

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 18, 2020

Building a community of faith unleashed into the world by the love of God.

PLEASE NOTE: Words & Music to Hymns/Responses are included at the end of the bulletin.

Gathering Around the Word

Centering Meditation

You're out there walking down a highway
And all of the signs got blown away
Sometimes you wonder if you're walking in the wrong direction
But if you break down I'll drive out and find you
If you forget my love I'll try to remind you
And stay by you when it don't come easy

It Don't Come Easy, by Patti Griffin

Ringing of the Bell

Introit

Welcome and Matters of Community

Prelude

Amazing Grace

arr. Jim Brickman

Duet by Denise Baccadutre and David Ziems

Call to Worship

One: The world tells us we need to be part of something big and bold;

All: We belong to God.

One: The world tells us to put our hope in wealth and success;

All: We put our faith and trust in Jesus.

One: The world tells us to seek our own gain and satisfaction;

All: We seek joy in the Spirit of God.

One: Come, let us worship God, who leads us away from the ways of the world.

All: Let us follow and live into the Way of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn #315 (see below)

In the Midst of New Dimensions (vs. 1, 3, 5)

Call to Reconciliation

One: Friends, come as you are. Don't wait to tidy up your mind or wash your feelings. Come as you are and put yourself at the mercy of redeeming love.

Prayer of Confession

All: God our Savior, here we are with many faults, but also with a few gifts and loves.

Here we are with the fruits of some wisdom, but also with the weeds of our folly.

Here we are bearing the gratitude for small victories, but with shame for our defeats.

**Here we are aware of some sins, but blind to everyday transgressions.
Here we are wanting you to know it all, and (no buts!) to forgive the ugly and rescue the beautiful.
God our Savior, here we are totally dependent on your gift of salvation,
through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen!**

Silent Prayers

Assurance of Grace

**All: This is what the most holy Judge says to those who repent and believe. “My daughter, my son,
your sins are forgiven. Go in peace.” That word is meant for you, and for me; in its graciousness
we are set free.**

One: Thanks be to God!

Passing of Christ’s Peace

One: The peace of the Lord always be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share the sign of peace with one another.

Response #582 (see below)

Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Proclaiming the Word

Special Music

All Good Gifts

**by Stephen Schwartz
Sung by Bill Miller & Kathy Renfro**

Prayer for Illumination

**All: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read
and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear and understand what you say to us today. Amen.**

First Reading:

Exodus 33:12-23

Second Reading:

I Thessalonians 1:1-10

Sermon

Words of Encouragement

Rev. Roger Scott Powers

Responding to the Word

Hymn #177 (see below)

I Will Come to You (vs. 1-4)

Mission Focus

Stewardship Moment

Max Templeton

Call to Offering

**One: You do not choose favorites, Holy God, but pour out your blessings on all your children, trusting that we
will empty our hearts, our lives, our treasure in meeting the needs of those around us. Bless these gifts,
and use them to bring healing and hope to your people. Amen.**

Response #647 (see below)

Give Thanks

Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: Each morning, God's grace awakens us,
each evening, God's peace cradles us.
Compassion is our constant companion,
as we go through the day.
In every moment, God is present with us;
God whispers words which can change our lives.
When we find ourselves groping in the shadows,
God's light will provide a way home.
We give thanks for the many blessings of God.
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Prayers of the People (*from joys and concerns emailed to Pastor Roger through the week*)

The Lord's Prayer

All: Loving God, holy be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread, and 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.

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

Closing Hymn #463 (see below)

How Firm a Foundation (vs. 1 & 2)

Postlude

Abide With Me

arr. Joshua Evanovich

Charge and Benediction

One: . . . and let all the people say,

All: Alleluia, Amen!

Worship Resources :<http://rev-o-lution.org/2014/10/10/worship-resources-for-october-19th-2014-nineteenth-sunday-after-pentecost/>; <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2014/10/liturgy-wcommunion-for-october-19-2014.html>; <http://www.bruceprewer.com/DocA/58Sun29.htm>

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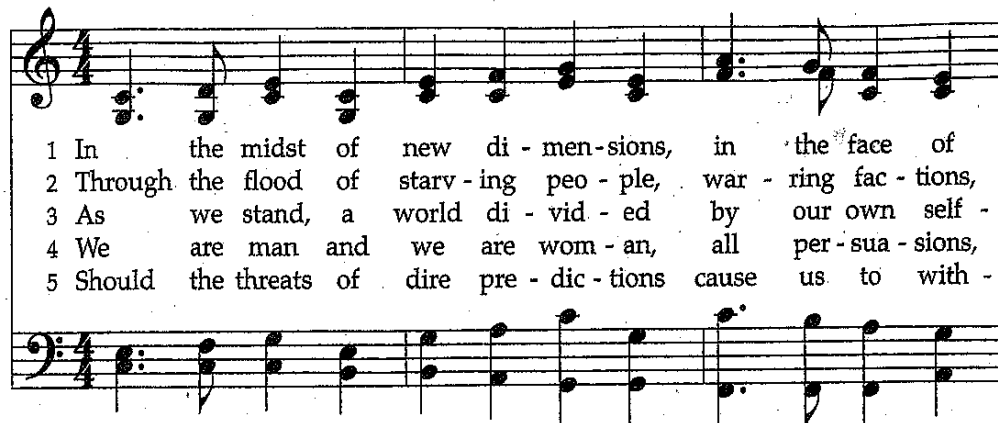
David Schneider/Rod Kirchmeyer – Audio/Video

Max Templeton – Stewardship Moment

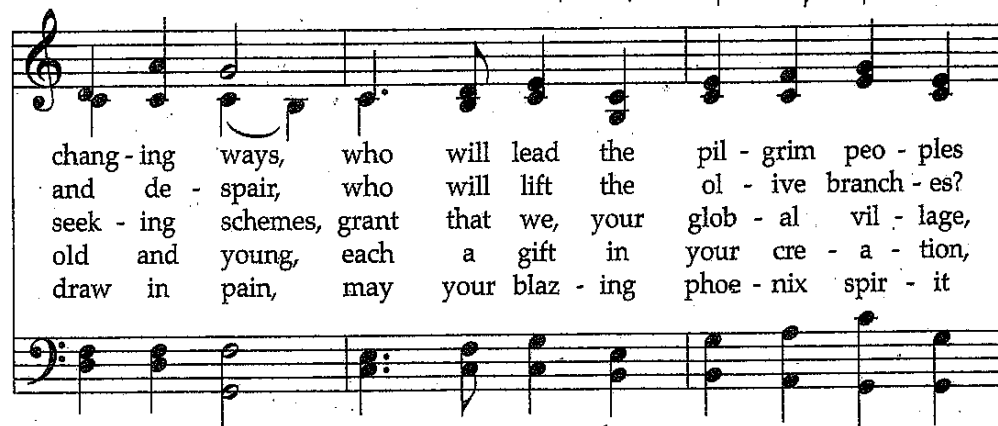
David Ziems – Guitar

Fellowship Time After Worship -- Following worship you are invited to join us for Fellowship Time online via Zoom. You may join with your computer using the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82650092437> OR you can join the conversation by phone simply by calling the following number 1-346-248-7799 and entering the Meeting ID (826 5009 2437) when prompted.

315 In the Midst of New Dimensions

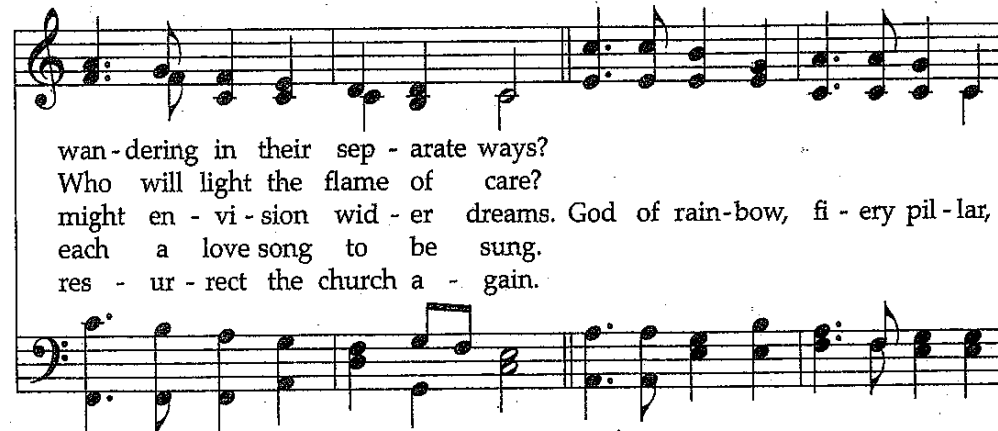


1 In the midst of new di - men - sions, in the face of
 2 Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ple, war - ring fac - tions,
 3 As we stand, a world di - vid - ed by our own self -
 4 We are man and we are wom - an, all per - sua - sions,
 5 Should the threats of dire pre - dic - tions cause us to with -

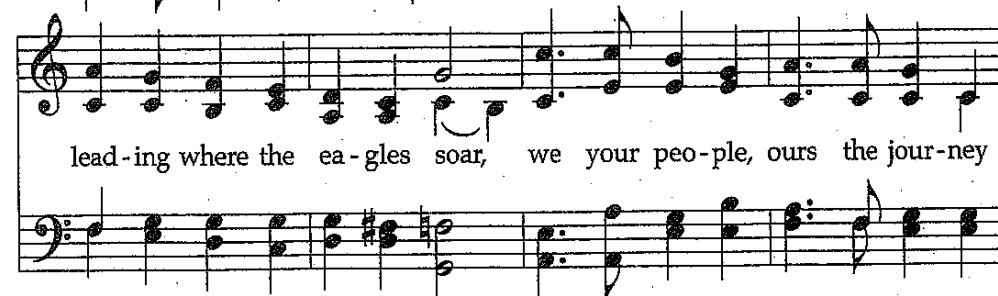


chang - ing ways, who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples
 and de - spair, who will lift the ol - ive branch - es?
 seek - ing schemes, grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage,
 old and young, each a gift in your cre - a - tion,
 draw in pain, may your blaz - ing phoe - nix spir - it

Refrain



wan - dering in their sep - arate ways?
 Who will light the flame of care?
 might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams. God of rain - bow, fi - ery pil - lar,
 each a love song to be sung.
 res - ur - rect the church a - gain.



lead - ing where the ea - gles soar, we your peo - ple, ours the jour - ney

In this simultaneously-created text and tune, the author/composer was seeking to incorporate imagery from both Native American and Hebrew spiritual traditions. Also included is the mythological phoenix, which had received a Christian interpretation as early as the first century.

THE CHURCH

now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'THE CHURCH'. It consists of two staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef, and the bottom staff is a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The lyrics are written below the vocal staff: 'now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.' The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

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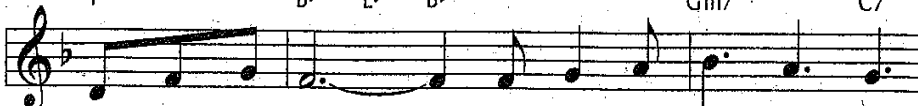
Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
B^b F B^b F B^b F Gm F



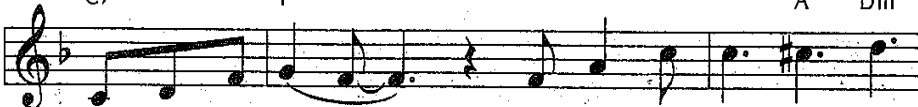
1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, ? with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7



and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, ? with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, ? with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F



As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

I Will Come to You

You Are Mine

Leader or All



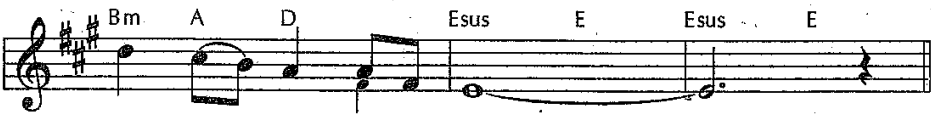
1 "I will come to you in the si - lence;
 2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less;
 3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom; I



I will lift you from all your fear.
 I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the
 heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
 am the peace the world can - not give.



You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice. Be
 shad - ows of the night, I will be your light.
 All the blind will see; the lame will all run free, and
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand

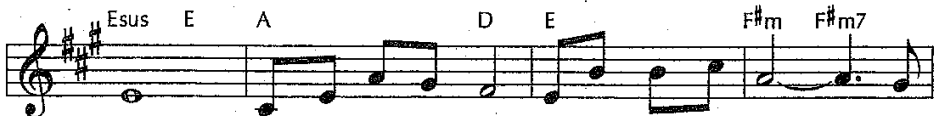


still and know I am here. (to stanza 2)
 Come and rest in me. (to Refrain)
 all will know my name. (to Refrain)
 up, now walk and live! (to Refrain)

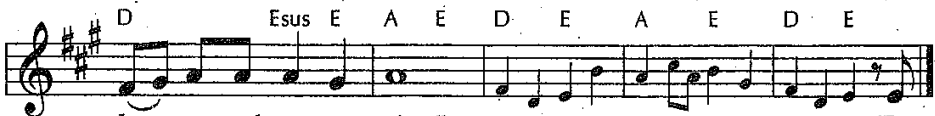
Refrain



Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine." 4 "I

Presuming to speak in the voice of God, as this song does, can only be done with integrity if the singers understand their words as an expression of what they believe about God's nature and God's intentions. It is an occasion for affirming faith, not for wishful thinking.

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Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart; give thanks to the Ho-ly One;

give thanks be-cause we're giv-en Je-sus Christ, the Son. Give

Son. And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the

poor say, "We are rich be-cause of what the Lord has done for

us!" And us!" Give thanks. Give thanks.

Drawing on language from 2 Corinthians 6:10 and 12:10 as well as Psalm 126:3, this short and repetitive song can be easily memorized. The simple vocabulary makes it suitable for multigenerational use, reminding all ages how gratitude for God's goodness changes our perspective.

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 MUSIC: Henry Smith, 1978
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GIVE THANKS
 Irregular

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.