

September 10, 2023 ~ 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Music ~ Mark Handford

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude ~ *"In My Heart There Rings a Melody"* (E. M. Roth) ~ Heaven Connection, guests\*

Call to Worship ~ *responsive*

Leader: Seek the Lord with all your hearts this day as you worship.

People: May the Spirit of the Lord speak to us this day.

Leader: For God is near to the brokenhearted and all those who seek God.

People: God, grant us the boldness to receive what you give and faithfully respond. Amen.

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

\*Hymn ~ *"10,000 Reasons"* (J. Myrin & M. Redman)

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession ~ *in unison*

God of Grace, God of Love, we come to confess that we seek to follow where you call but at times we have let our divisions and hurts get in the way of Christian love. Teach us the ways of reconciliation and grace, Jesus, so that we can continue to work to make the family of God and the world a more loving place. Amen.

(A time of silent, personal prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Responsive Chorus #71 ~ *"Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me"* (refrain)

*Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid.*

*For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure defense, and God will be my Savior.*

Passing the Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Responsive Chorus ~ *"Shout to the Lord"* (refrain)

*Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King; Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.*

*I sing for joy at the work of Your hands, forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand, nothing compares to the promise I have in You.*

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 119:33-40**

**Special Music ~ “Make My Life an Alleluia” (R.E. Schram) ~**  
**The Heaven Connection and Celebration Choirs**

**Christian Scripture ~ Matthew 18:15-20**

**Message ~ “Getting Along and Being Together”**

**\*Hymn #658 ~ “God Is So Good”**

**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 #610 ~ “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (1,3,5)**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Choral Response ~ “You Shall Go Out with Joy”**  
***You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;***  
***the mountains and the hills will break forth before you; there’ll be shouts of joy,***  
***and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.***  
***And all the trees of the field will clap their hands; the trees of the field will clap their hands;***  
***the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.***

**Postlude**

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**"Heaven Connection Choral Outreach Ministry Choir was formed in 2014** when their "Primetime" Singles ministry choir dissolved after 40+ years at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville. Choir Director Nancy Pennington then invited the choir members into her home to practice, they renamed their choir, and took on a new format and audience and began rehearsals to sing to residents at Assisted Living homes and other venues! We welcome the Heaven Connection choir to St. Paul's Church today!"

**From Karen Barsy...Moving with the Spirit - 8 weeks - September 12th thru October 31st. Fee - \$40.** Classes will meet in room 11 on Tuesdays from 10:30-11:30am. (there is also the option to join online through Google meet). Classes include stretching and gentle exercises to help participants to improve range of motion, flexibility and balance while building strength. Lots of fun is had during this time of Christian Fellowship!! Following each class is a 'bonus class' (no additional charge) from 11:30-12 noon for all that are interested in a greater physical challenge. During this time floor exercises are done as well as use of therapy balls. We would love to have you join us! Please call me with any questions at 734-765-2356.

**Redford Interfaith Relief**, one of St. Paul's partners in ministry, is hosting their **25th Anniversary Open House Celebration on Thursday, September 14, 2023 from 4:00PM-7:00PM**. All are invited to stop by at **18499 Beech Daly Road** to see the important outreach opportunities they provide to our neighbors. And our Dress Ministry recently gifted RIR with a donation of \$1,000.00.

**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.

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



Karen Erwin, 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 Iaquinta ~ 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

## 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when  
the evening comes

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

You're rich in love and  
You're slow to anger  
Your name is great  
and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness,  
I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons  
for my heart to find

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

And on that day when my strength is failing.  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still, my soul will sing  
Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years

**and then forevermore**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul**

**Worship His holy name**

**Sing like never before, O my soul**

**I'll worship Your holy name**

## O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my  
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and  
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new  
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -  
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my  
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the  
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en  
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the  
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!  
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.  
 to re - jice; the poor in heart be - lieve.  
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.  
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

## SPANISH

1 *Mil voces para celebrar  
 a mi Libertador,  
 las glorias de su majestad,  
 los triunfos de su amor.*

## KOREAN

1 만 입이 내게 있으면  
 그 입 다 가지고  
 내 구주 주신 은총을  
 늘 찬송하겠네

This text comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.; Spanish trans. Federico J. Pagura;

Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee, 2001

MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

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