

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

5th Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

(As we prepare to worship, please silence all mobile devices.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mindy Douglas

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Amy Wilson

PRELUDE

Beside Still Waters

Dan Locklair

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Psalm 148*)

Mindy Douglas

Leader: Praise the Lord, all the earth!

People: **Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise the Lord in the heights.**

Leader: Praise the name of the Lord,
and the Lord's glory shall be praised,

People: **for people near and people far,
for people present and people to come,
for the young and those wise with age.**

All: **Come, let us praise the Lord;
come, let us worship God.**

***HYMN NO. 679**

Let the Whole Creation Cry

Salzburg

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

John Weicher

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Holy God,

**you command us to love one another,
yet we hold grudges and refuse to work for peace.**

**You command us to care for all of creation,
yet we neglect the earth and abuse nature through carelessness.**

**You command us to walk in the ways of Jesus,
yet we too often walk our own way.**

Forgive us, O God.

Guide us as we work toward a new heaven here on earth.

**Lead us to reconciliation and a vision for your beloved community,
as we share your love with your people everywhere.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Those who are able, please stand.

***SUMMARY OF THE LAW (Matthew 22:37-40)**

John Weicher

Leader: Our Lord Jesus said:

All: **You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your mind.**

Leader: This is the greatest and first commandment.
And a second law is like it:

All: **You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**

Leader: On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

John Weicher

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Seth Cowden

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **O God of promise,
your word made flesh in Jesus Christ
is trustworthy and true.
By the power of your Holy Spirit
may it rise up in us this day like a gift
from the spring of the water of life
to refresh our thirsty souls. Amen.**

GOSPEL READING

John 13:31-35

Seth Cowden

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

(Pew Bible, NT Page 108)

People: **Thanks be to God!**

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 11:1-18

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

(Pew Bible, NT Page 130)

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"God's Inclusive Love"

Mindy Douglas

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(from A Declaration of Faith)

John Weicher

Christ calls us to live for our neighbors.

Jesus broadened the definition of neighbor

to include those ordinarily despised and excluded.

His life in behalf of others led to persecution and death.

He commanded his disciples to live the same way.

We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives that recognize

all people in all cultures as our neighbors on this planet.

Christ teaches us to go beyond legal requirements in serving and helping our neighbor,

to treat our neighbor's needs as our own,

to care passionately for the other's good,

to share what we have.

It is part of our discipline to live in simplicity,
avoiding greed and luxury that threaten our neighbor's survival.
We are obligated to speak the truth in love,
to listen with patience and openness,
to love our enemies,
to accept the risk and pain which love involves.

***HYMN NO. 693** *Though I May Speak (The Gift of Love)* *Gift of Love*

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Mindy Douglas

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS John Weicher

Invitation to Give

Anthem *If Ye Love Me* Thomas Tallis

*If ye love me, keep my commandments.
And I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may 'bide with you forever;
E'en the sp'rit of truth. - John 14:15-17*

Prayer of Dedication (*in unison*)

**You bless us in so many ways
and with so many gifts, Loving God.
As we praise you,
may we offer our gifts
so those who have so little
may be fed, clothed, healed, restored, and graced.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS John Weicher

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER John Weicher

**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.**

***HYMN NO. 305** *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!* *Darwall's 148th*

***BENEDICTION** Mindy Douglas

***POSTLUDE** *Postlude* H. Schroeder

*Following worship today, please join members of the Capital Campaign Team in
Watts-Hill Hall for an overview of our proposed building expansion and renovation project
and to receive your campaign packet and pledge form.*



Welcome! Let us know you have joined us for worship by scanning this QR code.

First Presbyterian Church welcomes all who worship here. We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Christ. We welcome individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church. So that we may better know each other, please sign the ***Ritual of Friendship pad***, pass it along the center pew across to the shorter side pew, and then **return it to the starting point**, noting the names of those sitting near you.

Music Notes:

Special thanks to **Gordon Campbell** for serving as organist today while **Kathy Parkins** is away.

Dan Locklair's "*Beside Still Waters*" is a meditation on the 23rd Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

We hear it today as a sequel to Mitzi's sermon of last week. The tranquility and security to be found in green pastures, along the shores of still waters or in the sanctuary of music elude many of our siblings, both neighbors to us and in the far reaches of the world, whose lives have been shattered by the human-created violence of our societies. May these moments of peace for us during this service be a time of reflection on how each of us, both as individuals and as members of larger communities, enact violence upon others, whether by our overt actions or by the complicity of our inaction. Violence, domestic, local, or state-sponsored and sanctioned at national and international levels, is our very own, an intimate creation of ourselves. May God grant us the wisdom and fortitude to be Divine instruments, creating lives marked not by violence, but by peace and security worldwide.

The **flowers** are given to the glory of God by **Dan and Amy Mapel** on the occasion of their 30th wedding anniversary today.

Portions of today's liturgy come from *Call to Worship (Lectionary Aids for 2021-2022, Year C, Book of Common Worship (2018))* and *Feasting on the Word (Liturgies for Year C, Volume 1)*.

Our **Paschal Candle and stained Red Oak Stand** were given in memory of **Elder Ed Kwon** and originally dedicated on April 30, 2017. This candle stands as a visible sign of God's enduring presence in our beautiful century-old sanctuary. The lit candle represents the risen Christ's triumph over death to become the Light of the World. The beeswax candle is inscribed with a cross and an *alpha* and *omega*, symbols attesting to Christ's presence among us now and always. The candle is lit during Sunday worship services from Easter to Pentecost and at other special services during the year.

Many thanks to **John Fricks, Jody Maxwell, and Keith Rokoske** for their technical assistance with our live broadcasts of worship on Sunday mornings.

Hearing Assistance Receivers are available from the ushers. Before you leave the sanctuary, please turn off the receiver and place it in the specially marked receptacle or return it to an usher.

Restrooms are in the narthex (to the left and right as you exit the rear of the sanctuary), on the second floor of the education building, and on the first and second floors of the church house. There is an infant changing table in the narthex, located to the left as you exit the rear of the sanctuary.

Childcare: A staffed nursery and children's playroom are available on the second floor of the education building during worship. **Worship activity bags** are available in the foyer for children to use during worship. Books are on the pews in the narthex which young children can read and enjoy if they need to take a break from the worship service.

Large print worship bulletins (includes music) are available from the table as you enter the sanctuary from the foyer.

Our Concerns

Condolences: The love and concern of the congregation are extended to **Roxana Boyd** on the death of her uncle, **William Carter Mebane, III**, on May 4 in Wilmington NC.

Added this week:

Ellen O'Brien, mother-in-law of Mindy Douglas

Wes Carson is in rehab at The Forest at Duke Health Center.

Roger Kalthoff, husband of Jane Williams, at home under the care of hospice

Paul Cornsweet

Kerry Holbrook

Jancy Johnstone

George Kafula

Mitzi Lesher-Thomas

Katy Loebrich

Care Communities

Maxie Honeycutt is now a resident in the Assisted Living section of Hillcrest. Her new room number is 1511 and her telephone number is 919-627-6601.

Dubose Center at The Cedars, Chapel Hill: **Arthur Clark**

Durham Ridge Assisted Living: **Phillip Herndon**

Hillcrest Convalescent Center: **Julian Boswell**, **Walter Chambliss** (Will's dad), **Jim Wolfe**

Family and Friends of the Congregation

Bob Barton, father of Cheryl Barton Henry and father-in-law of Andy Henry

Greer & Jenn Brown, friends of Logan Tice

Nicky Clegg, granddaughter of Jeanne Hervey

Mimi Cummings, mother of Drew Cummings

Doc & Theresa Huntley, parents of Lesley Curtis

David Jackson, friend of Linda & Conrad Carter

Rosalind Mbugua, sister of Mercy Ndambiri-Curlett

Richard Smith, husband of Laura Casteel's co-worker

John Wakefield, cousin of Vernon Neece

Alice Weicher, mother of John Weicher

Chris Wood, stepfather of Sharon Hirsch

John Carter, brother of Conrad Carter

Tom Cotton, friend of Michael Honeycutt

Grace, Chris James' great-niece

Vivian Mast, friend of Josh Walters

Aaron Pritchard, friend of Kathy Parkins

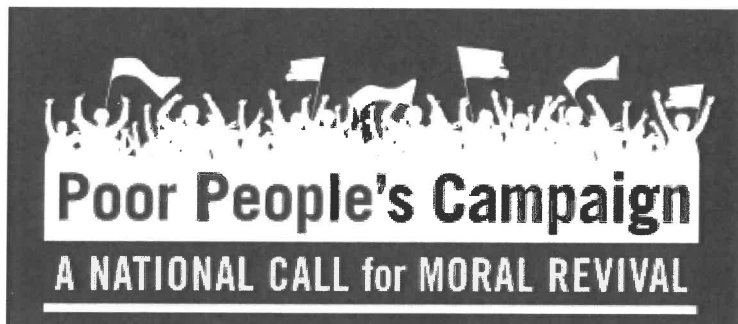
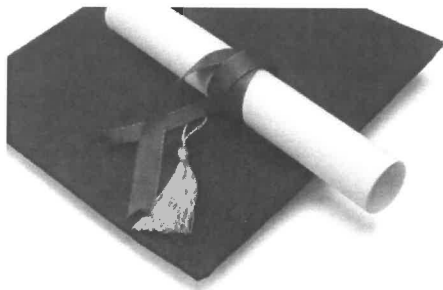
Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

Deb Walsh, friend of Celia Dickerson

Janice Faye West, mother of Randy Lang Howard

Calling all 2022 Graduates!

FPC will be recognizing graduates during worship on **Sunday, June 5**. If you or someone in your family or household is graduating from college or high school this spring, help us share the good news with the congregation. **Please submit your graduate's information to Valerie McMillian (v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org) by May 29.**



Let's get on the bus!

The **Poor Peoples Campaign March on Washington (PPC)** is June 18, 2022, and we want to get as many people from FPC as possible to come with us.

The **Racial Equity Taskforce** has made arrangements with *Rally.co* for a bus to depart from FPC's parking lot and travel up and back on June 18th. It will be a full day and an opportunity to meet and march with Bishop Barber and thousands of others from across the US who come to Washington DC to highlight the poverty, racism, inequity, and injustice people face every day in the US and the systems that enforce and perpetuate it, and we want to demand a change. We have a core group who have committed to going, and we hope that you will join us in person and in prayer.

To reserve your seat, you'll need to go online to **book it** and pay \$70 for the roundtrip fare. We can't hold seats. When you sign up you will see the number of seats available on the bus. When we fill this bus, we understand that the *Rally.co* will add another bus to depart from FPC. We hope to fill several buses. We don't want the cost to be a barrier for anyone who wants to attend. If you need financial assistance, please contact our pastor **Mindy Douglas**. Given our pre-dawn departure, we'll need to prepare a breakfast bag for each rider and ask for people to volunteer to do that and donate food/drinks for snacks and sandwiches. If you would like to be a part of that activity, please contact **Jane Williams**, **Jon Abels**, or **Kathy Krahenbuhl**.

We also welcome contributions to sponsor other riders, including those from other congregations in Durham who wish to join us. To make a financial contribution you can go **online at FPC** to see various ways to donate to the "PPC Bus Support" or send a text at (919) 373-3254 and write the dollar amount you wish to give (e.g. \$70 *PPCBus*) and send it. You can also leave a check in the mailbox at church for business manager **Tom Bloom** with "PPC Bus Support" written in the memo line. Thank you for your support and participation.

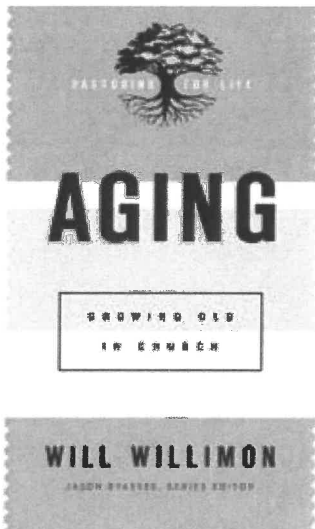
SPRING POP-UP OPPORTUNITY

Monday, May 23 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Duke Chapel Organ Crawl with Kathy Parkins

Go here to see details and to sign up to participate!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050D49A9AC29A75-first>



SPRING BOOK STUDY

Mindy Douglas has begun a discussion of *Aging* by Will Willimon.

Join her via Zoom on **Tuesday evenings at 6:15 p.m.** or **Wednesday mornings at 11:00 a.m.** All are welcome to join the discussion online.

ZOOM LINK

Check out the discussion SCHEDULE HERE.

About the book: Drawing on Scripture, literature, current research, and his experiences as an aging adult, Will Willimon reflects on aging as a spiritual journey. He explores the challenging realities as well as the rewarding joys of growing old and offers practical advice on helping church members as they encounter retirement, aging, caring for the aging, loss, bereavement, and finding faith in the last quarter of life.

Support FPC Youth's Fundraiser for Afghan Refugee Resettlement

We are thrilled that the Youth Ministry Committee was able to extend your chance to get shirts and hats. **The new deadline is next Sunday, May 22 – Confirmation Sunday.**

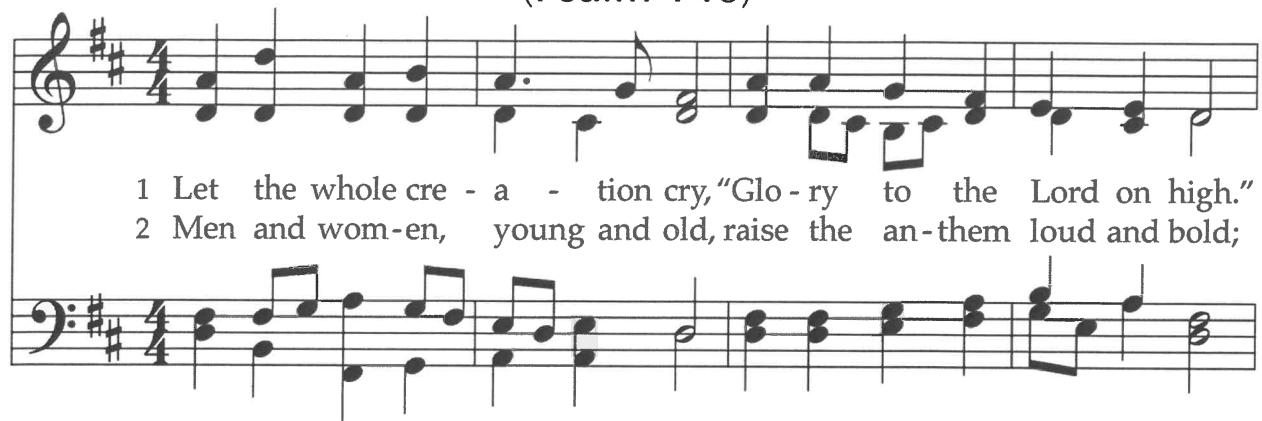
Please join the youth in this (stylish) ministry by purchasing a shirt, or a hat, or both! **Each one costs \$25.** (Note that there are separate links for ordering each.) Unlike last year, hats and shirts will be available for pick up at the church.

Shirts (*Love in the Heart of Durham FPC Shirts Custom Ink Fundraising*)

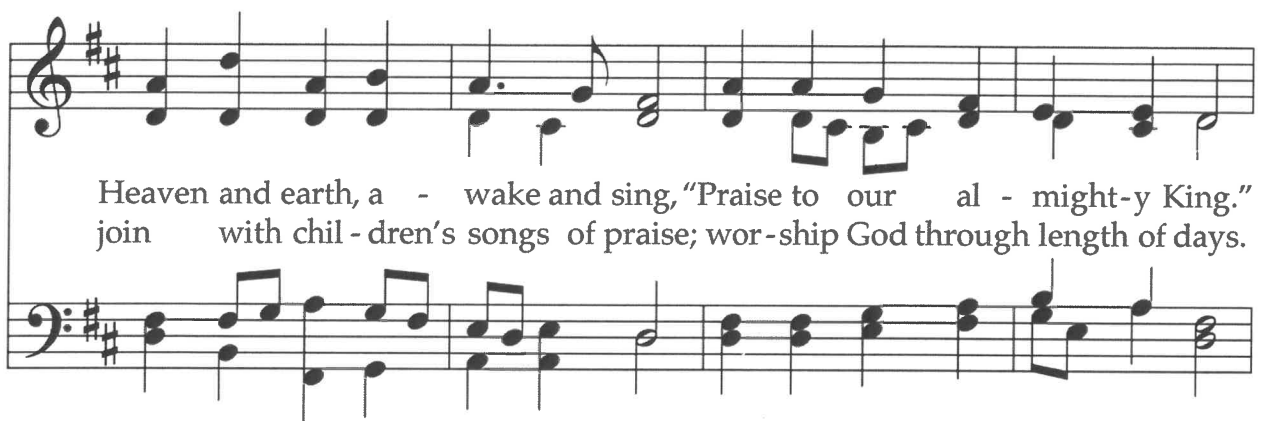
Hats (*Fabulous FPC Hats Custom Ink Fundraising*)

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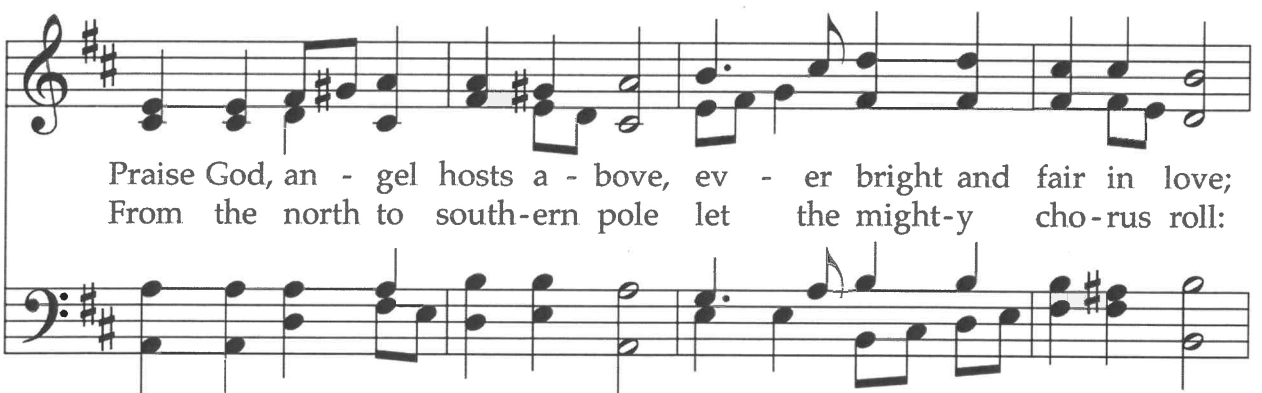
(Psalm 148)



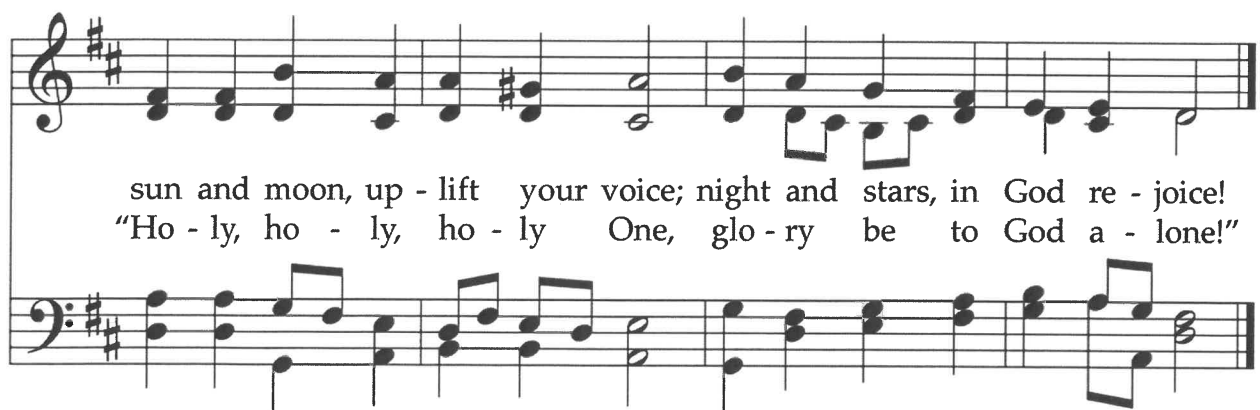
1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high."
2 Men and wom-en, young and old, raise the an-them loud and bold;



Heaven and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - mighty-y King."
join with chil - dren's songs of praise; wor-ship God through length of days.



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
From the north to south-ern pole let the might-y cho-rus roll:



sun and moon, up - lift your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice!
"Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly One, glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,
3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,
4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

The first system of music is in 4/4 time. The treble staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody starts on a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The bass line starts on a half note G3, followed by quarter notes A3, B3, and C4. The lyrics are written below the staves, with four numbered lines of text.

For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!

The second system of music continues the melody and bass line. The treble staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody starts on a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The bass staff has a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The bass line starts on a half note G3, followed by quarter notes A3, B3, and C4. The lyrics are written below the staves, with four lines of text.

In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

The third system of music concludes the piece. The treble staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody starts on a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The bass staff has a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The bass line starts on a half note G3, followed by quarter notes A3, B3, and C4. The lyrics are written below the staves, with one line of text.

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Though I May Speak The Gift of Love

G Am/G Am

The piano introduction consists of two measures. The first measure is in G major, and the second measure is in A minor (Am). The melody is in the right hand, and the bass line is in the left hand. The key signature has one sharp (F#).

G Am7

1 Though I may speak with brav - est
2 Though I may give all I pos -
3 Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con -

The first stanza of the song. The vocal line is in the right hand, and the piano accompaniment is in the left hand. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The tempo is marked 'Andante'.

G Em

fire, and have the gift
sess, and striv - ing so
trol; our spir - its long

The second stanza of the song. The vocal line is in the right hand, and the piano accompaniment is in the left hand. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The tempo is marked 'Andante'.

As paraphrases of 1 Corinthians 13:1, 3 the first two stanzas here are in the first person singular, yet they lead into a plural prayer for the gift of such love, for it thrives in community. These words are especially poignant with this adaptation of an English folk melody.

Am7 D

to all in - spire, and have not
 my love pro - fess, but not be
 to be made whole. Let in - ward

G Am7 G

love, my words are vain,
 given by love with - in,
 love guide ev - ery deed;

Am7 D C2 C 1, 2 G

as sound-ing brass, and hope - less gain.
 the prof - it soon turns strange-ly thin.
 by this we wor - ship, and are

Final ending G Em C G

freed.

The Week at a Glance!

<p>Later Today</p> <p>Following worship Capital Campaign Information Session (in Watts-Hill Hall)</p> <p>4:30-6:30 PM Year-End Youth Group & Blessing of Seniors & Departing Advisors (West Point on the Eno)</p> <p>8:00 PM Meaning in the Middle MnM Fellowship Zoom ID: 87574376074</p>	<p>Monday, May 16</p> <p>1:00 PM Plan Worship</p> <p>2:00 PM Program Staff Meeting</p>	<p>Tuesday, May 17</p> <p>5:00 PM Finance Committee</p> <p>6:15 PM Book Study: Aging (Zoom ID 85812997340)</p>	<p>Wednesday, May 18</p> <p>11:00 AM Book Study: Aging (Zoom ID 85812997340)</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir (TBA)</p>
<p>Thursday, May 19</p> <p>6:00 PM Day School Board</p>	<p>Friday, May 20</p> <hr/> <p>Saturday, May 21</p>	<p>Sunday, May 22 Confirmation Sunday</p> <p>9:45 AM Faith Formation Classes for Children, Youth, and Adults (Zoom options available for some classes)</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship</p> <p>8:00 PM Meaning in the Middle MnM Fellowship Zoom ID: 87574376074</p>	

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Vernon Cooper, Sexton
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