

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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The Order for Worship
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Preparation for Worship

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

-Presbyterian Service for the Lord's Day and Lectionary for the Christian Year (1964)

+ GATHER IN GOD'S NAME +

Prelude

Meditation on *Slane*

Michael Larkin

Greetings and Welcome

Call to Worship

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord,
And proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

Your steadfast love endures forever.
Your faithfulness is as high as the heavens.

Happy are those who sing your praise
And extol your righteousness all the day.



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins to God, whose lovingkindness endures forever.

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, you taught us to love you and our neighbor, but we have not lived in right relationship or walked in the light of your love. Forgive us for the wrongs we have done; we know that the wages of sin is death. Yet we trust in your gift of forgiveness, which is freedom and life in Christ.

[Time for Silence and Reflection]

Assurance of Pardon

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

Passing of the Peace

+ PROCLAIM THE WORD +

Sacred Space for Children with Song

Mary Donald

You Shall Go Out With Joy

S. Dauermann and S.G. Rubins

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace.
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the fields will clap,
will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands (clap clap).
The trees of the field will clap their hands (clap clap).
The trees of the field will clap their hands (clap clap) while you go out with joy.

Children's Recessional

Bunessan

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our King;
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

Prayer for Illumination

Loving God, as we hear your Word this day, send your Spirit to equip and inspire us, that your grace-filled hospitality may be the center of our lives. **Amen.**

Epistle Scripture

Romans 6:12-23

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

Anthem

Creating God

David Hurd
Choir Section Leaders

Creating God, your fingers trace the bold designs of farthest space;
let sun and moon and stars and light and what lies hidden praise your might.

Sustaining God, your hands uphold earth's mysteries known or yet untold;
let water's fragile blend with air, enabling life, proclaim your care.

Redeeming God, your arms embrace all now despised for creed or race;
let peace, descending like a dove, make known on earth your healing love.

In dwelling God, your gospel claims one family with a billion names;
let every life be touched by grace until we see you face to face. Hallelujah.

-Jeffrey Rowthorn

Sermon

The Reverend Travis B. Winckler

+ RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD +

Call to Commitment and Offering

Offertory

Ezekiel's Wheel

spiritual, arr. Philip Kern
Jackie Davis, soprano solo

Ezekiel saw the wheel way up in the middle of the air.
And the little wheel runs by faith and the big wheel runs by the grace of God.
A wheel in a wheel, way in the middle of the air.
Some go to church to sing and shout, before six months they're all turned out.
If you want to sing that holy song, you'll have to sing your whole life long.
There's a little wheel a-turnin' in my heart.
There's a little song a-singin' in my soul.
Ezekiel saw the wheel way up in the middle of the air.

***Doxology**

Da n'ase

Praise to God the Fa - ther; praise to God the Son; praise to God the
Spir - it: praise to the Three-in - One. Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on
high. Praise to God Al - might - y; praise to the Ho - ly One.

Prayers of the People

Hear us, O God...Your mercy is great.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

+ GO IN GOD'S NAME +

*Hymn #700

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

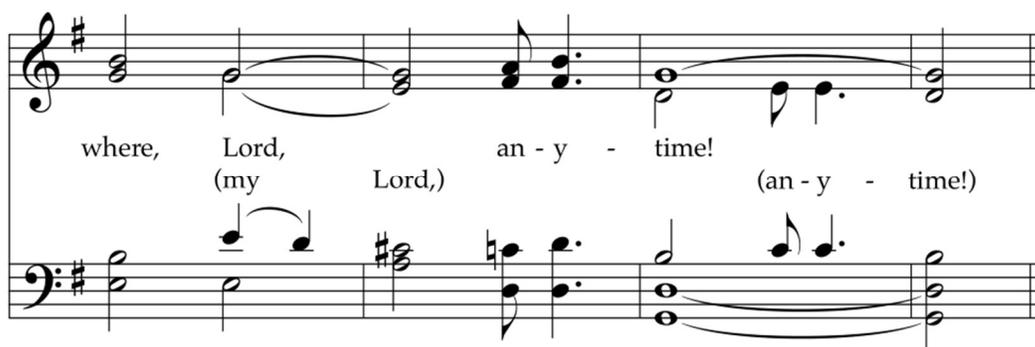
I'm Gonna Live

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
2 I'm gon-na work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!
(an - y - time!) I'm gon-na
I'm gon-na
I'm gon-na
I'm gon-na

live so (live so)
work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
pray so (pray so)
sing so (sing so)

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed between the staves. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn. The second system contains the chorus and a bridge. The third system contains the final line of the hymn.



Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Recessional on *Hyfrydol*

Alec Wyton

Today's Worship Participants

Pastor	Reverend Travis Winckler
Children's Music	Mary Donald
Choir Section Leaders	Derek Dahlke, Jackie Davis, Lori Hoffman
Percussion	Becky Bogar and Christine Peters
Organist/Pianist	Andrew Peters
Music Videographer	Christine Peters
Worship Video Editor	Andrew Peters

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Virtual Coffee Hour

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81009341942?pwd=ZmpaZmt5bXQ1WmRYcVNNUnFkdGxIU T09>

The meeting ID is 810 0934 1942 and the password is 473437.

To call in on a telephone, dial 312-626-6799.

An article from Reverend Dr. Barbara Willock, Parish Associate

Table Grace

God Sees

Gen 22:1-14 Ps 13 Rom 6:12-23 Matt 10:40-42

In the article prepared for last week was a discussion of the “sacrifice of Ishmael,” Abraham’s son by the Egyptian Hagar. The name Ishmael literally means, “God hears.” And we explored the ways hearing permeated the other lectionary texts. In this week’s Old Testament reading is the more familiar story of the “sacrifice of Isaac,” Abraham’s son by his wife Sarah. In this story, a ram is provided as a substitute for the boy Isaac. “Provide” is the NRSV translation of the Hebrew word to describe what God will do [Genesis 22:8] and then what God has done [Genesis 22:14]. But the word could be better translated “see,” as in “God will see to it,” the CEB translation. And at the end of the story, the meaning is further expanded to “God is seen.” The psalm which accompanies the Genesis reading speaks of trusting God’s steadfast love, *hesed* in Hebrew. *Hesed* is a love beyond our comprehension, a love of nurture and compassion and active seeking to be in right and good relationship. *Hesed* is one of the most basic understandings of who God is and what God is about in the Old Testament.

Though we are in the time of the year when the Old Testament reading is not tied to the epistle or gospel readings, again this week there are echoes of it, especially in the gospel reading from Matthew. Jesus speaks of being seen in others: when we welcome someone, we are welcoming Jesus. When we see ~ truly see ~ someone and recognize their need and address it, we are seeing Jesus and offering our gift to him.

In Genesis 22 it is God who “sees to it” to create relief for both Abraham and Isaac. In Matthew 10, Jesus is telling *us* to see to it ~ to truly see the others around us, to be both sensitive *and* responsive to their needs, to see Jesus in them.

This is one of the gifts we are given at the Table ~ to see Jesus and to see those with whom Jesus connects us, to see and embrace those with whom the Spirit unites us. At the Table we experience the *hesed* of God and are filled with the Spirit to share that *hesed* with all we meet. In our baptism we were brought from death to life and at the Table we are given the sustenance needed for a life of righteousness ~ the ability to truly see those around us and act rightly with them. And at the Table we are given the vision of the God who see us: we see the God who sees us.

Thanks be to the God who see us ~ and loves us more than we can ever imagine.

Shalom,

Barbara
Parish Associate for Worship