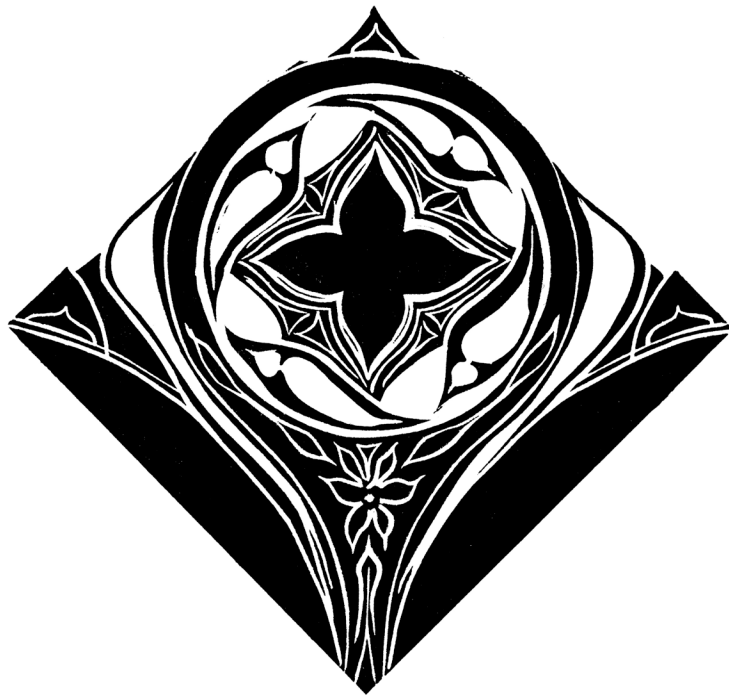


Presbyterian Church of
Western Springs

Sunday, August 14, 2022 | 9:30 A.M.

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Worshipping Together



Gathering Together in God's Name

Prelude

Ave Verum Corpus and Dona Nobis Pacem
Stephanie Coates, organ

by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Gathering & Greeting

Walt Kovalick

♦ Call to Worship

Welcome to a time of wonder

and music that calls us home.

Welcome to hear God's words that inspire and challenge

and to reminders that we are offered holy hospitality -

Hospitality that teaches us how to open our lives to others

leading us to fully live open minds, open hearts, open doors.

♦ Opening Hymn #5

God the Sculptor of the Mountains

JENNINGS-HOUSTON

♦ Call to Confession

♦ Prayer of Confession (silent confession followed by responsive prayer)

Merciful God, we find it hard to see in ourselves the trappings our society so admires and serves—power, wealth, and access that forget mutual love. We fail to see our allegiance to these dangerous gods—rushing for places of honor, scorning the humble and lowly, supporting systems that survive on greed and abuse. Forgive us when we are fearful that there is not enough. Remind us that you are enough. Teach us your generosity. Teach us your world-changing humility. Teach us your expansive love. Transform us and heal our lives. Amen.

♦ Assurance of Pardon

God's grace ensures a place for all at the table, God's grace heals our brokenness, God's grace transforms our fears into love.

Believe the good news, that in that grace, you are made whole. We Believe! Amen.

♦ Gloria Patri

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son; and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

♦ Indicates congregation standing, if able.

♦ Passing of the Peace of Christ

Time with Children & The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Lesley

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.

Song of Preparation #405

Praise God for This Holy Ground (vs. 2)

HEYMONYSTRAAT

Praise God in whose word we find food for body, soul, and mind.

Refrain:

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! God's goodness is eternal.

Proclaiming the Word of God

First Lesson

Psalm 112

Pew Bible, Old Testament, page 532

Special Music

How Great is Our God
Tricia & Jim Koning, soloists
Jim Koning, guitar

by Chris Tomlin

Second Lesson

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Pew Bible, New Testament, page 72

Sermon

A Place at the Table

The Rev. Lesley Weir

Responding to God's Word

♦ Hymn of Response #372

O for a World (vs. 1-4)

AZMON

*O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.*

*O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.*

*We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice
that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.*

*The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.*

Pastoral Prayer

Go in God's Name

♦ Sending Hymn #313

Lord, Make Us More Holy

LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY

♦ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace
Stephanie Coates, piano

by John Rutter

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God the Sculptor of the Mountains 5



1 God the scul - tor of the moun - tains, God the
 2 God the nui - sance of the Pha - raoh, God the
 3 God the dress - er of the vine - yard, God the
 4 God the un - ex - pect - ed in - fant, God the



mill - er of the sand, God the jewel - er of the
 cleav - er of the sea, God the pil - lar in the
 plant - er of the wheat, God the reap - er of the
 calm, de - ter - mined youth, God the ta - ble - turn - ing



heav - ens, God the pot - ter of the land:
 dark - ness, God the bea - con of the free:
 har - vest, God the source of all we eat:
 proph - et, God the res - ur - rect - ed truth:



you are womb of all cre - a - tion;
 you are fount of all de - liv - erance;
 you are host at ev - ery ta - ble;
 you are pres - ent ev - ery mo - ment;



we are form - less; shape us now.
 we are aim - less; lead us now.
 we are hun - gry; feed us now.
 we are search - ing; meet us now.

Despite the great sweep of these stanzas, each one ends by describing how our human condition needs God's help: formless, aimless, hungry, searching. Each of these adjectives is followed by a related three-syllable petition: shape us now, lead us now, feed us now, meet us now.

Glory Be to the Father

581

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

The first system of music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The vocal line begins with a dotted quarter note on G4, followed by quarter notes on A4, B-flat4, and C5. The accompaniment consists of a steady bass line of quarter notes: G2, F2, E2, D2, C2, B1, A1, G1.

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

The second system continues the melody. The vocal line has quarter notes on D5, E5, F5, and G5, followed by a half note on G5. The accompaniment features a mix of quarter and eighth notes, including a chromatic descent from G2 to F2.

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

The third system continues with quarter notes on A5, B5, and C6 in the vocal line. The accompaniment maintains a steady bass line with some chromatic movement.

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

The fourth system concludes the piece. The vocal line features a half note on D6, a quarter note on E6, and a final whole note on F6. The accompaniment ends with a final chord on G2.

Praise God for This Holy Ground 405

Capo 2: (D)

(G)

(A)

(Bm)



1 Praise God for this ho - ly ground,
 2 Praise God in whose word we find
 3 Praise God who through Christ makes known
 4 Praise God's Spir - it who be - friends,
 5 Though praise ends, praise is be - gun

(Em7)

(D/F#)

(Em7)

(Asus4) (A)



place and peo - ple, sight and sound.
 food for bod - y, soul, and mind.
 all are loved and called God's own.
 rais - es, hum - bles, breaks, and mends.
 where God's will is glad - ly done.

Refrain

(D)

(G)

(Em7)

(A)

(F#7)

(Bm)



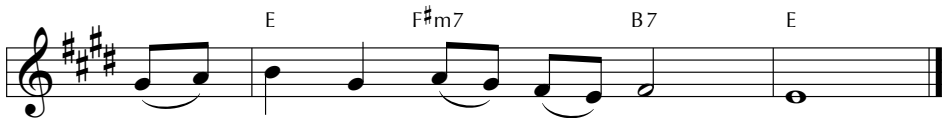
Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

(D)

(Em7)

(A7)

(D)



God's good - ness is e - ter - nal.

Although several passages in the Psalms come close to the wording of this refrain, none matches it exactly. The refrain serves as a summation of the stanzas, each of which is filled with multiple instances of God's providential mercy, and all of them are worth pondering.

O for a World

372



- 1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
- 2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
- 3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
- 4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.
- 5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,



where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.



Everything longed for in this text is a reminder of how far our present world is from what God wants. Yet this is not just wishful thinking; it is a call to action, a summons to participate in the fulfillment of God's desire for all earth's people to live in radical *shalom*.

313 Lord, Make Us More Holy

1 Lord, make us more ho - ly; Lord, make us more ho - ly;
 2 Lord, make us more lov - ing; Lord, make us more lov - ing;
 3 Lord, make us more pa - tient; Lord, make us more pa - tient;
 4 Lord, make us more faith - ful; Lord, make us more faith - ful;

Lord, make us more ho - ly, un - til we meet a - gain:
 Lord, make us more lov - ing, un - til we meet a - gain:
 Lord, make us more pa - tient, un - til we meet a - gain:
 Lord, make us more faith - ful, un - til we meet a - gain:

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, un - til we meet a - gain.
 lov - ing, lov - ing, lov - ing, un - til we meet a - gain.
 pa - tient, pa - tient, pa - tient, un - til we meet a - gain.
 faith - ful, faith - ful, faith - ful, un - til we meet a - gain.

Like many African American spirituals, this one creates a framework for almost endless expansion beyond the four stanzas given here. This sung prayer is notable as an affirmation of God's active care for the once-gathered community while dispersed and of hope to be reunited.