

Service for the Lord's Day

University Sunday

April 21, 2024

Westminster Presbyterian Church
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Welcome visitors, newcomers, and friends worshipping with us today! If you're interested in joining our church community, please speak to a pastor after worship or contact the church office, 434-293-3133. We hope you will worship with us again, whenever possible.

Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prelude

Pastorale (Ps. 23)

Percy Whitlock

Welcome

◆ Call to Worship

Our Good Shepherd has led us to this place.

God leads us beside still waters and restores our souls.

Even when we walk through dark valleys,

even when we are fearful and in need of comfort,

our cup overflows with God's goodness and mercy;

we shall dwell in the house of the Lord our whole lives long.

Let us worship God!

◆ Hymn 619

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

Call to Confession

1 John 3:20

If we are honest with ourselves, our hearts condemn us. Yet God, who knows everything, is greater than our hearts; and God's deep desire for us is mercy, love, and peace. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, have mercy on us.

We talk about love, but we do not live it consistently.

Sometimes we neglect those experiencing poverty.

Sometimes we fail to love one another as you have loved us.

Forgive us and abide in us by the power of your Spirit,

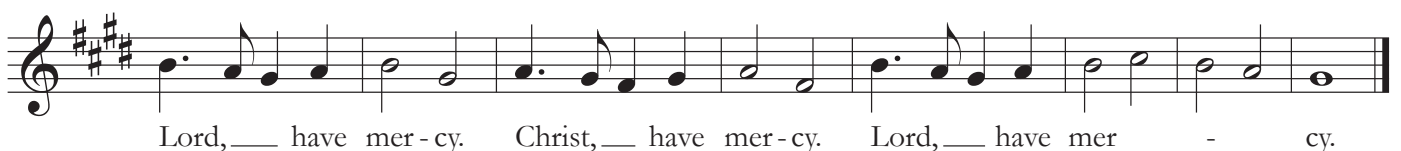
so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ,

in whose body we live and in whose name we pray.

Silent Prayers

Sung Response

Ukrainian chant



Assurance of Forgiveness

*Christ forgives. Christ transforms. Christ renews. Christ leads us down the path of new beginnings.
We are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace.*

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

◆ Sung Response

Glory to God hymnal 232

Hymns of praise now let us sing: Alleluia!

Unto Christ our heavenly king: Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave: Alleluia!

Sinners to redeem and save: Alleluia!

◆ Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

God's Word to Us

A Time with Children and Youth

Young children are invited to depart to the education building for a time of unstructured play.

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter

Psalm 23

OT p. 474

Anthem

The Good Shepherd

Zebulon Highben

My sheep hear my voice and they follow me;

I know them; I give them eternal life.

My Shepherd, you supply my need; most holy is your name.

In pastures green you make me feed beside the living stream.

You bring my wandering spirit back when I forsake your ways,

And lead me, for your mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

Epistle Reading

1 John 3:16-24

NT p. 226

Reflection

Sarah Child

Responding to God's Word

◆ Affirmation of Faith

from A Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.**

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor

and release to the captives,

teaching by word and deed

and blessing the children,

healing the sick

and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts,

forgiving sinners,

and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

- ◆ Hymn 803 **My Shepherd Will Supply My Need** RESIGNATION

Recognition of Graduate: Sarah Child

Prayers of the Congregation and 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.**

Call for the Offering

Humbled by God's generosity, let us offer our gifts to God and Christ's church.

- Offertory *Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show* David Schelat

Text can be found at Glory to God hymnal no. 33.

Winston Barham and Dorothy Piatt-Esguerra, percussion

- ◆ Presentation of the Offering Glory to God 607

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

- ◆ Prayer of Dedication
**God, you meet our needs and transform us for service. Accept these gifts as signs of our
gratitude and our commitment to Christ's ministry. Amen.**

- ◆ Hymn 757 **Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples** KINGSFOLD

- ◆ Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Final* Denis Bédard

- ◆ Please stand, as you are able.

What's Happening *at Westminster*

Sunday, April 21

University Sunday

9:30 a.m. Church school hour

11 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary (livestream),

followed by a Town Hall Meeting (in person only)

Noon UKirk and 20/30/40 Crew Bagel Brunch at Common Grounds

Monday, April 22

6 p.m. Inter-religious Dialogue at St. Paul's Memorial Church

Thursday, April 25

7 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal in the Choir Room

Friday, April 26

Noon Memorial service for Art Keyser in the Sanctuary,

followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall

7:30 p.m. Organ Concert Series in the Sanctuary with Alex Johnson, Florence Jowers,

Jonathan Schakel and Jeremy Thompson

Saturday, April 27

10 a.m. Westminster Walkers

Sunday, April 28

9:30 a.m. Church school hour

11 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Noon UKirk and 20/30/40 Crew Bagel Brunch at Common Grounds

12:15 p.m. Singers rehearsal in the Choir Room

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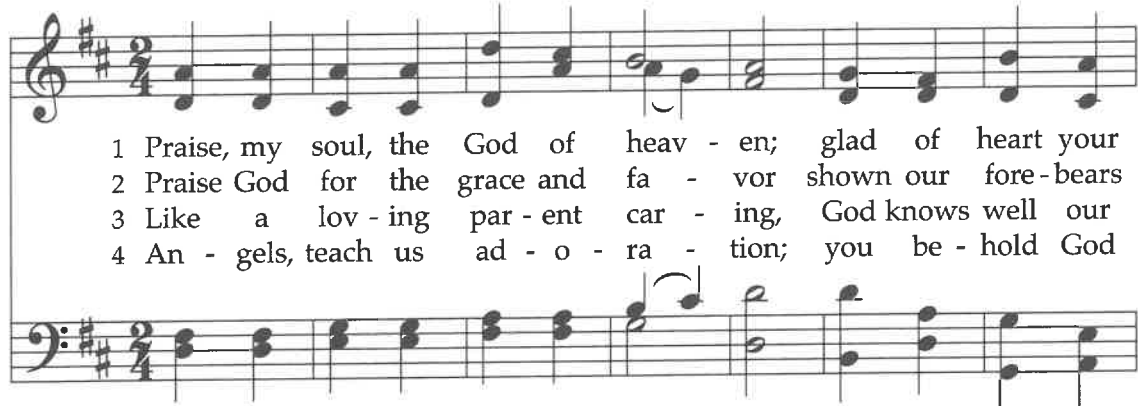
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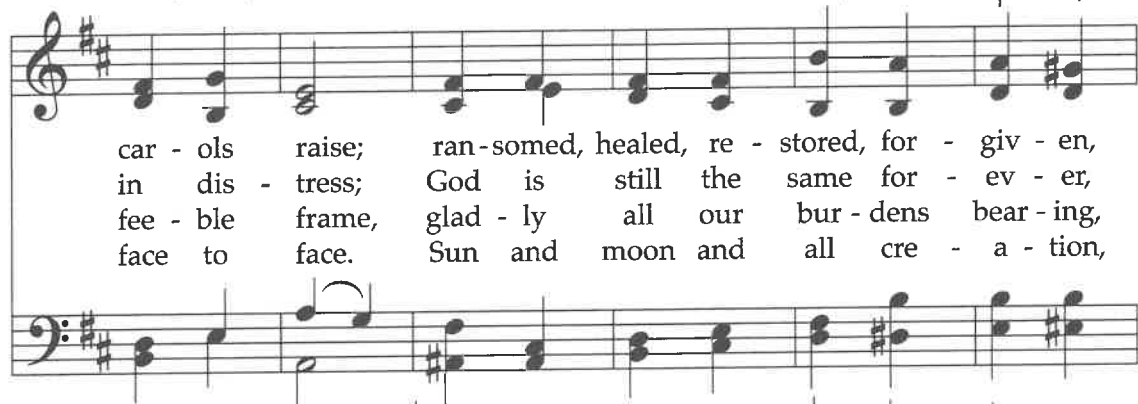


Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven 619

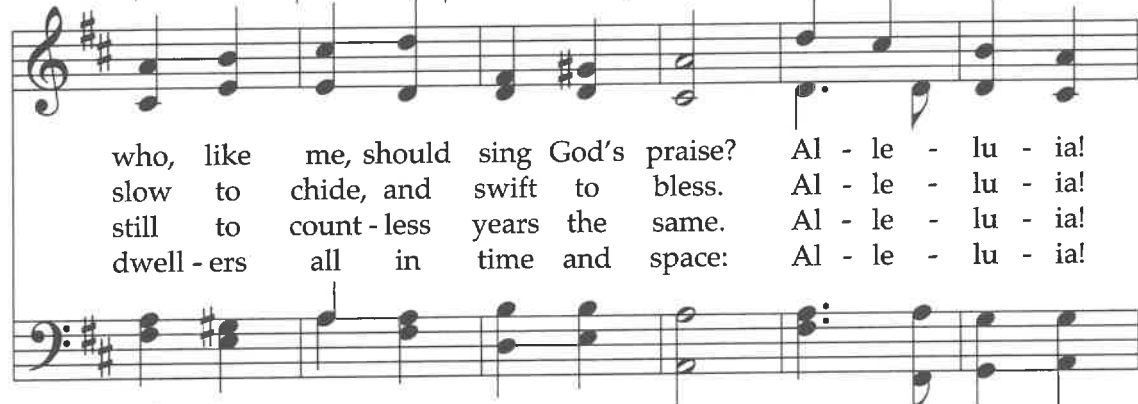
(Psalm 103)



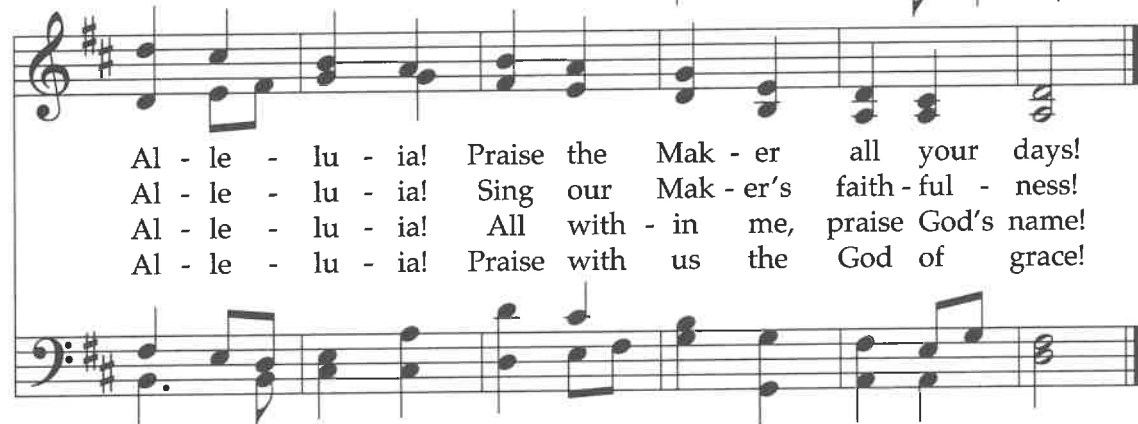
1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; glad of heart your
 2 Praise God for the grace and fa - vor shown our fore-bears
 3 Like a lov - ing par - ent car - ing, God knows well our
 4 An - gels, teach us ad - o - ra - tion; you be - hold God



car - ols raise; ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
 in dis - tress; God is still the same for - ev - er,
 fee - ble frame, glad - ly all our bur - dens bear - ing,
 face to face. Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion,



who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!
 slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!
 still to count - less years the same. Al - le - lu - ia!
 dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all your days!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing our Mak - er's faith - ful - ness!
 Al - le - lu - ia! All with - in me, praise God's name!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

This adaptation of an older paraphrase of Psalm 103 (see no. 620) is informed by an awareness that much of the received language of religious traditions enshrines social values that obscure the goodness of God, which far transcends all our labels and categories and hierarchies.

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need 803

(Psalm 23)



1 My shep-herd will sup - ply my need; Je - ho - vah is his name.
 2 When I walk through the shades of death your pres-ence is my stay;
 3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;



In pas - tures fresh he makes me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream.
 one word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.
 O may your house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise.



He brings my wan - dering spir - it back when I for - sake his ways,
 Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;
 There would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come;



and leads me, for his mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
 my cup with bless - ings o - ver - flows; your oil a - noints my head.
 no more a strang - er, or a guest, but like a child at home.



The effectiveness of this beloved paraphrase of Psalm 23 owes much to the flowing shape note melody that serves as a "living stream" to carry the text, which in turn has been given a remarkable clarity and lightness through the poet's masterful use of single-syllable words.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.

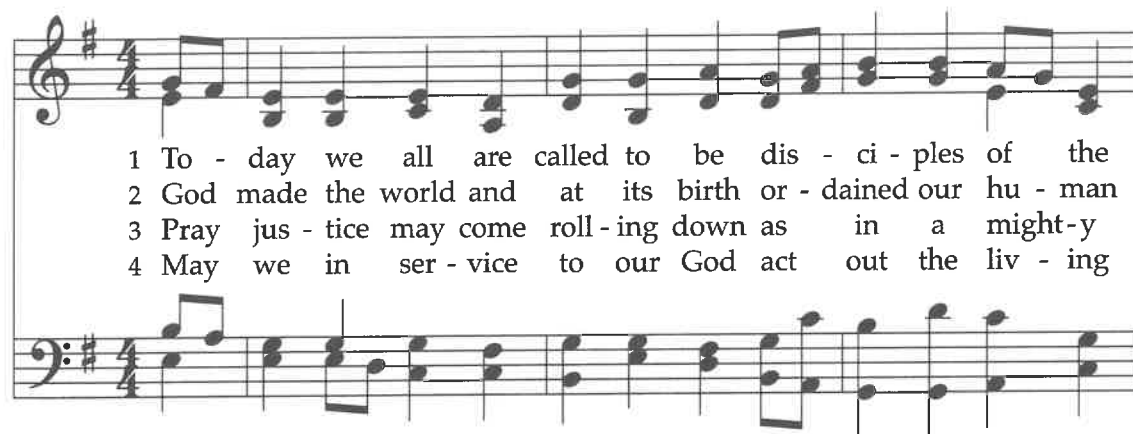
MUSIC: U.S.A. folk melody; Lewis's *Beauties of Harmony*, 1828; harm. Dale Grotenhuis, 1986
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RESIGNATION

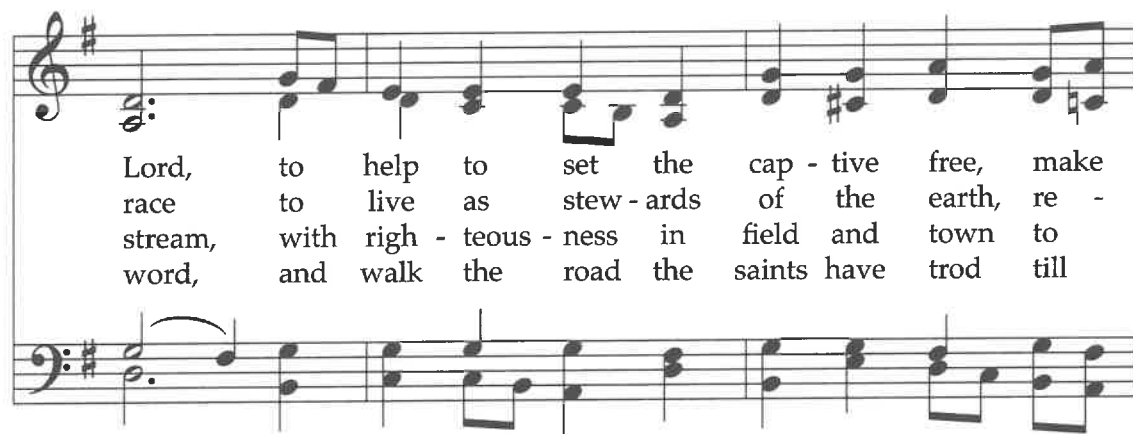
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(alternate harmonization, 74)

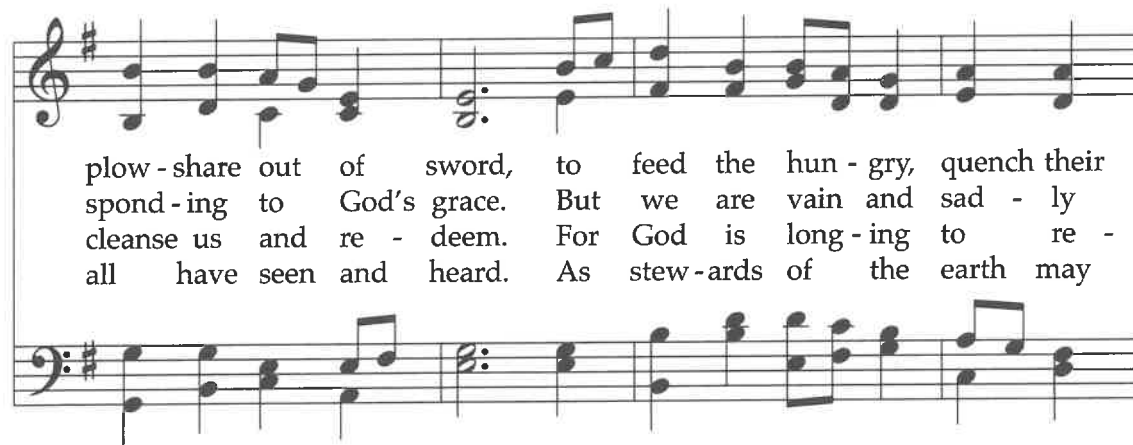
757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples



1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing



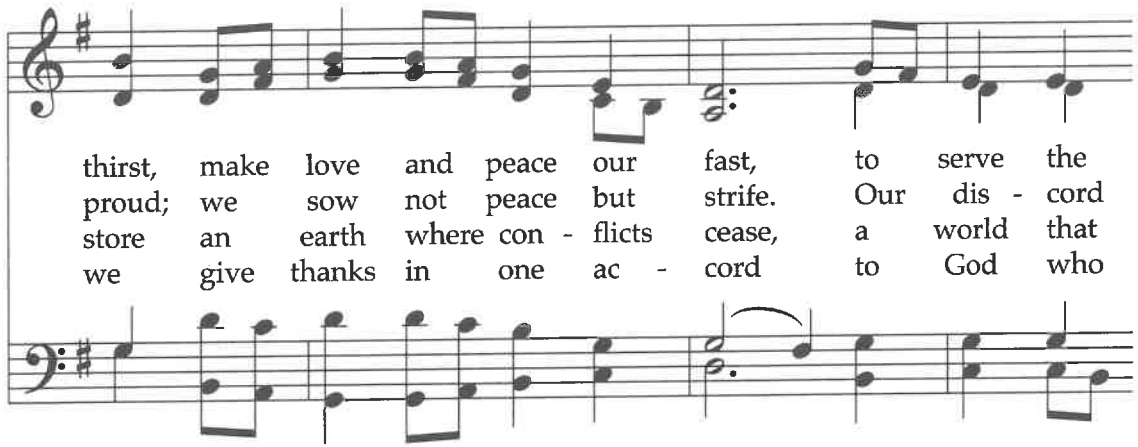
Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till



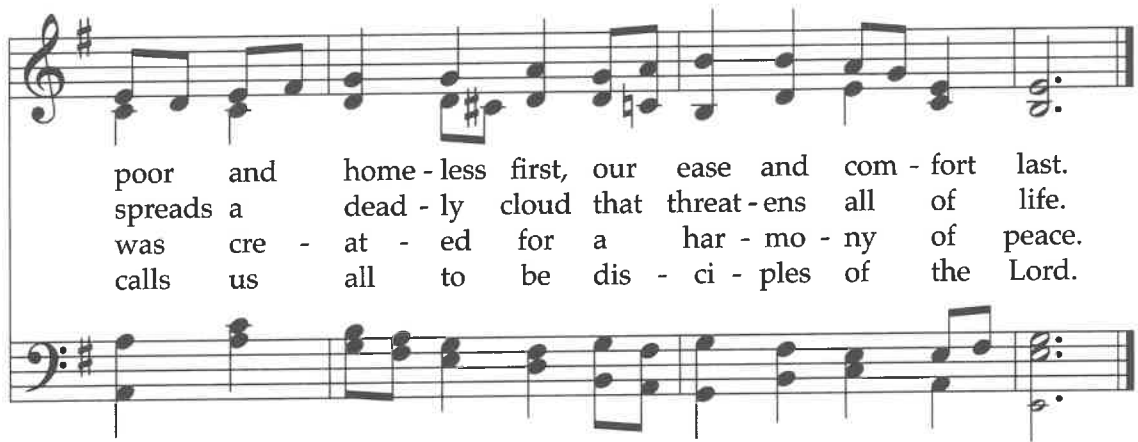
plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may

This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION



thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the
proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord
store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that
we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who



poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.
spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.
was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.
calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.