

UPDATE FROM MISSION AND OUTREACH

PENTECOST OFFERING: This spring has been a time of uncertainty and difficulty for all of us, especially our children who are our greatest resource.

Help youth begin life with a solid foundation of faith.

Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. By receiving the Pentecost Offering, you are nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come: children, youth, and young adults.

The Pentecost Offering (April 13 – May 31, 2020) unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world.

(The above statement is from <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/pentecost/>)

While we are not yet able to be at Paxton, you can mail your Pentecost Offering to the church office. **Please include the below form with your check, or write the below information on a piece of paper to include with your check, or write your envelope number and 'Pentecost' on the memo line of your check.** Thank you.

Pentecost Offering Form (send this form along with your check)

Name: _____

Church envelope number: _____

Amount of Pentecost offering: _____

Paxton Presbyterian Church

Established 1732



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May 31, 2020 ~ Pentecost Sunday

Worship 10:00 AM

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

(Take time to prepare your heart to worship God.)

PRELUDE

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

MUSIC INTERLUDE

TO GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 42

As a deer longs for flowing streams,

So my soul longs for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for God,

for the waters of the living God.

* HYMN 81 “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples, creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Please pause for a moment of silent confession.)

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the Good News. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Praise God. Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

“ADOPT” A FAMILY WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We want our young children (Grade 5 and younger) to know that they are valued and remembered by church members outside of their family. If you would be interested in “adopting” a family and sending a card or cards to the young children in the family, please respond to the church office at office@paxtonchurch.org letting them know that you are interested.

If you have a young family in mind, just identify that family. If you do not have a family in mind, we can give you the information—names and ages of children, and address—that will allow you to make the connection. Thanks so much for considering this—children love to get mail, particularly during this time of isolation and we can create lasting connections within our church family.

298 “Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

Lord, you give the great commission:

“Heal the sick and preach the word.”

Lest the church neglect its mission,
and the gospel go unheard,

help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity:

With the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service:

“In my name baptize and teach.”

That the world may trust your promise,

Life abundant meant for each,

Give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community:

With the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you make the common holy:

“this, my body; this, my blood.”

Let us all, for earth’s true glory,

Daily lift life heaven-ward,

Asking that the world around us share your children’s liberty:

With the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you show us love’s true measure:

“Father, what they do, forgive.”

Yet we hoard as private treasure

All that you so freely give.

May your care and mercy lead us to a just society:

With the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you bless with words assuring:

“I am with you to the end.”

Faith and hope and love restoring,

May we serve as you intend,

And, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity:

With the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

TO CELEBRATE THE FAMILY OF FAITH

PASSING OF THE PEACE

MORNING PRAYER/LORD’S PRAYER

TO HEAR GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED

GOSPEL LESSON

John 7:37-39

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

THE STORY OF PENTECOST

Acts 2:1-21

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Rivers of Living Water”

Pastor Green

HYMN 375 “Shall We Gather at the River”

* APOSTLE’S CREED

TO OFFER OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

* DOXOLOGY

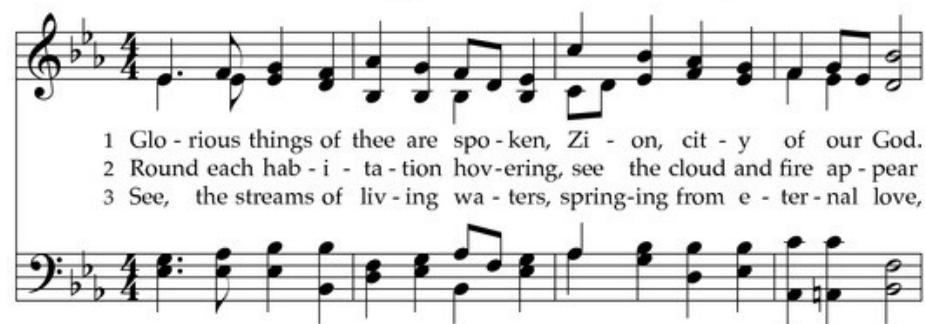
TO GO REJOICING IN GOD’S NAME

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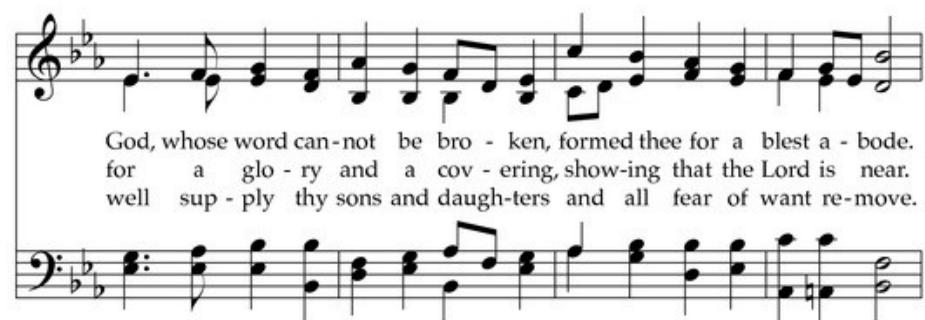
BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

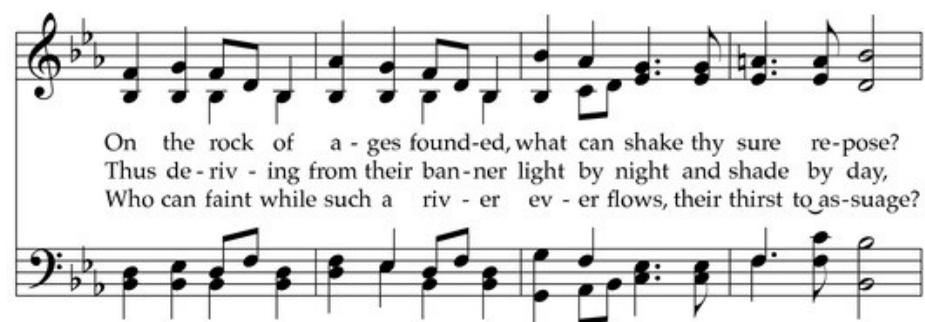
81 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken



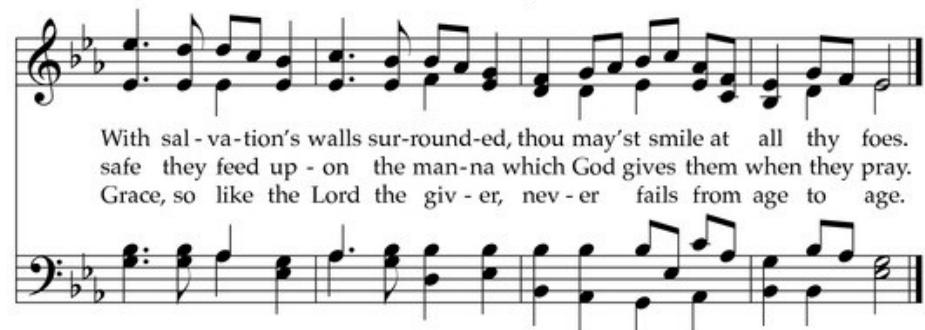
1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.
2 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
3 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,



God, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.
for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.

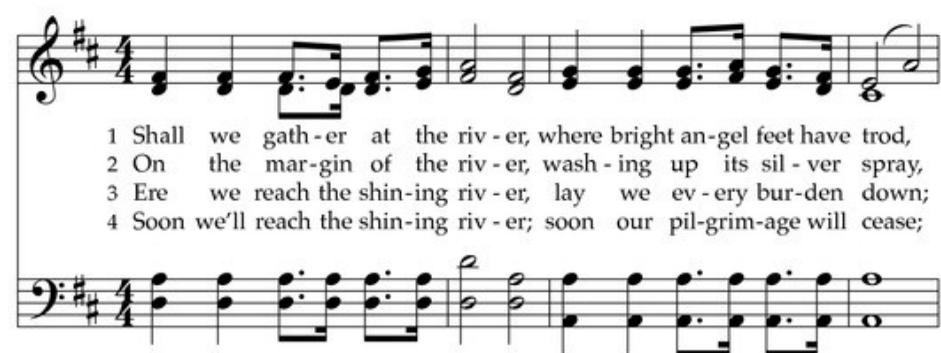


On the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows, their thirst to as - suage?

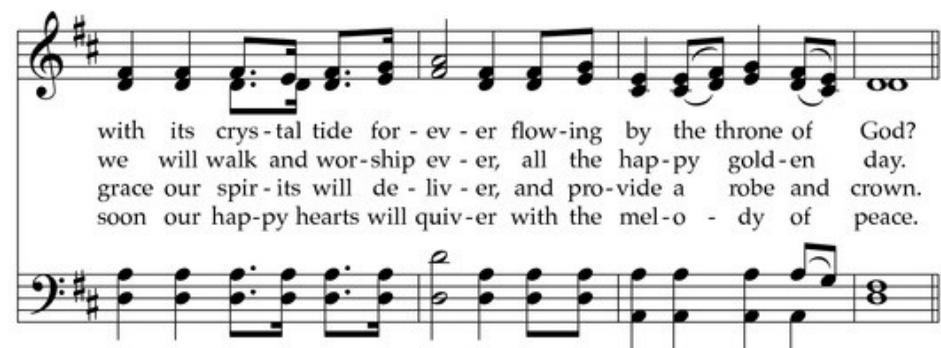


With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.
Grace, so like the Lord the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.

375 Shall We Gather at the River



1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - ery bur - den down;
4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er; soon our pil - grim - age will cease;

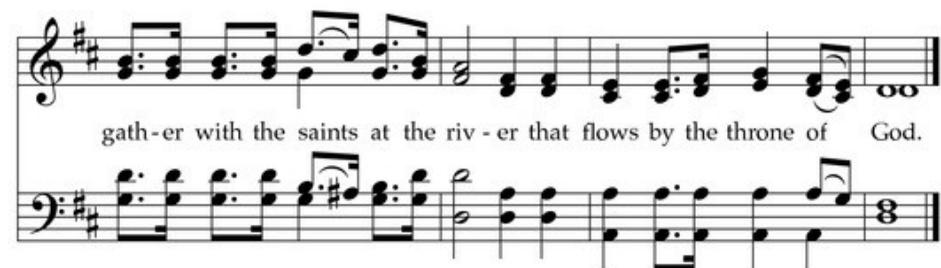


with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.