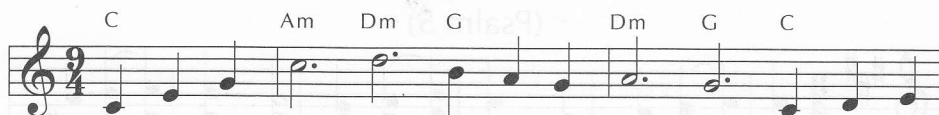
*In Our Thoughts
& Prayers*

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

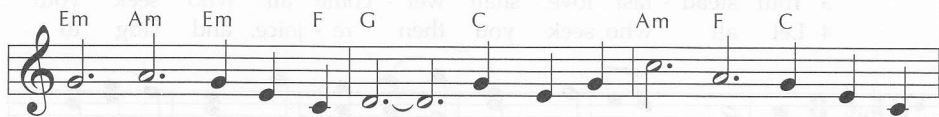
Please review the prayer list and report any changes to the office as soon as possible.

Morning Has Broken

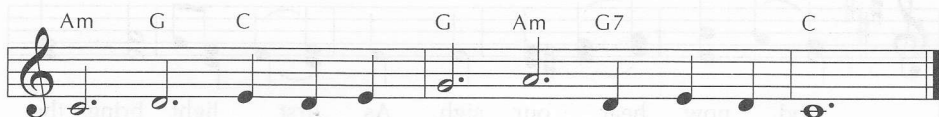
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1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black - bird has
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery

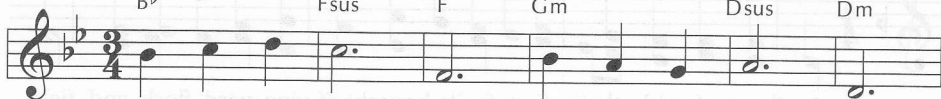


morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

This 20th-century text was created to provide words for this traditional tune named for a small village on the Isle of Mull, off the west coast of Scotland. Through repeated use of "new" and "first," each morning is treated as a re-creation of the promise of the original day.

713 Touch the Earth Lightly

Capo 3: (G) (Dsus) (D) (Em) (Bsus) (Bm)
 B^b Fsus F Gm Dsus Dm



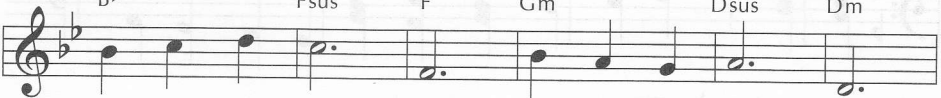
1 Touch the earth light - ly, use the earth gent - ly,
 2 We who en - dan - ger, who cre - ate hun - ger,
 3 Let there be green - ing, birth from the burn - ing,
 4 God of all liv - ing, God of all lov - ing,

(C) (D7) (G) (Am7) (Dsus) (D)
 E^b F7 B^b Cm7 Fsus F



nour - ish the life of the world in our care:
 a - gents of death for all crea - tures that live,
 wa - ter that bless - es and air that is sweet,
 God of the seed - ling, the snow, and the sun,

(G) (Dsus) (D) (Em) (Bsus) (Bm)
 B^b Fsus F Gm Dsus Dm



gift of great won - der, ours to sur - ren - der,
 we who would fos - ter clouds of di - sas - ter,
 health in God's gar - den, hope in God's chil - dren,
 teach us, de - flect us, Christ re - con - nect us,

(C) (G) (Em) (Am7) (D) (G) (G)
 E^b B^b Gm Cm7 F B^b B^b



trust for the chil - dren to - mor - row will bear.
 God of our plan - et, fore - stall and for - give!
 re - gen - er - a - tion that peace will com - plete.
 us - ing us gent - ly and mak - ing us one.

An Australian aboriginal saying opens this gentle hymn from New Zealand on the stewardship of creation. "Clouds of disaster" in the second stanza refers to the testing of nuclear devices then occurring in the Pacific Ocean, but the concern for all created things is timeless.

800 Sometimes a Light Surprises



1 Some - times a light sur - pris - es the child of God who sings;
 2 In ho - ly con - tem - pla - tion we sweet - ly then pur - sue
 3 It can bring with it noth - ing but he will bear us through;
 4 Though vine nor fig tree nei - ther their longed - for fruit should bear,



it is the Lord who ris - es with heal - ing in his wings;
 the theme of God's sal - va - tion and find it ev - er new;
 who gives the lil - ies cloth - ing will clothe his peo - ple, too;
 though all the fields should with - er, nor flocks nor herds be there,



when com - forts are de - clin - ing, he grants the soul a - gain
 set free from pres - ent sor - row, we cheer - ful - ly can say,
 be - neath the spread - ing heav - ens no crea - ture but is fed;
 yet God the same a - bid - ing, his praise shall tune my voice;



a sea - son of clear shin - ing to cheer it af - ter rain.
 "Let the un - known to - mor - row bring with it what it may."
 and he who feeds the ra - vens will give his chil - dren bread.
 for while in him con - fid - ing, I can - not but re - joice.

This is one of the few hymns rooted in what can happen during worship, and that experience—gaining a spiritual insight while singing—is no less possible now than when this text was written in the 18th century. It is set here to a folk song variously labeled Irish or English.