



Paxton Presbyterian Church

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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

from Psalm 100:1, 2, 5

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing!

For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.

HYMN

BAPTISM

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475

1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. 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

TO CELEBRATE THE FAMILY OF FAITH

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

MORNING PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

FIRST LESSON

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Exodus 17:1-7

SPECIAL MUSIC

GOSPEL LESSON

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Matthew 21:23-32

SERMON

"Quarreling with God"

Pastor John Green

HYMN

175 Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
seek, and you shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

You shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Allelu, alleluia!

* APOSTLE'S CREED

TO OFFER OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

* DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ADORATION

630 Fairest Lord Jesus

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 3/2 time. The score consists of five systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains four verses of lyrics. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system continues the lyrics. The fourth system continues the lyrics. The fifth system concludes the piece with a final cadence.

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Rul - er of the

na - ture, O thou of God to earth come
wood - lands, robed in the bloom - ing garb of
moon - light, and all the twink - ling, star - ry
na - tions, Son of God and Son of

down, thee will I cher - ish, thee will I
spring. Je - sus is fair - er; Je - sus is
host. Je - sus shines bright - er; Je - sus shines
Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o -

hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.
ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

TO GO REJOICING IN GOD'S NAME

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“May the God of peace give you peace at all times in all ways.” - 2 Thessalonians 3:16

The Peace & Global Witness Special Offering enables the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) to promote the peace of Christ by addressing injustice in our own communities and around the world. A *Season of Peace* began Sunday, September 6th and goes through October 4th, World Wide Communion Sunday. There are three ways you can give:

Text PEACE to 20222 to give \$10

Donate online at <http://pcusa.org/peace-global>

Through our church: Send in your offering to the church or bring your offering to Pray in the Woods.

If writing a check place on the **memo line your church envelope number and Peace & Global Witness Offering.**

If you would like to use the Peace & Global Witness Offering envelopes, they are in the puzzle box and will also be on the offering table at Prayer in the Woods.

Thank you for your offering and peace be with you!

Worship & Music Update

As stated in an earlier newsletter, Session, along with the Task Force, has been working on a plan to reopen the sanctuary for in-person worship in a safe and responsible manner (CDC guidelines). We are offering multiple opportunities to join together in worship while accommodating the varying needs and circumstances of Paxton's members.

In addition to our ongoing Facebook Livestream service at 10:15 AM, we will begin offering in-person worship services (on a very limited basis) Sunday, October 11, 2020.

Individuals can worship in-person during the 10:15 AM Livestream Service or at our 2 PM Prayer Service. All worshipers will be required to RSVP each week on the Wednesday before the service. Attendance will be limited to **30** individuals per service.

A detailed letter to the congregation outlining our reopening plan as well as the procedures and expected safety standards every person must follow will be forthcoming.

CONCERT IN THE GROVE

Saturday, October 3

5:00-6:30

Diane Lewis and Steve Irvin

**Acoustic Duo playing folk,
blues and original music**



