

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

St. Louis, Missouri

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The Order for Morning Prayer

8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2020

Welcome

Andrew Peters

Opening Sentences

Ashley Rube

O Lord, open my lips.

And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O depth of wealth, wisdom, and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable are God's judgments, how untraceable are God's ways!

The source, guide, and goal of all that is, to God be glory forever! Amen.

***Hymn #33**

Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show

Llanfair

1 Praise the Lord! God's glo - ries show,
2 Earth to heaven ex - alt the strain, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Strings and voic - es, hands and hearts,

saints with - in God's courts be - low,
Send it, heaven, to earth a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia!
in the con - cert, bear your parts,

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in 4/4 time and B-flat major. The first system includes three numbered vocal lines. The second system includes two vocal lines. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and melodic lines.

an - gels round the throne a - bove,
 Age to age, God's mer - cies trace, Al - le - lu - ia!
 All that breathes, your Lord a - dore,

all who see and share God's love.
 Praise God's prov - i - dence and grace! Al - le - lu - ia!
 sing - ing praise for - ev - er - more,

A Responsive Reading of Psalm 95:1-7

Jane Shaw

Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
 and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

***Refrain:* Let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

For the LORD is a great God, and a great Sovereign above all gods.
The LORD holds the caverns of the earth, and sustains the heights of the hills.

The sea belongs to God, who made it, whose hands have molded the dry land.

Refrain

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our
 Maker. For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and
 the sheep of God's hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to God's voice!**

Refrain

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Solo

Shepherd Psalm

Don and Jaree Hall
arr. Mary McDonald
Jackie Davis, soprano solo

Gentle Shepherd, Lord of all, In Your care, I'll never want.
Lay me down in pastures green: guide, protect, supply my need.
By the water, still and pure, cleanse and keep my soul secure.
For Your Name, my way protect, led in paths of righteousness.
Through the vale of death be near, shadows dark, I need not fear.
Care and comfort You provide, keep in safety by Your side.
Goodness, mercy follow me, 'till the day I dwell with Thee.
In Your house forever more, safely home on heaven's shore!
Life below, I leave behind Son of God, forever shine!
When my time on earth is done, I'll awake to heaven's Sun!
Gentle Shepherd, Lord of all, In Your care, I'll never want.
Lay me down in pastures green: guide, protect, supply my need.

-Don and Jaree Hall

A Responsive Reading of Psalm 105: 1-10, 42-43

Liane Constantine

**The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
God's mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning,
great is your faithfulness, O Lord, great is your faithfulness.**

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's name;
make know the deeds of the Lord among the peoples.

Sing to the Lord, sing praises, and speak of all God's marvelous works.

Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
**Search for the Lord and the strength of the Lord;
continually seek the face of God.**

Remember the marvels God has done,
the wonders and the judgments of God's mouth,
O offspring of Abraham, God's servant, O children of Jacob, God's chosen.

The Lord is our God, whose judgments prevail in all the world.
**The Lord has always been mindful of the covenant,
the promise made for a thousand generations:**

The covenant made with Abraham, the oath sworn to Isaac,
**which God established as a statute for Jacob,
and everlasting covenant for Israel.**

For God remembered the holy promise and Abraham, chosen to serve.
So God led forth the people with gladness, the chosen ones with shouts of joy.

-text by Edith McNeil

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Immortal Love

Johann S. Bach

Jackie Davis and Derek Dahlke, duet

Immortal Love, forever full, forever flowing free.
Forever shared, forever whole, a never ebbing sea!
We may not climb the heavenly steeps to bring the Lord Christ down;
in vain we search the lowest deeps for Him no depths can drown.

Blow, winds of God, awake and blow the mists of earth away.
Shine out, O light divine, and show How wide and far we stray.
O Lord and Master of us all, whate'er our name or sign,
we own Thy sway, we hear Thy loving call, we test our lives by Thine.

-John G. Whittier

A Reading from Romans 8:26-39

Ashley Rube

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Organ Response

Vocalise

Daniel Gawthrop

The Gospel Reading from Mathew 13: 31-33, 44-52

Liane Constantine

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Solo

Don't Be Weary Traveler spiritual, arr. H. T. Burleigh
Derek Dahlke, tenor solo

Don't be weary traveler, come along home to Jesus.
Where to go I did not know, come along home to Jesus.
Ever since He freed my soul, come along home to Jesus.
Don't be weary traveler, come along home to Jesus.
I look at the world, and the world looks new; come along home to Jesus.

I look at my hands, and they look new too. Come along home to Jesus.
Don't be weary traveler, come along home to Jesus.

Gospel Canticle

Kevin Vogt

The printed text will be sung by Derek Dahlke, cantor.

Please join in singing the text printed under the music notes.

In many and various ways, God spoke to our forebears by the prophets.



But now in these lat - ter days, God has spo-ken to us by the Son.



Bless-ed are you, O Lord, God of Is-ra-el, you have come to your peo-ple and set them



free. You have raised up for us a might-y Sav-ior born of the house of your ser-vant Da-vid.

Through your holy prophets you promised of old that you would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us. You promised to show mercy to our forebears,
and to remember your holy covenant.



This was the oath you swore to Ab - ra-ham and Sar-ah: To set us



free from the hands of our en - e-mies, free to wor-ship you with-out fear, ho-ly and



right - eous in your sight all the days of our life.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Steven Shaw

Satisfy us with your love in the morning,
and we will live this day in joy and praise.

Mighty God of mercy, we thank you for the resurrection dawn
bringing the glory of our risen Lord who makes every day new.

Especially we thank you for the beauty of your creation . . .
the new creation in Christ and all gifts of healing and forgiveness . . .
the sustaining love of family and friends . . .
the fellowship of faith in your church. . . .

Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all your children,
and bring about your peace for all in Christ Jesus, the living Lord.

Especially we pray for those who govern nations of the world . . .
the people in countries ravaged by strife or warfare . . .
all who work for peace and international harmony . . .
all who strive to save the earth from destruction . . .
the church of Jesus Christ in every land. . . .

Eternal God, our beginning and our end,
be our starting point and our haven, and accompany us in this day's journey.
Use our hands to do the work of your creation, and use our lives
to bring others the new life you give this world in Jesus Christ, Redeemer of all.
Amen.

Let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
 2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,
 3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,
 4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
 em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
 as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
 For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!

In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

Dismissal

Ashley Rube

The grace of God be with us all, now and always.
Amen.

Bless the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

Today's Worship Participants

Children's Sacred Space	Barbara Bowyer
Liturgist	Liane Constantine
Liturgist	Ashley Rube
Liturgist	Jane Shaw
Liturgist	Steven Shaw
Soloists	Derek Dahlke and Jackie Davis
Organist/Pianist	Andrew Peters
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Solo

We thank Sonja Hughes for providing the music for this morning's solo sung by Jackie Davis.

Mary Donald's Music Messages

Mary Donald is now on summer break from the church. She will return the second week in September to work. We hope she and her family have a nice remainder of the summer.

Virtual Coffee Hour

Join Barbara Bowyer for virtual coffee hour at 12:00 pm over zoom. To participate, go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81009341942?pwd=ZmpaZmt5bXQ1WmRYcVNNUnFkdGxIU09>
The meeting ID is 810 0934 1942 and the password is 473437.
To call in on a telephone, dial 312-626-6799.

Worship Next Sunday

Join us again next Sunday with a service of communion, guest liturgists, and a jazz trio.