

Paxton Presbyterian Church

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August 30, 2020
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Come, Holy Spirit, come! Rain upon our dry and dusty lives. Wash away our sin and heal our wounded spirits. Kindle within us the fire of your love to burn away our apathy. With your warmth bend our rigid souls and guide our wandering feet. Amen.

* HYMN 49 "The God of Abraham Praise"

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain pre-occupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us. Remind us of the promises you make in our baptism that we may rise to new life, and live in grace. 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

826 "Lift High the Cross"

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
the Lamb victorious, Christ, the son of God. (Refrain)

All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died. (Refrain)

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
your death has brought us life eternally. (Refrain)

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory. (Refrain)

TO CELEBRATE THE FAMILY OF FAITH

PASSING OF THE PEACE

MORNING PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 3:1-15

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 16:21-28

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Road of Self-Denial"

Pastor Green

HYMN 828 "More Love to Thee, O Christ"

* APOSTLE'S CREED

TO OFFER OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

* DOXOLOGY

* HYMN 826 "Lift High the Cross"

TO GO REJOICING IN GOD'S NAME

CLOSING BLESSING

(from Patrick of Ireland, 389-461)

May the strength of God pilot us.

May the power of God preserve us.

May the wisdom of God instruct us.

May the way of God direct us.

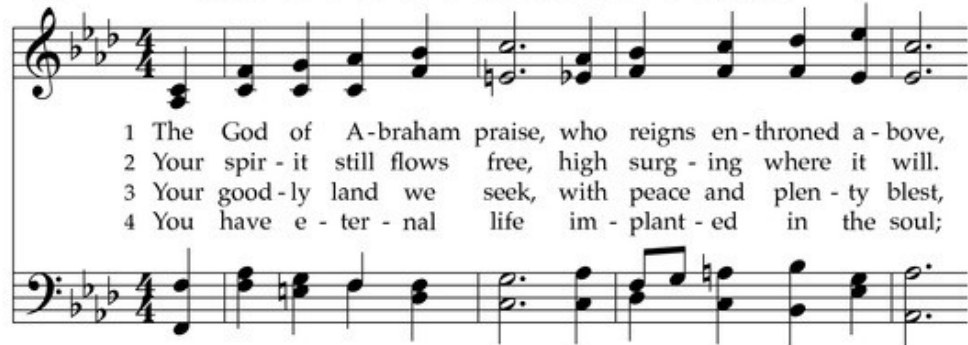
**May the host of God guard us against the snares of evil and the temptations of
the world.**

May Christ be with us, Christ in us, Christ over us.

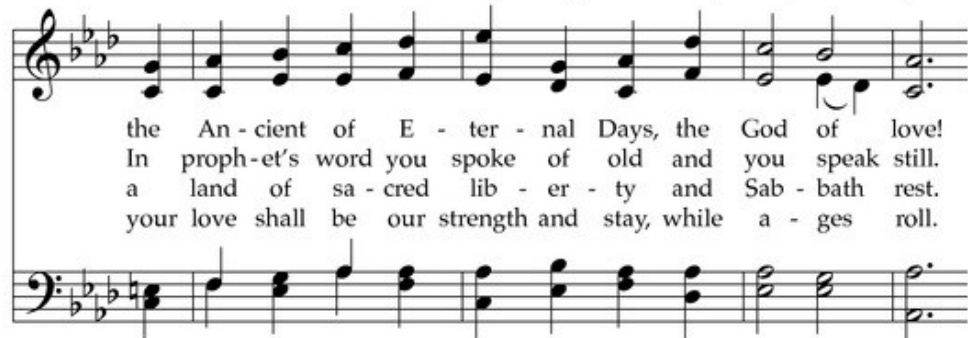
May your salvation, O Lord, be always ours this day and forevermore. Amen.

POSTLUDE

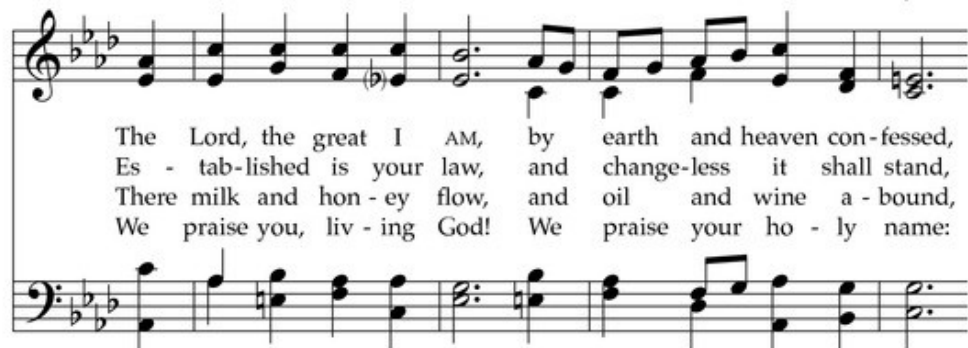
49 The God of Abraham Praise



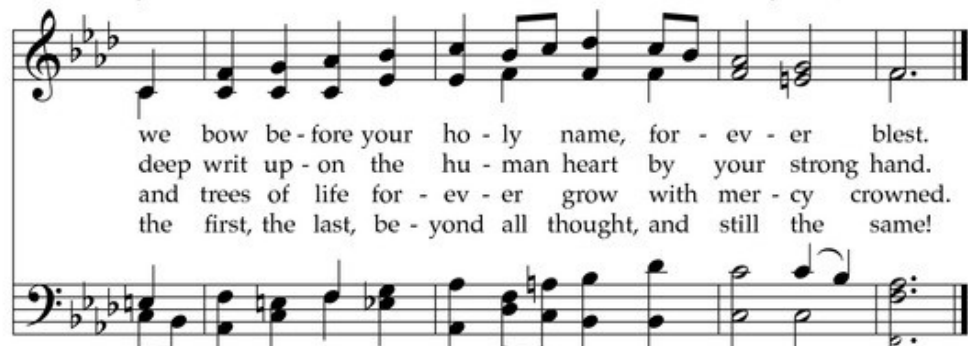
1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove,
2 Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will.
3 Your good - ly land we seek, with peace and plen - ty blest,
4 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;



the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love!
In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and Sab - bath rest.
your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.

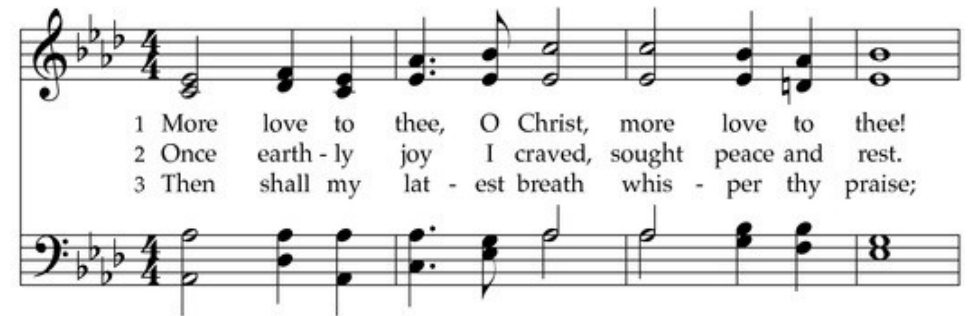


The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,
Es - tab-lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,
There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,
We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name:



we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.
deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.
and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.
the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!

828 More Love to Thee, O Christ



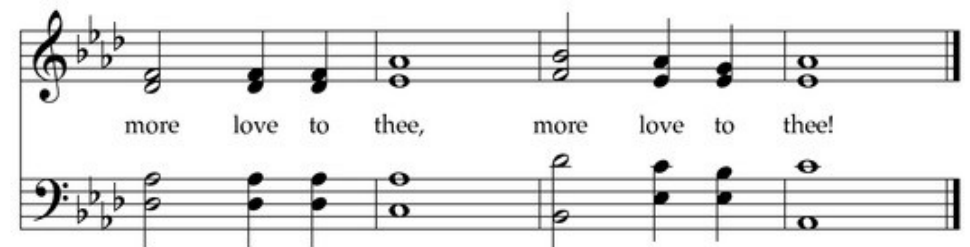
1 More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!
2 Once earth - ly joy I craved, sought peace and rest.
3 Then shall my lat - est breath whis - per thy praise;



Hear thou the prayer I make on bend - ed knee.
Now thee a - lone I seek; give what is best.
this be the part - ing cry my heart shall raise.



This is my ear - nest plea: more love, O Christ, to thee;
This all my prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to thee;
This still its prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to thee;



more love to thee, more love to thee!