



Dear Paxton Family and Friends,

The Worship and Music Ministry, in cooperation with and support from Session, is *excited* to announce our outdoor Sunday evenings, "Prayers in the Woods" services, July 5 through August 30, at 6 PM (approximately 30 minutes in duration, **weather permitting*).

Our outdoor prayer services will allow us to *begin* gathering and worshipping in a safe manner. The outdoor services will be held in the grove outside of the choir room (same area as our summer concerts).

(Please note: our 10 AM Sunday morning livestream/online services will continue!)

In accordance with CDC guidelines, we ask that you:



- Bring a lawn chair and practice safe distancing. Family units are invited to sit together. Ushers will be on hand to guide and assist.
- Wear a mask when exiting your car and traveling to your seating area.
- Building access will be limited to the restroom in Fellowship Hall. Only one person (unless assistance is needed) will be permitted in the building at any given time. The restroom will be sanitized after each use.
- At the conclusion of the service, masks *should* be worn when returning to the parking lot.
- Baskets will be available for no contact offerings.

Please join us to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ as we worship in prayer and the study of God's word.

*Cancellations due to weather will be announced on Paxton's Facebook page and through church wide email.

Questions? Please contact Cindy Mory, W&M, Chair Email: cmory@comcast.net OR call 717-460-1142

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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

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith

and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.

Not by works, so that no one can boast.

For we God's handiwork

Created in Christ Jesus to do good works

Which God prepared in advance for us to do.

* HYMN 833 "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

O God of shalom, we have built up walls to protect ourselves from our enemies, but those walls also shut us off from receiving your love. Break down those walls. Help us to see that the way to your heart is through the reconciliation of our own hearts with our enemies. Bless them and us, that we may come to grow in love for each other and for you, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Time of silent reflection)

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

Praise God. Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

515 "I Come With Joy"

I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.

The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here,
alive among us here.

Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.

285 “Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”

Like the murmur of the dove’s song,
Like the challenge of her flight,
Like the vigor of the wind’s rush,
Like the new flame’s eager might:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

To the members of Christ’s body,
To the branches of the Vine,
To the church in faith assembled,
To our midst as gift and sign:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

With the healing of division,
With the ceaseless voice of prayer,
With the power to love and witness,
With the peace beyond compare:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

TO CELEBRATE THE FAMILY OF FAITH

PASSING OF THE PEACE

MORNING PRAYER/LORD’S PRAYER

TO HEAR GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED

FIRST LESSON

Romans 8:26-39

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew:13:31-33, 44-52

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“God Is Bigger Than the Boogie Man”

Shawn Gray

HYMN 285 “Like a Murmur of the Dove’s Song”

* APOSTLE’S CREED

TO SHARE THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD’S SUPPER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Holy God, we praise You. Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad. We bless You for creating the whole world, for Your promises to Your people Israel, and for Jesus Christ in whom Your fullness dwells. Born of Mary, He shares our life.

People: Eating with sinners, He welcomes us.

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go 833

Leader: Guiding His children, He leads us.

People: Visiting the sick, He heals us.

Leader: Dying on the cross, He saves us.

People: Risen from the dead, He gives new life.

Leader: Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name.

COMMUNION HYMN "We Gather Here" Tara Frank, Soloist

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

TO OFFER OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

* DOXOLOGY

* HYMN 515 "I Come With Joy"

TO GO REJOICING IN GOD'S NAME

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The musical score is written for voice and piano in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next four lines. The third system contains the final four lines. The fourth system is a concluding phrase. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1 O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my
2 O Light that fol-lowest all my way, I yield my
3 O Joy that seek-est me through pain, I can-not
4 O Cross that lift-est up my head, I dare not

wea-ry soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that
flick-ering torch to thee; my heart re-stores its bor-rowed ray, that
close my heart to thee; I trace the rain-bow through the rain, and
ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glo-ry dead, and

in thine o-cean depths its flow may rich-er, full-er be.
in thy sun-shine's blaze its day may bright-er, fair-er be.
feel the prom-ise is not vain that morn shall tear-less be.
from the ground there blos-soms red life that shall end-less be.

This intense hymn of commitment to God (addressed as Love, Light, and Joy) closes with an invocation of the ultimate testimony to those attributes (the Cross). The composer, a Scotsman, named this specially-composed tune for the 11th-century patroness of Scotland.