



*“Give us this day our daily bread.”  
(Matt. 6:11)*

*“I appeal to you, brothers and sisters,  
to present your bodies as a living sacrifice,  
holy and acceptable, which is your spiritual  
worship.” (Rom. 12:1)*

**April 14, 2024, 9:00AM**  
*3rd Sunday of Easter*

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*In the spirit of Christ,  
to love, to nurture, and to serve  
one another, our communities and the world.*

Welcome to worship this Sunday! Wherever you are, God is present with you.  
Let us now move from getting where we are to being present where we are, as we worship God.

**PRELUDE**

arr. Margaret R. Tucker

*Shall We Gather at the River*  
Bells of Grace

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Jonas Hayes

\* Please rise in body or spirit

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Marcia Tyra

Leader: We are called to be God’s children.

**People: God’s love has been poured on us through Jesus Christ!**

Leader: Darkness cannot claim us!

**People: Fear cannot bind us!**

Leader: Come, let us raise our voices in prayer and in song.

**People: We worship God - body, mind, and spirit.**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow!**

**\* OPENING HYMN**

Hymnal No. 187

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

**1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;  
much we need your tender care.  
In your pleasant pastures feed us;  
for our use your fold prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
you have bought us: we are yours.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
you have bought us: we are yours.**

**2 We are yours: in love befriend us;  
be the guardian of our way.  
Keep your flock: from sin defend us;  
seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
hear your children when we pray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
hear your children when we pray.**

3 You have promised to receive us,  
poor and sinful though we be;  
you have mercy to relieve us,  
grace to cleanse, and power to free.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
early let us turn to you.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
early let us turn to you.

4 Early let us seek your favor;  
early let us do your will.  
Blessed Lord and only Savior,  
with your love our spirits fill.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
you have loved us; love us still.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
you have loved us; love us still.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Marcia Tyra

O God, we confess that sometimes we are too busy to:  
care for our bodies, develop our minds, or nurture our life with you.  
There have been times when we have failed to develop our gifts.  
We serve, but sometimes with resentment.  
Expecting too much of ourselves, we resent others who seem not to do their share.  
There have been times when we have turned our eyes away from images of those who  
have no bread. We have spent our money on things that do not satisfy,  
and ignore our hunger and thirst for you and your righteousness.  
Transform us by your Spirit, O God, and renew our minds.  
May we find the joy and peace that come from seeking your will, through Jesus, your  
faithful servant. AMEN

#### SILENT PRAYERS AND CONFESSIONS

##### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Neither this world nor your life is so broken that God cannot restore it, offering  
you joy, grace, peace, and forgiveness. Trust and believe that, after separation,  
reconciliation is possible. God does show us the way home.  
Friends, hear and believe the Good News!

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

Leader: Let us now greet one another with Christ's peace and compassion.  
Peace be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

##### \* SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE & COMPASSION

#### SONG OF ASSURANCE

Hymnal No. 468, vs. 1 & 2

*In My Life*

1 In my life, Lord,  
be glorified; be glorified.  
In my life, Lord,  
be glorified today.

2 In our song, Lord,  
be glorified; be glorified.  
In our song, Lord,  
be glorified today.

#### SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have  
from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify  
God in your body.

COME AS A CHILD

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CALL TO OFFERING

Jonas Hayes

OFFERTORY

Janet Linker

*“All Hail the Power”, quoting Bach’s Arioso  
Dolly Ickler, organ*

\* DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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ANTHEM

arr. Hal Hopson

*The Gift of Love*  
Bells of Grace & Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:6

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.”

SERMON

Jonas Hayes

*Come Hungry, Thirsty: Honoring God with Our Bodies*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Declaration of Faith of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

**Gathered around the Word and sacraments,  
those who confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior,  
together with their children,  
have formed a corporate, visible body  
in pilgrimage with God across the centuries.  
The church has sought to order its life and ministry  
in obedience to the teaching of the first apostles.  
It has attempted to carry out Christ's commission  
in various institutional forms and structures  
that demonstrate both continuity and change.  
We acknowledge that Christ chooses to be known in the world  
through this community of ordinary people,  
therefore we dare not despise or abandon the church.  
Christ is the head of the church,  
therefore we are responsible to Christ  
when we make policy and decisions in the church.  
Christ is the foundation of the church,  
therefore it will not fall despite our weakness.  
We are confident that the Lord of the church  
will judge and defeat our sinful intentions and actions,  
help us in our weakness and blindness,  
and use the church to accomplish his purposes.**

**DEDICATION OF OUR SHAPE OFFERINGS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

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**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**\* CLOSING HYMN**

Hymnal No. 697, vs. 1-3, 5, 6

*Take My Life*

**1 Take my life and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**2 Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee,  
swift and beautiful for thee.**

**3 Take my voice and let me sing  
always, only, for my King;  
take my lips and let them be  
filled with messages from thee,  
filled with messages from thee.**

**5 Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne,  
it shall be thy royal throne.**

**6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee,  
ever, only, all for thee.**

**\* CHARGE**

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**\* BENEDICTION**

Jonas Hayes

**\* RESPONSE**

Stan DeWitt

*Benediction*

**POSTLUDE**

Janet Linker

*Trumpet Tune and Toccata on “All Hail the Power”  
Dolly Ickler, organ*

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