

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

JUNE 2, 2024

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Second Sunday after Pentecost

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A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Weicher

PRELUDE

Simple Gifts
Allison Willet, violin

Shaker Song,
arr. Lee Burswold

*CALL TO WORSHIP

John Weicher

Leader: When we are relaxing after a long day,
when we are pacing midnight's floor,

People: **God knows, and is with us.**

Leader: When we are climbing the ladder of success,
when we have tripped over despair,

People: **God knows, and guides us along the way.**

Leader: When we are tongue-tied and in love,
when we struggle to speak of hope,

People: **God knows, and gives us the words we need.**

All: **Let us worship God**

*HYMN NO. 664

Morning Has Broken

Bunessan

*CONFESSION OF SIN

Susan Dunlap

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**You are forever calling us by name, O God in whose image we are made,
but our ears are thick with the sounds of the world.**

**The noise of these times calls out to us to buy this and manifest that,
and we are all too eager to listen.**

**The calls and emails and texts keep us going without boundary,
and we are all too eager not to be still,
and not to know that you are God.**

**We are tricked into thinking we are the ones who call the shots,
and we are all too eager to be tricked.**

**Forgive us, and call to us once again in this moment of stillness, O Christ.
Send your Spirit into our loud lives.**

Center us on you, for here we are.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

*THE PEACE

Susan Dunlap

** Those who are able, please stand.*

***REGATHERING** (Hymn No. 475, verse 1)

Nettleton

*Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Annie Gentithes

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Leader: Let us pray.
People: **You are a God who speaks.
You speak creation into existence.
You send your Son, the Word, into the world.
You tell Samuel something that will make both ears tingle.
Send your Spirit among us, so that these old words
might make both of our ears tingle. Amen.**

PSALTER LESSON

Psalm 139:1-18

(Pew Bible, OT Page 577)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

Annie Gentithes

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Samuel 3:1-11

(Pew Bible, OT Page 247)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

John Weicher

SERMON

"Here I Am"

John Weicher

(silent reflection)

***HYMN NO. 69**

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am (Schutte)

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Esther Hethcox

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give

Esther Hethcox

Offertory Anthem

Eternal God, We Give You Thanks for Music

John Rutter

*Eternal God, we give you thanks for music,
blest gift from heaven to all your servants here on earth:
in time of joy a crown, in sorrow consolation;
companion through our days of tears and mirth.*

*We give you thanks for every sound of beauty:
for sweetest harmony that echoes in our hearts,
for melodies that soar on high like birds at morning,
for voice and instrument in all their parts.*

*As we are blest, so may our gift bless others:
may hearts be touched and spirits lifted up anew.
Let music draw together those who live as strangers,
bring joy to those we love, in thankfulness true.*

*And when at last we come into your kingdom,
all discord over and all earthly labor done,
then sound and silence yield before one equal music,
and with the giver shall our souls be one.*

*Doxology with Alleluias

Lasst uns erfreuen

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia; Alleluia;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!***

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Esther Hethcox, John Weicher

Ruling Elders – Class of 2027

Deacons – Class of 2027

Deacon – Class of 2025

Al Arrowood
†Michael Bacon
†Kathy Conner
†Mimi Dunn
Laura Hanson
†Jordan Jones
Mary-Jo Keenan
†Josh Walters

†Matthew Eggleston
†Kerry Holbrook
†Ann Huff
David Lorimer
Julio Manceras
†Bill Wigger

†Lexy Rile

† *Candidate for Ordination*

Statement on Ordination

Presentation of Ruling Elder and Deacon Candidates

Profession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

Welcome and Charge

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Susan Dunlap

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Susan Dunlap

**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. 432

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

Repton

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

John Weicher

*POSTLUDE

Simple Gifts

Shaker tune,
arr. Wilbur Held

Children's music follows worship.

Children (ages 4-10) are invited upstairs immediately following worship for a children's music time (about 20 minutes). A snack will be served before music time begins.



First Presbyterian Church welcomes all who worship with us. Let us know you have joined us for worship by scanning the QR code to the left. For online giving, scan the QR code to the right.



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We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Jesus Christ. First Presbyterian welcomes individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender identity, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church. So that you may know who is sitting nearby, please sign the *Friendship Pad*, pass it along the pew, and **then return it to the starting point**, noting the names of those sitting near you.

Thanks to *Allison Willet* for sharing her gifts of music with us this morning and to *Dan Huff* for conducting the choir.

The *flowers* are given by *Susan Cyr*, to the glory of God and in honor of all who have helped with transportation, meals, and friendship throughout this past year!

Childcare: A staffed nursery and children's playroom are available on the second floor of the education building during worship. **Activity bags** are available in the foyer for children to use during worship. Please return bags to the foyer at the end of worship.

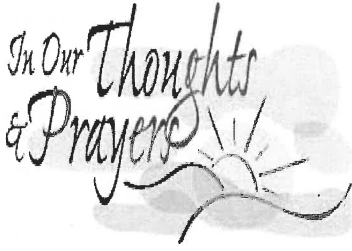
Hearing Assistance Receivers are available from the ushers. Before you leave the sanctuary, please turn off the receiver and place it in the specially marked receptacle by the door or return it to the audio/visual console. Receivers are sanitized after each use.

Restroom locations: 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 restroom area located to the left as you exit the rear of the sanctuary.

Portions of today's **worship texts** were written by John Weicher or taken from *Lectionary Liturgies* and *Glory to God (The Presbyterian Hymnal)*. Music is reprinted under Onelicense.net: A.713928.

Calling all graduates: We will acknowledge our Class of 2024 graduates during worship on Sunday, June 9. If you or someone in your family or household graduates from high school, college, or graduate school this spring, help us share the good news. **Please submit graduate info to Valerie (v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org) by the end of the day, Tuesday, June 4.**

Annual Report Summaries: It is time for committee chairs to assemble their report which will cover the period of June 1, 2023 – May 31, 2024. **The report deadline is July 31, 2024.** WORD documents are preferred and should be emailed to v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org in the church office. Legible hand-written summaries may also be left in Valerie's church mailbox).



CONDOLENCES: The love and concern of the congregation are extended to *Lenore Champion and family* on the death last week of Lenore's uncle, *Don Champion*.

CONCERNS: *Sabrina Anwar-Wilson*, sons *Weston* and *Oliver*, and her husband *Patrick* need prayers as the family copes with Sabrina's injuries after being hit by a car last week. Sabrina is a dear friend of Mary Berry.

Tony Chavez *Paul Cornsweet* *Susan Cyr* *Kerry Holbrook* *Lee House*
Jenni James *Mitzi Leshner-Thomas* *Madge McKeithan* *Vernon Neece* *Franzi Rokoske*
Keith Rokoske *Alfred Tisdale*

Care Communities

Croasdaile Pavilion: *Harvey Estes, Dub Gulley, Joe Harvard*

Durham Ridge: *Phillip Herndon*

Hillcrest Convalescent: *Julian Boswell, Maxie Honeycutt, Harriett Mitchell, Carol Wills, Jim Wolfe*

Family and Friends of the Congregation

Tim Boyer, cousin of Fred Moore

Kim Cummings, father of Drew Cummings

Jasper Gunn, child of Wilson Gunn

Ford Holbrook, brother Kerry Holbrook

John Keller, son of Tom & Margaret Keller

Michele Miller-Cox, Day School director

Doug Rimmer, brother of Steve Rimmer

Elizabeth Romska, daughter of Bob Lewis

John C. Weicher, father of John Weicher

Emily Wilson, wife of Mike Wilson and daughter-in-law of Chuck and Jean Wilson

Francisca Cristobal, family of Al & Judy Arrowwood

Isla Foster, second cousin of Deborah Momsen-Hudson

Andrew Holbrook, nephew of Kerry Holbrook

Katie Jackson, wife of Matt Hirsch

Gabe Lamazares, assoc. rector, St. Philip's EC

Alan Petersburg, brother-in-law of Jenni James

Joe Robinson, former member of FPC

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

Denisha Williams, daughter of Sybil King

Care Team for Franzi and Keith Rokoske

Please plan to attend one of two meetings about supporting Franzi and Keith through a care team.

• **In person: Sunday, June 9, 12:30 p.m.** in Watts-Hill Hall.

• **Virtual: Monday, June 10, 7:00 p.m.** by Zoom: <https://duke.zoom.us/j/9196601891>

Meeting ID 919 660 1891

At each meeting, Franzi and Keith will speak with us about Keith's ALS diagnosis and their plans.

Amy Glass and Christyn Klinck will introduce the care team model in general and the Rokoske Care

Team in particular and outline the process for coordinating support through the care team. Questions?

Please email Christyn Klinck (cfklinck@gmail.com) or Amy Glass (amysueglass19@gmail.com), and

write "Rokoske Care Team" in the subject line.

Celebration and Reception for Omar Guess

A reception with light refreshments will be held on **Sunday, June 23** after worship for Omar as he prepares to move into his newly completed Habitat house. While Omar will continue as our weekend sexton he will be moving from the church apartment. Please consider purchasing an item from his wish list (https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094EA4AD2DA46-49842697-reception#). He can also use gift cards to Target or Walmart. Questions? Call Jane Williams at 336-577-8240.

TRANSITIONS . . .

To our out-going officers, **Class of 2024**, thank you for your service!
You have faithfully continued the work of lifting up a vision of justice, equality,
and inclusion in our common life and community as you served.
Your tenure is now ending. Thank you for a job well done!

To the newly installed officers, thank you for agreeing to serve in the **Class of 2027**. Your leadership will be essential as you work alongside the Class of 2025 and Class of 2026 officers, continuing the mission and ministries of First Presbyterian Church, as you serve out your call.

THE CHURCH SESSION

Clerk of Session: Jane Wettach

Treasurer: Torrell Armstrong

Class of 2024

Stephen Barry
Conrad Carter
Leah Graves
Fred Moore
Beth Stringfield
Julie Whiddon
Emily Wilkins

Class of 2025

Art Baker
Ruby Gentithes
Debbie Hamlin-Aggrey
Keith Merritt
Mary Ellis Merritt
Lanny Pratt
Laurie Ray
Dawn Shelton

Class of 2026

Jon Abels
Jennie Alwood
Gordon Campbell
Conrad Carter
Amy Dillon
Alice Raney
Katharine Whitmore

Class of 2027

Al Arrowood
Michael Bacon
Kathy Conner
Mimi Dunn
Laura Hanson
Jordan Jones
Mary-Jo Keenan
Josh Walters

THE CHURCH DIACONATE

Class of 2024

Jennie Belle
Teddie Brown
Jean Cary
George Gentithes
Mark Higgins
Jancy Johnstone
Julio Manceras
Grace Mbugua

Class of 2025

Brianna Bennett
Jane Brown
Thilo Fullenkamp
Wil James
Katy Loebrich
Lexy Riles
Ashley Swavely
Evelyn Walters

Class of 2026

Rachel Bethune
Teddie Brown
Andy Henry
Elizabeth Jones
Kathryn Murchison
Mary Ashley Rose
Eric Wiebe

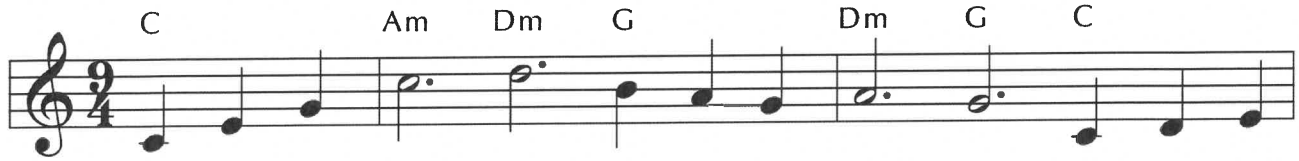
Class of 2027

† Izzy Allison-Pleasants
Matthew Eggleston
Kerry Holbrook
Ann Huff
David Lorimer
Julio Manceras
Bill Wigger

† Ordination / installation to be scheduled.

Morning Has Broken

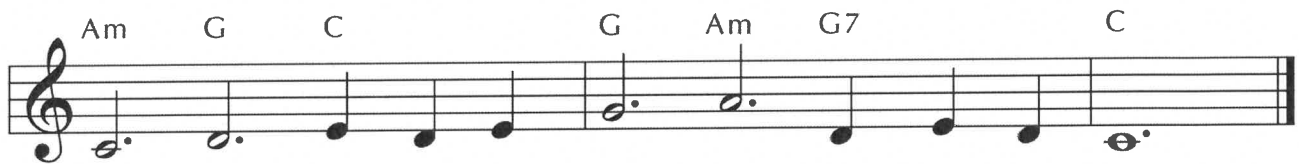
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1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the

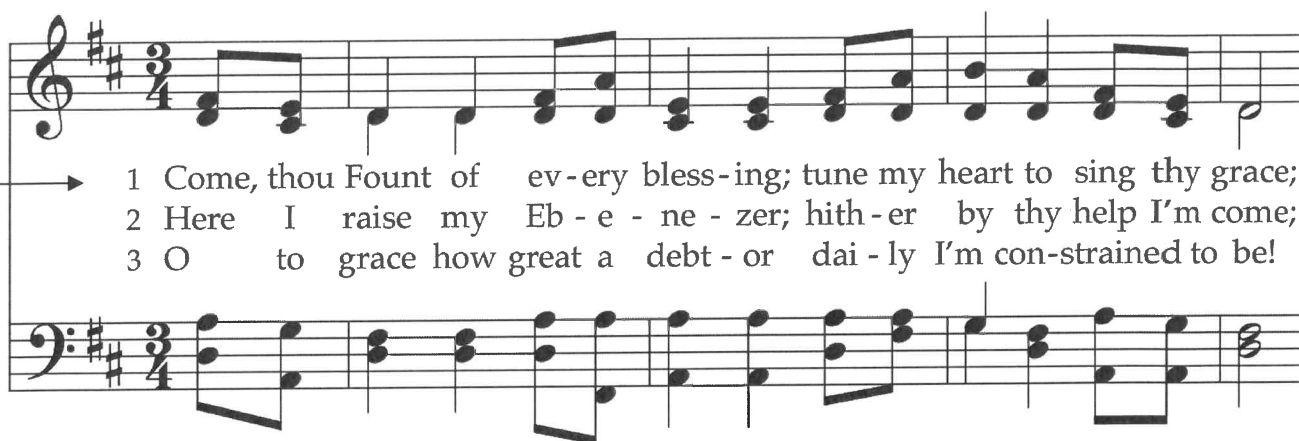


spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery

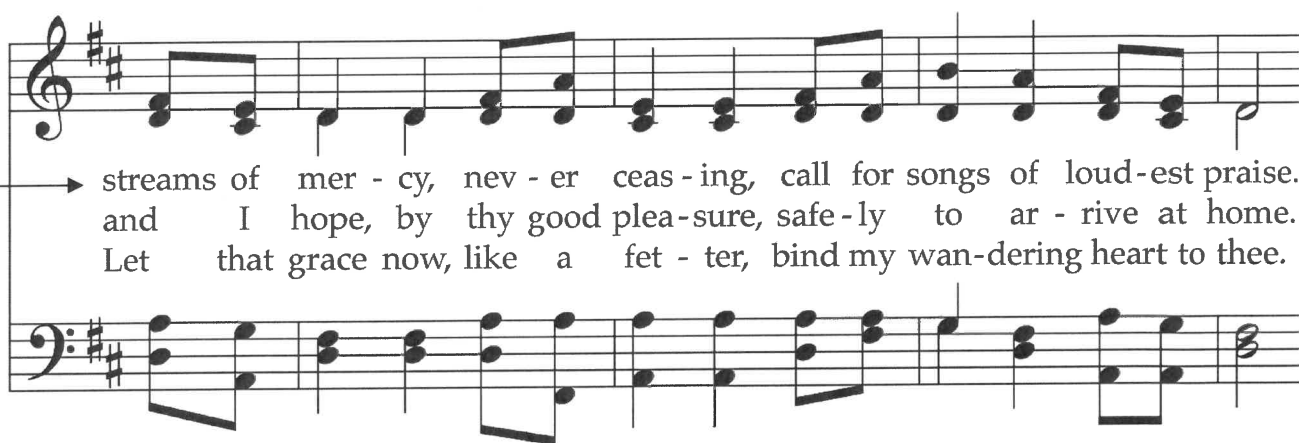


morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

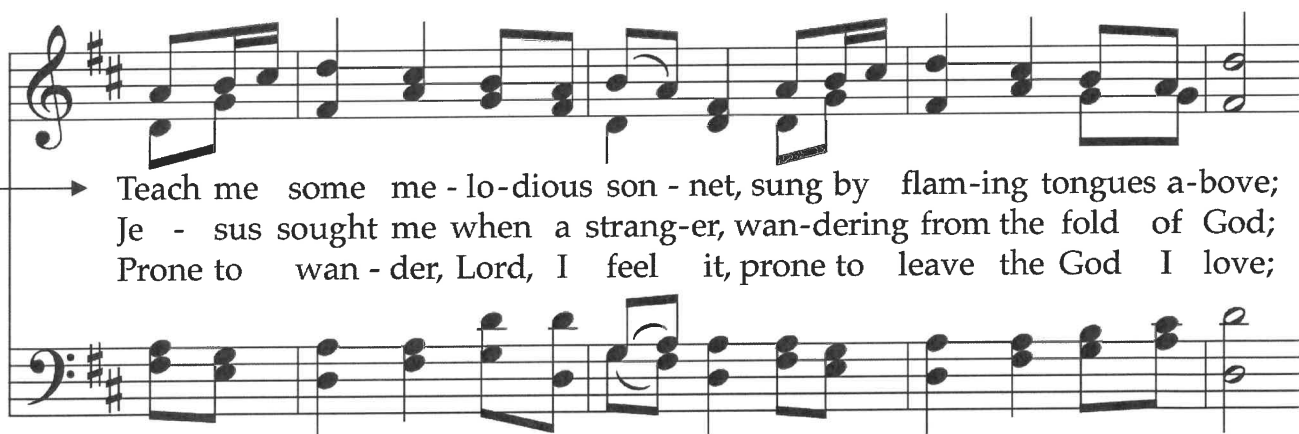
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475



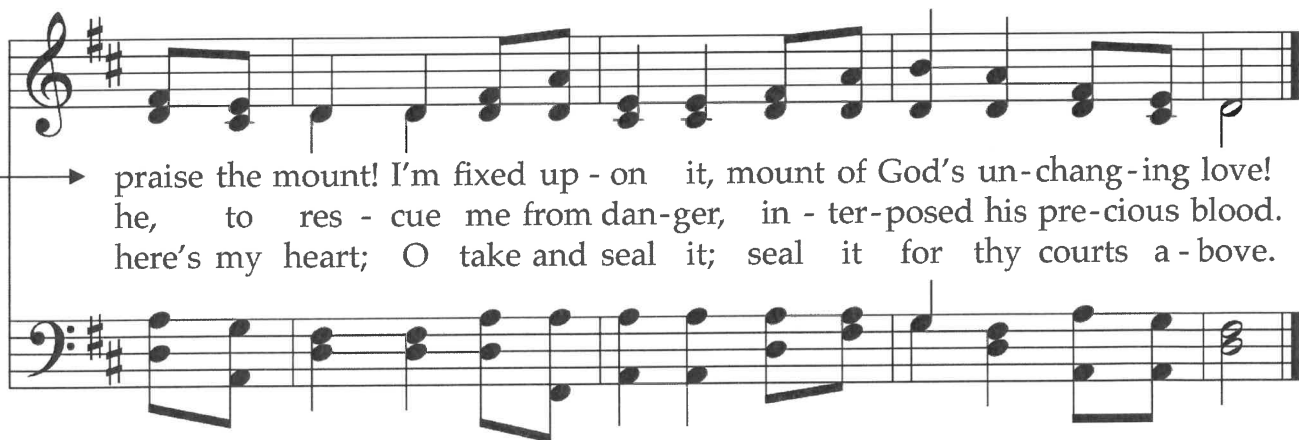
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



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.

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord

G Am D G C G D D
Leader or All

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em C Am7 D G

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

Am D G C G D

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em C Am7 C/G D D7

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain
 All G C G D G C G D G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

Am7 G Am7 D G C G C

call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

G C G D G Am7 D7 G Am7 G

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

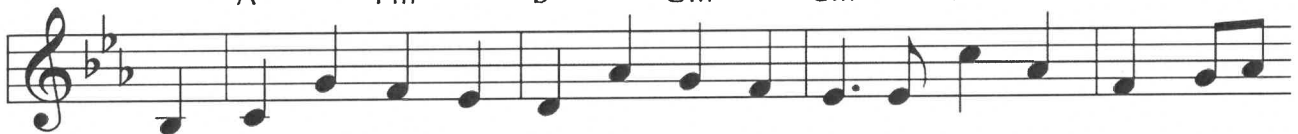
How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord 432

Capo 1: (D) (A) (Bm) (G) (D) (A)(D)
 Eb Bb Cm Ab Eb Bb Eb



1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
 2 But if, for-get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
 3 We mar - vel how your saints be-came in hin-dranc-es more sure:
 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,

(G) (Em) (A) (F#m) (Bm) (G) (Em)
 Ab Fm Bb Gm Cm Ab Fm



to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re -
 if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un -
 whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your
 in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to

(A7) (D) (A7)(B) (Em) (G)(A7) (D)
 Bb7 Eb Bb7 C Fm Ab Bb7 Eb



stored, that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
 wind its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
 name, and by our faults ob - scure your power to cleanse and cure.
 you: the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored, done.

The Week at a Glance!

Later Today

- 12:15 PM** Prayer Shawl Ministry (Daye Meeting Room)
- 12:15 PM** Racial Equity Team (Wilson Parlor)
- 1:30-3:30 PM** Appalachian Service Project - Youth Training (Momsen-Hudson's home)
- 8:00 PM** MnMs Fellowship (via Zoom)

Monday, June 3

- 9:00 AM-12 Noon** Walk-In Ministry Interviews
- 7:00 PM** Youth Ministry Committee

Tuesday, June 4

Newsletter Today

Wednesday, June 5

- 1:00 PM** All Staff
- 7:00 PM** Chancel Choir
- 7:00 PM** Christian Education Visioning Session (Daye Meeting Room)

Thursday, June 6

- 9:00 AM-12 Noon** Walk-In Ministry Interviews

Friday, June 7

- 8:00 AM** FPC Men of Faith Breakfast and Conversation (Mad Hatters Restaurant)

Saturday, June 8

- 8:30 AM-11:30 AM** Habitat Workday (supporting Omar Guess, Sr.)

Sunday, June 9

- 9:45 AM** Summer Faith Formation Classes
- 11:00 AM** Worship – Bob Dunham, preaching (Recognition of Class of 2024 graduates)
- 12:30 PM** Rokoske Care Team (Watts-Hill Hall)
- 5:00-7:00 PM** Youth Flour War (2927 Tavistock Dr.)
- 8:00 PM** MnMs Fellowship (via Zoom)

CHURCH STAFF

Tom Bloom, Business Administrator
Lenore Champion, Children's Ministry Director
Vernon Cooper, Sexton
Mindy Douglas, Pastor/Head of Staff (Sabbatical)
Susan Dunlap, Parish Associate
Omar Guess, Sr., Sunday Morning Sexton
Joseph Harvard, Pastor Emeritus



Amy Bowers Heit, Parish Associate
Esther Hethcox, Associate Pastor
Sybil King, Administrative Assistant
Mitzi Leshner-Thomas, Associate Pastor (Medical Leave)
Valerie McMillian, Parish Administrator
Kathy Parkins, Minister of Music
John Weicher, Associate Pastor

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