

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Everything I (We) Have is Yours

Burton Lane

WELCOME

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise be to God the Creator,

who breathes life into being.

Praise be to God the Redeemer,

who saves us for greater purposes than ourselves.

Praise be to God the Sustainer,

who urges us on even when following Jesus requires difficulty and suffering.

Come, children of the Triune God,

come worship our wild and wonderful Maker.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving God, present and near. You are beyond our words and our understanding.

Help us to remember that you are at once infinite, boundless, timeless and eternal but, at the same time intimately entwined with our lives. You are with us no matter where we find ourselves.

Loving God, present and near, help us to recognize your presence and nearness with us as we worship together. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN 714

God of the Fertile Fields (verses 1, 2, and 3)

(see end of bulletin)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, in love you birthed us and for love you nourish us. With unconditional grace, you draw us into full faithfulness. And still, we hold back. We are reluctant to trust your love, deferring your forgiveness and neglecting your ways. Too often, we do the selfish thing, not the loving thing. We withhold love from one another, casting judgments rather than offering forgiveness and mercy.

Forgive us, O God, in your great mercy. May we so trust your love that it changes how we think, everything we hope, and all that we do, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

We continue with a moment for silent prayers and personal confession.

KYRIE 575

(see end of bulletin)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(from Romans 8, *The Message* translation)

Nothing can drive a wedge between us and Christ's love for us. Not trouble, not hard times, not hatred, not hunger, not homelessness, not bullying threats, not backstabbing, not even the worst sins listed in Scripture. Nothing can get between us and God's love because of the way that Jesus our Master has embraced us.

Thanks be to God!

GLORIA PATRI 581

(see end of bulletin)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

If there is darkness, God, shine light. Where there is confusion, God, bring clarity. When we are inattentive, God, focus our thoughts on your word, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING

Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us. May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

SECOND READING

Matthew 22.34-40

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

REFLECTION

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN 240

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks (verses 1 and 4)

(see end of bulletin)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL TO OFFERING

DOXOLOGY 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

(see end of bulletin)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN 713

Touch the Earth Lightly (verses 1 and 3)

(see end of bulletin)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

A Time for Love

Johnny Mandel

God of the Fertile Fields 714

1 God of the fer - tile fields, shap - er of
 2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
 3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
 4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the

earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
 trust from you all that you give; help us in
 serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
 Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our

boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
 love to share, teach us like you to care
 toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,
 lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.

that all in ev - ery land be clothed and fed.
 for peo - ple ev - ery - where, that all may live.
 no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
 Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

Greater awareness has enlarged Christian stewardship to develop new dimensions of concern for people in all parts of the world. Because we believe that it is God's will that the gifts we have received should be shared, this hymn concludes with that phrase from the Lord's Prayer.


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 MUSIC: Felice de Giardini, 1769, alt.
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ITALIAN HYMN
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Lord, Have Mercy upon Us 575

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm7)(Em) (C)


Fm Cm7 Fm D^b



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us; Christ, have mer - cy up -

(C) (B) (Cmaj7) (Em) (Bm7) (Em)

D^b C D^bmaj7 Fm Cm7 Fm



on us; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

KYRIE ELEISON (Pardini)

MUSIC: J. Christopher Pardini, 2005

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Glory Be to the Father

581

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

The first system of music is in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The vocal line begins with a half note G3, followed by quarter notes A3, Bb3, and C4. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady bass line of quarter notes: G2, F2, E2, D2, C2, Bb1, A1, G1.

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

The second system continues the melody. The vocal line has a half note G3, followed by quarter notes A3, Bb3, and C4. The piano accompaniment continues with quarter notes: G2, F2, E2, D2, C2, Bb1, A1, G1.

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

The third system continues the melody. The vocal line has a half note G3, followed by quarter notes A3, Bb3, and C4. The piano accompaniment continues with quarter notes: G2, F2, E2, D2, C2, Bb1, A1, G1.

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

The fourth system concludes the piece. The vocal line has a half note G3, followed by quarter notes A3, Bb3, and C4. The piano accompaniment continues with quarter notes: G2, F2, E2, D2, C2, Bb1, A1, G1. The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat sign.

240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

Refrain E C#m F#m B

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris - en Lord. Al - le -

al - le - lu - ia! Praise to his name.

E C#m F#m B E

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name.

E C#m F#m B

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.

- 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
- 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
- 4 Come let us praise the liv - ing God,

He is the King of cre - a - tion.

E C#m F#m B to Refrain

Je - sus has died and has ris - en.

Now we shall live for - ev - er.
joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

Now we shall live for - ev - er.

This text and tune were created together in the context of an ecumenical, charismatic, missionary Christian community in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Their energy and emphasis center in the opening and closing refrain's "Alleluia"—the essential Easter word of proclamation.

606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures
here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*Or "God"

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

OLD HUNDREDTH
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713 Touch the Earth Lightly

Capo 3: (G) (Dsus) (D) (Em) (Bsus) (Bm)
 B^b Fsus F Gm Dsus Dm

1 Touch the earth light - ly, use the earth gent - ly,
 2 We who en - dan - ger, who cre - ate hun - ger,
 3 Let there be green - ing, birth from the burn - ing,
 4 God of all liv - ing, God of all lov - ing,

(C) (D7) (G) (Am7) (Dsus) (D)
 E^b F7 B^b Cm7 Fsus F

nour - ish the life of the world in our care:
 a - gents of death for all crea - tures that live,
 wa - ter that bless - es and air that is sweet,
 God of the seed - ling, the snow, and the sun,

(G) (Dsus) (D) (Em) (Bsus) (Bm)
 B^b Fsus F Gm Dsus Dm

gift of great won - der, ours to sur - ren - der,
 we who would fos - ter clouds of di - sas - ter,
 health in God's gar - den, hope in God's chil - dren,
 teach us, de - flect us, Christ re - con - nect us,

(C) (G) (Em) (Am7) (D) (G) (G)
 E^b B^b Gm Cm7 F B^b B^b

trust for the chil - dren to - mor - row will bear.
 God of our plan - et, fore - stall and for - give!
 re - gen - er - a - tion that peace will com - plete.
 us - ing us gent - ly and mak - ing us one.