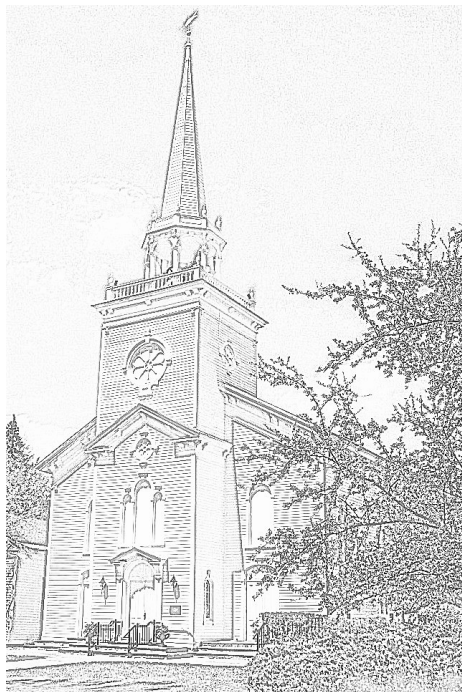


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



MEDITATION (in preparation for worship)

"Nothing that is worth doing can be achieved in our lifetime;
therefore we must be saved by hope."

Reinhold Niebuhr
in *The Irony of American History*

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of
things not seen" Hebrews 11:1 NRSV

"There are three kinds of patriots, two bad, one good. The bad are
the uncritical lovers and the loveless critics. Good patriots carry
on a lover's quarrel with their country." William Sloane Coffin
in *Credo*

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

—5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—

July 5, 2020

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

"O Word of God Incarnate"

Walther

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP: Isaiah 1:18-20 (Responsive)

One: Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though
your sins are like scarlet,

All: They shall be white as snow.

One: Though they are red like crimson,

All: They shall become like wool.

One: If you are willing and obedient,

All: You shall eat the good of the land;

One: But if you refuse and rebel,

All: You shall be devoured by the sword;

One: For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

* HYMN

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CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth
is not in us. If, however, we confess our sin, God is merciful and
just, and may be trusted to forgive us and cleanse us from every
kind of wrong. Let us admit our sins before God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Compassionate God: you have led us to this land and, out of
conflict, created in us a love of peace and liberty. We have
failed you by neglecting rights and restricting
freedoms. Forgive pride that overlooks national wrong or
justifies injustice. Forgive divisions caused by prejudice and
greed. Have mercy on the heart of this land. Make us
compassionate, fair and helpful to each other. Raise up in us a
right kind of patriotism that sees and seeks this nation's
good...**

SILENT PRAYER

COLLECT: Hymn 564 v. 2 refrain

America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
confirm thy soul in self control, thy liberty in law!

ASSURANCE

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. When one is in Christ there is a new creation. The past is finished and gone. Behold, everything has become fresh and new.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel;

IN JESUS CHRIST, WE ARE FORGIVEN.

* **RESPONSE OF PRAISE:** Hymn 280 v.1

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch
like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.

MIDRASH ON GENESIS 1: Partners by Rabbi Marc Gellman

* **HYMN:** Called as Partners in Christ's Service 343

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 1:24-31

²⁴ And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

²⁷ So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." ²⁹ God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

A FEW WORDS ABOUT ABRAHAM LINCOLN

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

* **HYMN:** Lift Every Voice and Sing 563

* **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "Prelude and Fugue in C" J. S. Bach

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Stanzas 1-2, Gilbert Keith Chesterton, 1906

Stanza 2 alt. Jane Parker Huber, 1985

Stanza 3, Jane Parker Huber, 1985

Welsh folk melody

Evans' *Hymnau a Thonau*, 1865

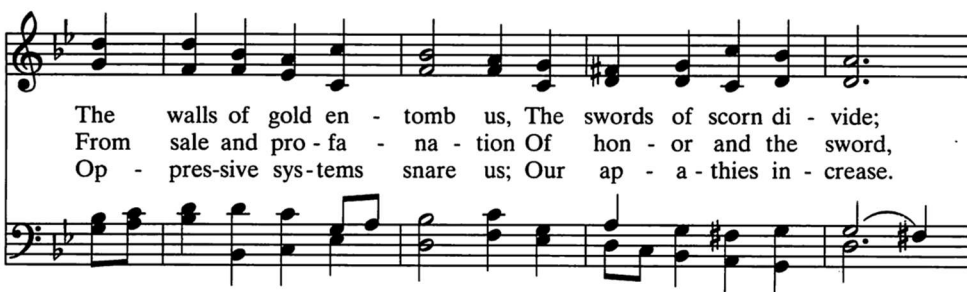
As in *English Hymnal*, 1906



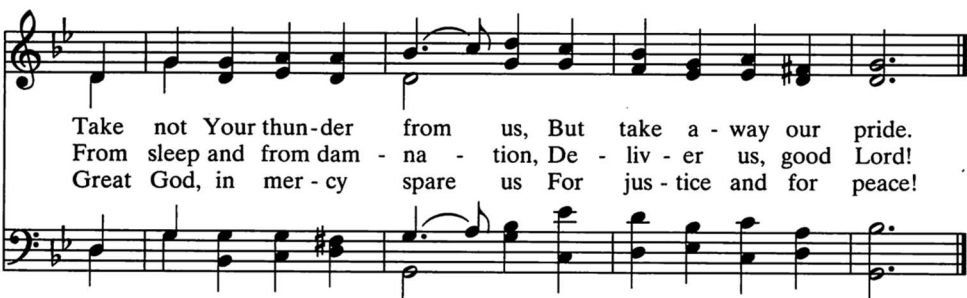
1. O God of earth and al - tar, Bow down and hear our cry;
2. From all that ter - ror teach - es, From lies of pen and voice,
3. A - wak - en us to ac - tion And forge us in - to one,



Our earth - ly rul - ers fal - ter, Our peo - ple drift and die;
From all the eas - y speech - es That make our hearts re - joice,
De - fy - ing sect and fac - tion; O God, Your will be done!



The walls of gold en - tomb us, The swords of scorn di - vide;
From sale and pro - fa - na - tion Of hon - or and the sword,
Op - pres - sive sys - tems snare us; Our ap - a - thies in - crease.



Take not Your thun - der from us, But take a - way our pride.
From sleep and from dam - na - tion, De - liv - er us, good Lord!
Great God, in mer - cy spare us For jus - tice and for peace!

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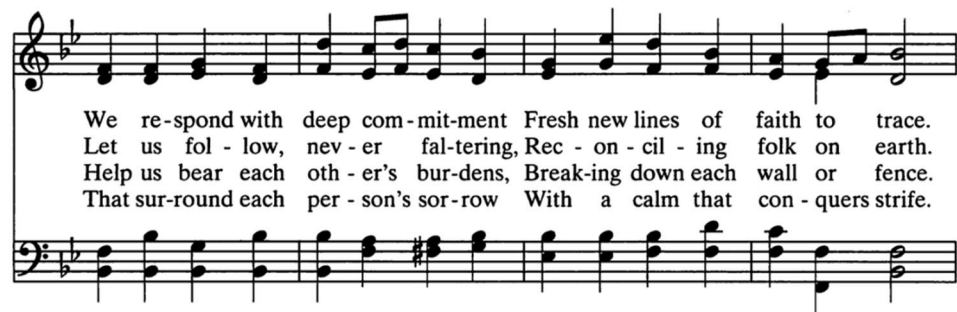
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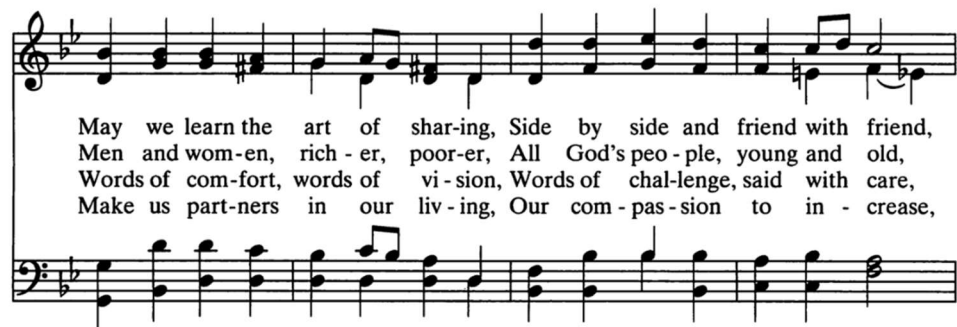
John Zundel, 1870



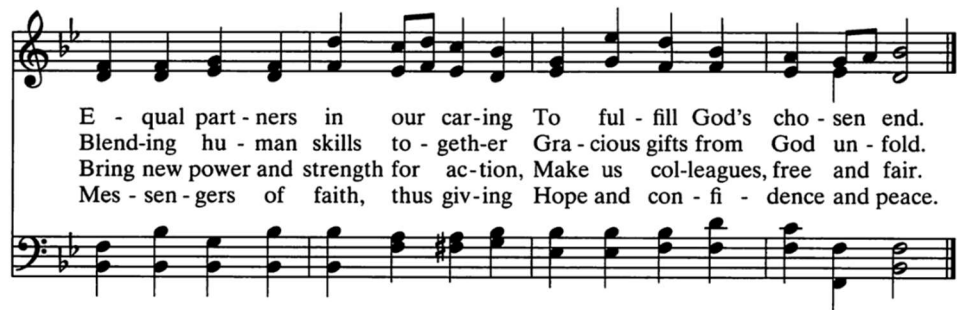
1. Called as part - ners in Christ's ser - vice, Called to min - is - tries of grace,
2. Christ's ex - am - ple, Christ's in - spir - ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
3. Thus new pat - terns for Christ's mis - sion, In a small or glob - al sense,
4. So God grant us for to - mor - row Ways to or - der hu - man life



We re - spond with deep com - mit - ment Fresh new lines of faith to trace.
Let us fol - low, nev - er fal - tering, Rec - on - cil - ing folk on earth.
Help us bear each oth - er's bur - dens, Break - ing down each wall or fence.
That sur - round each per - son's sor - row With a calm that con - quers strife.



May we learn the art of shar - ing, Side by side and friend with friend,
Men and wom - en, rich - er, poor - er, All God's peo - ple, young and old,
Words of com - fort, words of vi - sion, Words of chal - lenge, said with care,
Make us part - ners in our liv - ing, Our com - pas - sion to in - crease,



E - qual part - ners in our car - ing To ful - fill God's cho - sen end.
Blend - ing hu - man skills to - geth - er Gra - cious gifts from God un - fold.
Bring new power and strength for ac - tion, Make us col - leagues, free and fair.
Mes - sen - gers of faith, thus giv - ing Hope and con - fi - dence and peace.

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Lift Every Voice and Sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE Irregular

James Weldon Johnson, 1921

J. Rosamond Johnson, 1921

Introduction

1. Lift ev-ery
2. Ston-y the
3. God of our

voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring, Ring with the har - mo -
road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening rod, Felt in the days when
wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, Thou who hast brought us

nies of lib - er - ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the
hope un - born had died; Yet, with a stead - y beat, have not our
thus far on the way; Thou who hast by Thy might led us in -

lis - tening skies; Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
wea - ry feet Come to the place for which our *fa - thers sighed?
to the light; Keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

*Or "parents."

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Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met Thee;

Sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought
We have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get

us; Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -
tered, Out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at
Thee; Shad - owed be - neath Thy hand may we for - ev - er

gun, Let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.
last Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
stand, True to our God, true to our na - tive land.