

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN SING 450–853

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

O God, sometimes the journey is too much; we can't go on, we are afraid of the unknown, and we complain that we are all alone. We think nobody cares, not even you. Our strength is gone, and we are ready to give up. In those times, when we are consumed with self-pity and convinced there is no hope, send your Spirit into our hearts to remind us of your sustaining grace. Open our eyes to recognize you leading in our lives—to listen for your gentle whisper when we least expect it. And then give us courage to step out in faith and obedience, trusting in your leading even when we cannot yet see the outcome.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE HYMN 155

Raise a Song of Gladness

JUBILATE DEO

Raise a song of glad-ness, peo-ple of the earth; Christ is here, bring-ing peace,
joy to ev-ery heart. Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, joy to ev-ery heart!
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, joy to ev-ery heart!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Following the Peace, children who are entering kindergarten through rising third graders are dismissed through the side door for Faith Formation activities. Rising 4th and 5th graders may join the group as assistants to the adult leaders or stay in worship, if they prefer.

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE IN MUSIC

It Is Enough from *Elijah*

Felix Mendelssohn

Jason Steigerwalt, soloist

It is enough! O Lord, now take away my life, for I am not better than my fathers!
I desire to live no longer: now let me die, for my days are but vanity.

I have been very jealous for the Lord God of Hosts, for the children of Israel have broken Thy covenant, and thrown down Thine altars, and slain all Thy prophets, slain them with the sword. And I, even I only am left: and they seek my life to take it away!

It is enough! O Lord, now take away my life, for I am not better than my fathers!
Now let me die, Lord, take away my life!

1 Kings 19

READING

1 Kings 19:1–15a

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Broom Tree

Rev. Dr. Stephen P. Eason

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison*

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the
Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the
third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from
thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

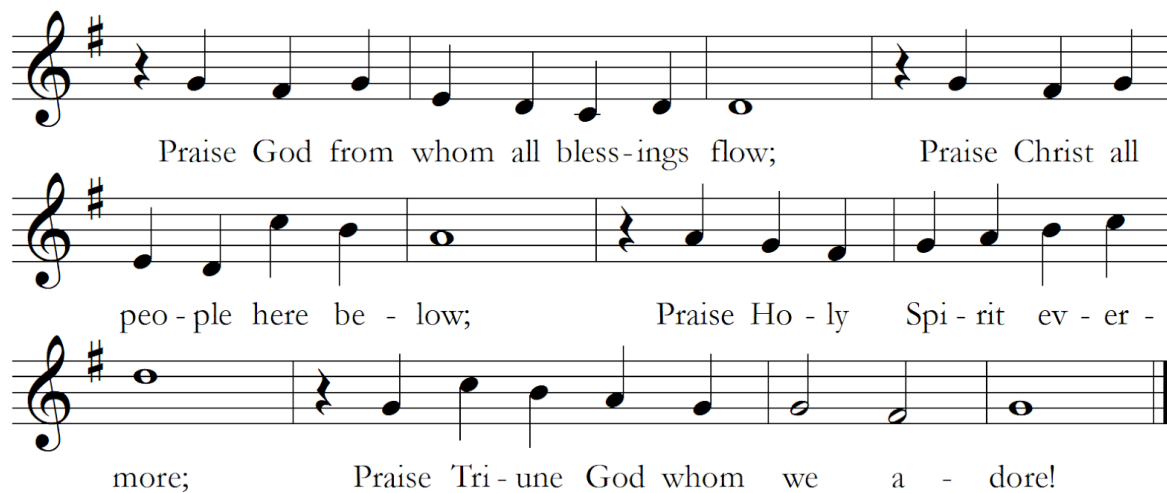
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OFFERTORY ANTHEM *How Lovely Are the Messengers* Felix Mendelssohn from *St. Paul*

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,
throughout all the lands their glad tidings.
Romans 10

*DOXOLOGY 608 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* PRAISE GOD (HOPSON)



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Christ all
peo - ple here be - low; Praise Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er -
more; Praise Tri - une God whom we a - dore!

SHARING GRACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *read in unison* *The Lord's Prayer*

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.**

The Sending

*HYMN 100

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Praeludium & Fugue in E-major

Vincent Lübeck

We are called to go out from our worship to share the grace of God with one another and the world.

You are welcome to remain seated for the postlude or exit quietly.

In Worship Today

RENEWAL PREACHING SERIES

The Renewal Preaching Series is an opportunity for us as a congregation to hear the Word proclaimed by a leading guest preacher from our Presbyterian tradition. This year, we are thrilled to welcome the Rev. Dr. Stephen P. Eason, who will preach at our service today. Following worship, there is a luncheon and presentation in Fellowship Hall entitled “What’s Changed?”, a conversation about the vast amount of change in and around the American Church and the nature of hope for us as people of faith.

Steve is a retired Presbyterian (U.S.A.) pastor, author, pastoral counselor, teacher and consultant. He graduated from Duke Divinity School in 1979 and has served churches of all sizes. He was Senior Pastor of Myers Park Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, from 2002–2015. His book, *Making Disciples, Making Leaders*, is used by many Presbyterian churches for officer training and leadership development. Steve and his wife, Catherine, have three grown children and six grandchildren and live in Brevard, NC.

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

Our life is in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. The Bible is the written witness to Jesus Christ, therefore it is "The Word of Life." Our lives are claimed by God through our baptism. It is God's seal on who we are as the children of God, therefore it is "The Font of Identity." The Table is the center of our home in the Body of Christ, the place where we are welcomed, renewed, and strengthened for the life to which we are called, therefore it is "The Table of Sustenance."

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Dr. Nick Ochs by Susan Ochs.

USHERS

Edie Wells, Nathan Dicken, Caroline Dicken, Brian Houghlin, Lisa Houghlin

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Stephen P. Eason, guest preacher

Rev. Steve Jester, Rev. Jordan Akin, & Rev. Rich Gianzero, liturgists

The Octet of the Sanctuary Choir; Jim Rittenhouse, Director; Samuel Libra, Organist

Evan Vivic, audio/video engineer; Elliott Nichols, Technology Coordinator.

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We Lift Up in Prayer

George and David Wombwell, Cecy Brewer, and their families, on the death of wife, mother, and sister, Edie, 8/9/2022.

Barbara Morrow and her family on the death of her husband, John, 7/29/22.

Mike Faurest and his family on the death of his mother, Ann, 7/18/22.

Carol McCarty and her family on the death of husband Arthur ("Mac"), 7/22/22.

Ken Fleming and his family on the death of his mother, Jo Ann Love Fleming,
7/4/22.

The family of Patricia "Patti" Strickler on her death, 7/3/22.

Isabella Bianconcini and her family on the death of her grandfather, Giampaolo, 7/3/22.

Ricky Case and his family on the death of his uncle, Bill Barnes, 7/2/22.

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687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)

1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are

hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that

storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 be thou our guard while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.

100 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you
 3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



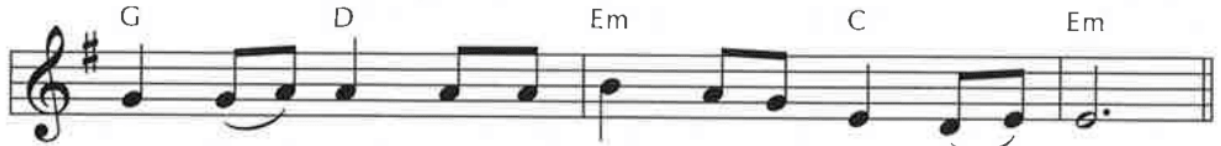
You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be

By employing an energetic Irish folk song for its melody, this ballad-like paraphrase of the *Magnificat*, Mary's song at her meeting with her relative Elizabeth (Luke 1:46-55), recaptures both the wonder and the faith of the young woman who first recognized what God was doing.

JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the



fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the



dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.