

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

November 22nd, 2020

Reign of Christ

MUSICAL PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP AND COUNTDOWN

MINI MOVIE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

PRELUDE Voluntary on "Engleberg"

Lloyd Larson

CHORAL INTROIT Ever Faithful, Ever Sure

John Antes

GREETING L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, God is seeking to gather us together.

Like a shepherd searching for lost sheep, God calls us.

Something or someone has summoned us here.

Dare we believe that God knows and welcomes us?

God reaches out to rescue all who have strayed.

Scattered, weak, and injured ones are drawn to God.

We come in need of healing, seeking a blessing.

Our faith draws us here in spite of our doubts.

Come, above all else, to worship and give thanks.

Make a joyful noise to the Creator of all worlds.

God's steadfast love becomes real to us here.

We are reminded of God's immeasurable greatness.

MORNING PRAYER (read by Lay Reader)

We come with gladness, loving God, drawn by our need and by a desire to praise you and

give thanks. Enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we may be full of hope. Enlarge the

circle of our concern that we may see the stranger as next of kin, the hungry person as

part of our own family, the one who is sick as a whole individual deserving of our care.

Grant us the presence of Christ that we may learn more fully to follow in the footsteps of

Jesus. Amen.

*HYMN Praise to the Lord Almighty

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

All-knowing God, you are aware of our comfort-seeking weakness. We ignore strangers in need as if they were no concern of ours. We resist programs that

might threaten our privileges. We do only enough good to keep us from feeling guilty. We give grudgingly of our time and resources, instead of overflowing with thanksgiving and joyous sharing. We treat the church as our possession rather than letting Christ rule as head of the body. O God, we pray we have not wandered beyond your reach. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

#805

SPECIAL MUSIC Now Thank We All Our God

Kristin Campbell

Molly & Sally MacGregor

CHILDREN'S CHAT Jackie Ranco

*HYMN For the Beauty of the Earth verses 1-4

#353

SCRIPTURE Psalm 100 (p.541); Ephesians 1:15-23 (p.1064) & Matthew 25:31-45 (p.904)

MESSAGE Andrew MacGregor

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *On insert*

PERIOD OF GUIDED PRAYER Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

OFFERINGS OF GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY To a Wild Rose

Edward MacDowell/Robert Lau

*DOXOLOGY

#809

*OFFERTORY PRAYER (unison)

God says, I will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep, between the sheep who respond to the needs of others with compassion, and the goats who pretend that everything is fine. God judges because God loves, and we are invited to share in loving acts that reveal God's care. God is good and is faithful in steadfast love to all generations.

*HYMN All Creatures of our God and King

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Go forth in faith, with love for all the saints.

Open your eyes to see the good in all you meet.

We believe that God is empowering our ministry.

God's love enables us to love even in difficult times.

Among God's gifts is a spirit of wisdom and revelation.

God grants insight and resources to be helpful to others.

Reaching out to people in need is a service to Christ.

We want to treat others as part of God's family.

We partake of eternal life through our caring.

We sense life's meaning in the midst of our sharing.

God's steadfast love inspires our risk-taking service.

God's faithfulness to us evokes our generosity. Amen

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION** Barocha

POSTLUDE Festive Voluntary on "Nettleton"

*Michael Card
Harrisburg/Lasky*

*All those who are able, please stand.

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
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Psalm 100

p.541

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Ephesians 1:15-23

p.1064

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance

among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Matthew 25:31-45

p.904

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was

it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'

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77 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Surely then you will find delight in the Almighty. Job 22:26

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might - y, the King of cre - a -
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly reign -
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de - fend
 4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore

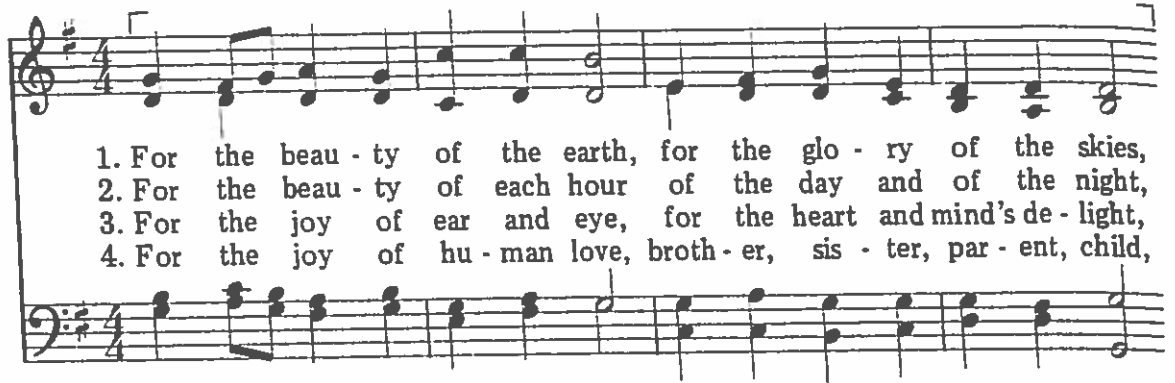
tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal -
 eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so gen - tly sus -
 thee, sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at -
 him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be -

va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 tend thee. Pon - der a - new what the Al -
 fore him! Let the A - men sound from his

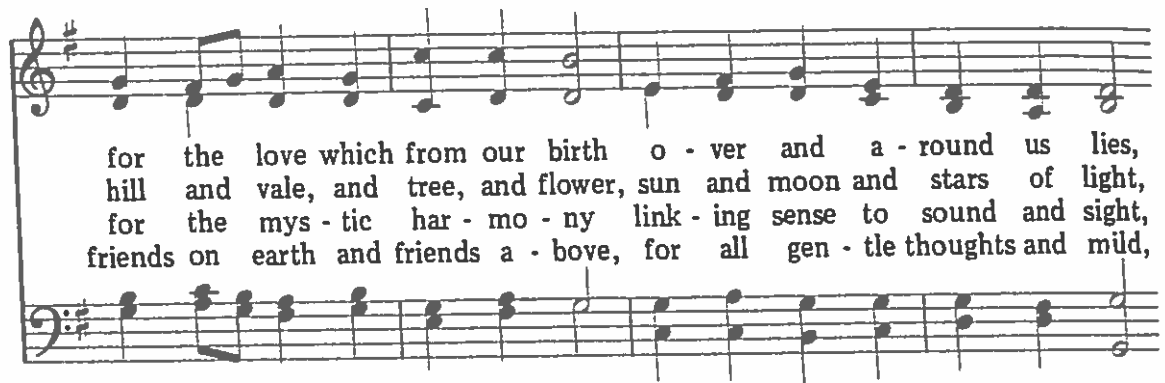
tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 might - y can do, if with his love he be - friend thee.
 peo - ple a - gain: glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him.

353 For the Beauty of the Earth

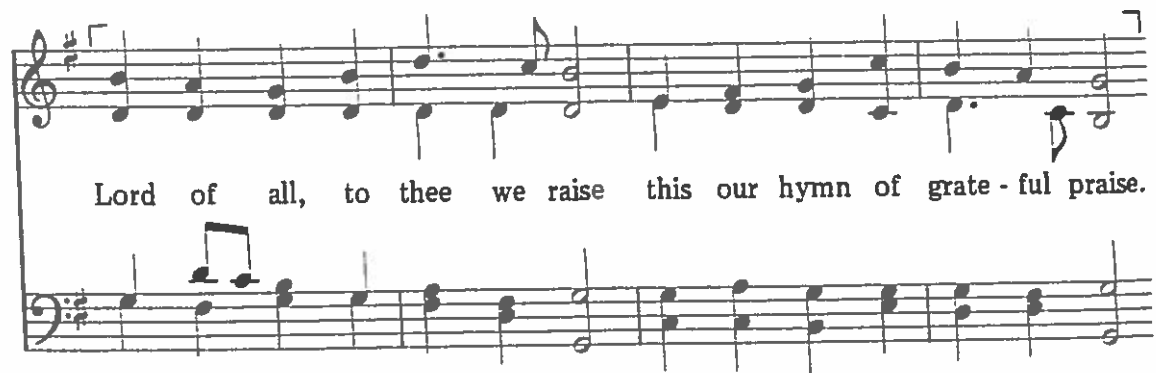
Every good and perfect gift is from above . . . Jas. 1:17



1. For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
2. For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4. For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,
hill and vale, and tree, and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight,
friends on earth and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

5. For the Church that evermore lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

6. For thyself, best gift divine, to the world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

All Creatures of Our God and King 356

All you have made will praise you, O Lord; your saints will extol you. Ps. 145:10

1. All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us
 2. Thou rush-ing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heaven a-
 3. Thou flow-ing wa-ter, pure and clear, make mu-sic for thy Lord to
 4. All ye who are of ten-der heart, for-giv-ing oth-ers, take your
 5. Let all things their Cre-a-tor bless, and wor-ship him in hum-ble

sing Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia! Thou burn-ing sun with gold-en
 long, O praise him, Al-le-lu-ia! Thou ris-ing morn in praise re-
 hear, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia! Thou fire so mas-ter-ful and
 part, sing his prais-es, Al-le-lu-ia! Ye who long pain and sor-row
 ness, O praise him, Al-le-lu-ia! Praise, praise the Fa-ther, praise the

beam, thou sil-ver moon with soft-er gleam, O praise him, O
 joice, ye lights of eve-ning, find a voice, O praise him, O
 bright, that giv-est us both warmth and light, O praise him, O
 bear, praise God and on him cast your care, O praise him, O
 Son, and praise the Spir-it, Three in One, O praise him, O

praise him, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia!

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