

July 23, 2023 ~ 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Music ~ Mark Handford

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship ~ *responsive*

Leader: Children of God, let us worship the Lord with gladness.

People: We come before the Lord with joyful songs and open hearts.

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

People: For the Lord created us and has shown his love for us. Amen.

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

*\*Hymn ~ "Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession ~ *in unison*

(A time of silent, personal prayer)

God, you have shown us your love and have called us to base our lives on you.

Yet we confess that when storms rage and we feel uncertain, we have sought other things to be our foundation. Forgive us Lord. In your mercy renew us and show us your ways. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Responsive Chorus #710 ~ *"Sanctuary"* (x2)

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.*

*With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

Passing the Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Responsive Chorus ~ *"I Love This Family"* (arr. C. Bowes) (x2)

*I love this family of God, so closely knitted into one,*

*They've taken me into their midst and I'm so glad to be a part of this great family.*

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 ~ Isaiah 44:6-8

Special Music ~ “*Honor and Praise*” (Twila Paris) ~ Celebration Choir

Christian Scripture ~ Matthew 7:24-27

Message ~ “Foundations”

\*Hymn #240 ~ “*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*” (v. 1,2,4)

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 #463 ~ “*How Firm a Foundation*” (v.1,2,5)

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response ~ “*My Friends May You Grow in Grace*” (G. Scheer, G. DeMey, G. Kett, S Diamond, T.J. Meaney)

*My friends may you grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.*

*My friends may you grow in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.*

*Refrain: To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever. Amen.*

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Postlude

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**Mark your calendar!!** The annual service combined with Rosedale Gardens and St. Timothy Presbyterian Churches will be **Sunday, August 13, 2023 at 10:15AM** at Mies Park, across the street from Rosedale Gardens. Please take a lawn chair.

**NO SERVICE AT ST. PAUL’S.**

**Chancel Flowers** may be ordered from the Board of Deacons for any of the remaining available Sundays in 2023. Order forms are in the office. Please check the chart on the lobby wall for an open date **before** placing your order. You may also call the office to check available dates and to place your order.

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



Steve Boyak, 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  
Pat Garrett ~ sister of Don Tulley; Nate Statly (MSU shooting victim) ~ friend of Joey Nicholas  
Julie Newell ~ cousin of Pam Phillips  
Elizabeth ~ sister-in law of Pat Garvey and Andy ~ nephew of Pat Garvey  
Linda Thompson and her sister, Shirley Kircoff  
Joan Velis and family; John Branch ~ father of Christie Piastowski  
Dave Schulz ~ nephew of Carol and Mike Graham  
Cousins of Terry Earnley and Jennifer Speiles ~ friend 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  
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

# 240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

*Refrain* E C#m F#m B

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris - en Lord. Al - le -

*Fine*

al - le - lu - ia! Praise to his name.

E C#m F#m B E

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name.

E C#m F#m B

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.

- 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
- 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
- 4 Come let us praise the liv - ing God,

E C#m F#m B <sup>to Refrain</sup>

He is the King of cre - a - tion.

Je - sus has died and has ris - en.  
 Now we shall live for - ev - er.  
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

This text and tune were created together in the context of an ecumenical, charismatic, missionary Christian community in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Their energy and emphasis center in the opening and closing refrain's "Alleluia"—the essential Easter word of proclamation.

## 463 How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!  
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;  
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.