

Service for the Lord's Day

Pre-Service Music Pastorale, BWV 590, mvts. i and ii J.S. Bach
Andrew Hackett, Organist

Concerns of the Congregation

Call to Worship Psalm 67 Heidi Balz
One: God be gracious to us and bless us and make your face to shine upon us.
All: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
One: The earth has yielded its increase; may God continue to bless us.
All: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
One: Let us worship God!

Prelude Pastorale, BWV 590, mvt. iii J.S. Bach
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Ringing of the Revere Tower Bell

Let the ringing of the bell call our attention away from ourselves and
onto the living Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

***Hymn #29** Give to our God Immortal Praise

*Invocation

*Prayer of Confession

All: Living God, long ago, faithful women proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection, and the world was changed forever. Teach us to keep faith with them, that our witness may be as bold as theirs. Forgive us when witness is called for and we are silent. Forgive us for not taking time to reflect on our faith so that we will have the words. Forgive us when we gladly share our witness to all the satisfactions of the world, but speak sparingly of our love and passion for you. Create in us such deep love and true faith that we cannot help but tell our story of life with Christ. Amen.

*Moments of Silent Confession

***Assurance of Pardon**

Proverbs 28:13

One: Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy. In Jesus Christ you are forgiven. This is the Good News

All: Thanks be to God.

***Gloria Patri #575**

The Sacrament of Baptism

Isla Rand Crousey

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As Presbyterians, we believe that the Sacrament of Baptism is the sign and seal of God's grace and covenant in Christ. It is a reminder of God's faithfulness, that in Christ each of us are made new, and that we are welcomed with open arms into the covenant family of the church. When we baptize a child, it is a witness to the belief that God's love claims us before we are even able to respond in faith. We ask the parents to promise to help their child grow in faith. And, the congregation makes promises to nurture each baptized child as well.

Anthem

Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord

David J. Evans

Covenant Chamber Choir

Arr. Richard Shephard

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the holy one, is here;
Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground;
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the holy one, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire, with splendor he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant king of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him;
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

Offertory

The Good Shepherd

Franz Schubert

Brenda Iglesias, mezzo soprano; Miguel Pedroza, Baritone

Text based on Psalm 23

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want, for thou, O Lord, art a loving shepherd. Thou leadeth me in paths of righteousness, thou maketh me to rest in verdant pastures, Thou leadeth me beside the quiet waters. Yea, though I walk through the valley of death, no evil will I fear, for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me, for thou, O Lord, art ever with me, I shall not want. For thou, prepares a table before me, in the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over. Through all my days, shall goodness and mercy follow me, for thou, O Lord, art a loving shepherd. And I will dwell within thy house ever more.

***Doxology #572** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

At this time toddlers and preschool children are invited to go to Junior Church.

***Prayer of Dedication**

All: God of eternity, enthroned in glory, we come before you bringing our gifts. We humbly submit to your sovereign will. You are the source of all righteousness; we offer ourselves as ambassadors for peace. You are the source of justice; we give of our substance to alleviate hunger and want. You are the means by which all the earth shall prosper; we shall go into all nations and bless your name. To the glory and honor of your holy name we dedicate these gifts and our lives.

***Hymn #350**

Open my Eyes, That I May See

Scripture Lesson

Acts 16:9-15

Rev. Dr. Robert Anderson

Pew Bible pg. 784 Large Print Bible pg. 1720

One: This is God's Word for God's People.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Lydia Colors the World Purple

Rev. Dr. Robert Anderson

***Hymn #513**

In Christ There is No East or West

***Benediction**

Postlude

Fugue in G major, BWV 541

J.S. Bach

Hayden Glasgow, Organ Scholar

*Those who are able, please stand

Baptism of Isla Rand Crousey
Born October 30, 2020
Parents: Rod and Amy Crousey

Introduction

Isla Rand Crousey

The Parents' Vows

Pastor: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

Parents: I do

Pastor: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

Parents: I do

Pastor: Will you, with God's help, be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

Parents: I will, with God's help

Pastor: Relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith and teach that faith to your child?

Parents: I do

The Congregational Vow

Pastor: Members and friends of Covenant-First Presbyterian, will you, with the help of God, guide and nurture this child by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Christ, and to be a faithful member of his church? Will you?

Congregation: We will

The Apostles' Creed

Pastor: Please stand as we confess the faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed. Christian, what do you believe?

Congregation and Pastor: *I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

The Baptism

The Prayer of Blessing for Newly Baptized

29 Give to Our God Immortal Praise

For His mercy endureth forever. Psa. 136:1

Psalm 136
Isaac Watts, 1719

WARRINGTON L.M.
Ralph Harrison, 1784

1. Give to our God im - mor - tal praise; Mer - cy and
2. He built the earth, He spread the sky, And fixed the
3. He fills the sun with morn - ing light; He bids the
4. He sent His Son with pow'r to save From guilt and
5. Through this vast world He guides our feet, And leads us

truth are all His ways: Won - ders of grace to God be -
star - ry lights on high: Won - ders of grace to God be -
moon di - rect the night: His mer - cies ev - er shall en -
dark - ness and the grave: Won - ders of grace to God be -
to His heav'n - ly seat: His mer - cies ev - er shall en -

long; Re - peat His mer - cies in your song.
long; Re - peat His mer - cies in your song.
dure, When suns and moons shall shine no more.
long; Re - peat His mer - cies in your song.
dure, When this our world shall be no more. A-men.

The musical score consists of four systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff of each system.

Open My Eyes, That I May See 350

Open Thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy law. Psa. 119:18

Clara H. Scott, 1895

SCOTT Irreg.
Clara H. Scott, 1895

1. O - pen my eyes, that I may see Glimps-es of truth Thou hast for me;
2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear Voic - es of truth Thou send - est clear;
3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear Glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery-where;

Place in my hands the won - der - ful key That shall un - clasp and set me free.
And while the wave - notes fall on my ear, Ev - ery - thing false will dis - ap - pear.
O - pen my heart, and let me pre - pare Love with Thy chil - dren thus to share.

Refrain

Si - lent - ly now I wait for Thee, Read - y, my God, Thy will to see;

O - pen my eyes, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
O - pen my ears, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
O - pen my heart, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine! A - men.

HOPE AND ASPIRATION

In Christ There Is No East or West 513

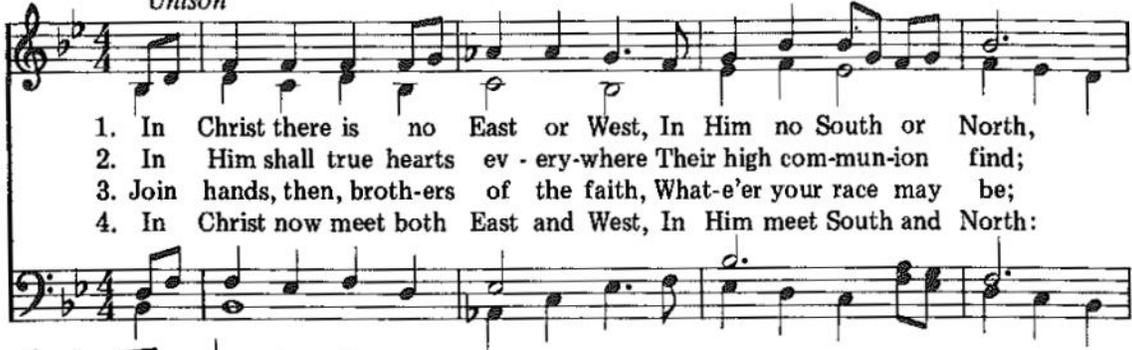
Ye are all one in Christ Jesus. Gal. 3:28

McKEE C.M.

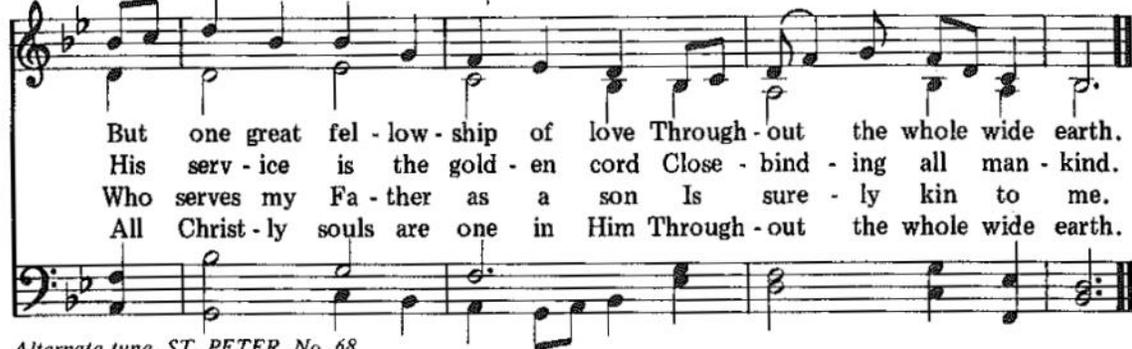
Traditional Spiritual melody
Arr. by Harry T. Burleigh, 1939

John Oxenham, 1908

Unison



1. In Christ there is no East or West, In Him no South or North,
2. In Him shall true hearts ev - ery - where Their high com - mun - ion find;
3. Join hands, then, broth - ers of the faith, What - e'er your race may be;
4. In Christ now meet both East and West, In Him meet South and North:



But one great fel - low - ship of love Through - out the whole wide earth.
His serv - ice is the gold - en cord Close - bind - ing all man - kind.
Who serves my Fa - ther as a son Is sure - ly kin to me.
All Christ - ly souls are one in Him Through - out the whole wide earth.

Alternate tune, ST. PETER, No. 68

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