

August 9, 2020

9:30 Worship

"Proclaiming Your Faith"

** indicates those who are comfortably able may stand*

*"...O give thanks to the LORD, call upon God's name;
Make God's deeds known among the people..."*

-Psalm 105:1

Gathering Music

Amy Crousore

Welcome and Greetings

Kristy Odneal

Prelude

"La Linotte Effarouchee"

Amy Crousore
Frederic Chopin

Carrying in the Light of Christ

*Call to Worship

(adapted from Psalm 105)

Jessica Lucas

Give thanks to God; call upon God's name!
Make God's deeds known among all people!

**Sing to God; Sing praises to God!
Tell all of God's wonderful works!**

We speak of how God's love can bring salvation to the world;
Let God's name be glorified!
Let the hearts of those who seek God rejoice!

**All of Creation expresses God's powerful presence;
Who are we to try to bind God's love?**

We seek God continually and rely on God's strength!
We seek the Peace that God offers in all our ways!

**We are God's Children and we celebrate God's wonderful works!
Come, let us worship God!**

*Opening Hymn

"Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer"

NCH #19

*Opening Prayer

Jessica Lucas

God of perseverance; you proclaim your love for us through the glories of creation, through the wonders of your majesty, through the constant grace you offer. Yet we often fail to proclaim our faith in you. We have doubt, we let fears intercede, we allow the lust for power to infect our response to your proclamation. Forgive us, God, for the times we allow this in our lives. Teach us to proclaim our faith boldly, taking your example of proclamation into our lives and using it as our guide. Teach us to share loudly, love boldly, and stand up to the prejudices of the world by confronting them with your love. Teach us to love the way Jesus first loved us; for it is in Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Quinn Rosenthal

Jesus told Peter "You of little faith; why did you doubt?" God tell us the same. Why do we doubt? Yet we know that we are inheritors of God's grace; and that Jesus' love is our blessing. God forgives our fears and our doubts; and continues to offer us the Good News of Jesus Christ. We are all God's children, blessed and beloved, forgiven and free! Praise be to God!

*Prayer Response

"Spirit of the Living God"

NCH #283

Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me!
Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me!
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me!
Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me!

Children's Time

Quinn Rosenthal

Response

"This Little Light of Mine"

This little light of mine; I'm gonna let it shine!
This little light of mine; I'm gonna let it shine!
This little light of mine; I'm gonna let it shine!
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Anthem

Claire Kesphol & Kaden Lucas

"I Can Only Imagine"

Millar/DeCesare

New Testament Lesson:

Romans 10:5-15

Jessica Lucas

In Paul's letter to the Christian Church in Rome, he writes about our justification by faith; that we are all justified with God because of the faith we share and proclaim. He makes it clear that we are called to proclaim the Good News, not to receive honor for doing so, but because we are grateful for God's proclamation of love we have received.

Gospel Lesson:

Matthew 14:22-33

Jessica Lucas

Jesus teaches Peter a lesson about faith. Peter claims to have great faith until confronted with fear and doubt; then his faith is found wanting. Jesus accepts his limitations and loves him as he is.

Sermon:

"Here I Am, Lord"

Quinn Rosenthal

*Meditation Hymn

"My Life Flows on in Endless Song"

NCH #476

Community Prayer

Silent Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer Response "Grant Us Peace"

**Hear our Prayer, O Lord!
Hear our prayer, O Lord!
Hear our Prayer, O Lord!
And Grant us Thy Peace! A-men!**



Sharing our Announcements of Community Life

Kristy Odneal

Presenting our Gifts

Amy Crousore

"My Life Flows on in Endless Song"

Lowry/Carter

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*Response "We Praise You, O God"

NCH #420

**We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;
We bless your Holy name, glad praises we sing!**

*Prayer of Dedication

Jessica Lucas

God of grace and proclamation, we give these gifts to you today proclaiming our faith. Take them and use them to proclaim to all the world your generosity and your love. We hear Paul's words, "how beautiful are the feet of those who bring Good News!" and we pray that, in this way, we are bringing Good News to the world. May these gifts bless the lives of your children everywhere. Amen.

*Benediction

Quinn Rosenthal

*Response: "Let There be Peace on Earth"

**Let there be Peace on Earth and Let it Begin with me!
Let there be Peace on Earth; the Peace that was meant to be!
With God our Creator, Children all are we!
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony!

Let Peace begin with me; let this be the moment now!
With every step I take let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally!
Let there be Peace on Earth; and let it begin with me!**

*Postlude

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Amy Crousore

Holden/Birchwood

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No matter where you are on your faith journey;
No matter your sexual orientation, gender expression or identity;
No matter your race, culture, ethnicity, nationality or politics;
No matter your age, ability, health, relationship status or family structure;
No matter your social, economic, educational, legal or life circumstances;
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Challenging and inspiring everyone with vibrant worship;
Building a supportive church family;
Transforming both the congregation and community
through service and outreach*

Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

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*William Williams, 1745**Exod. 13:21; 16:4; 17:6; Ps. 105:39-44; Rev. 22:1-2**t. 1, transl. Peter Williams, 1771; alt.**t. 2-3, transl. William Williams, 1772; alt.*

1 Guide me, O my great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this bar - ren
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, where the heal - ing wa - ters
 3 When I reach the Riv - er Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious fears sub -



land; I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me with your power - ful
 flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my jour - ney
 side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me safe on heav - en's



hand. Bread of heav - en, feed me till I want no more,
 through. Strong de - liv - erer, ev - er be my strength and shield,
 side. Songs of prais - es I will ev - er sing to you,



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The Thomas Hastings tune for this text is popular in the United States. A self-taught musician, Hastings was a colleague of Lowell Mason in New York City, where they worked together to raise the standard of worship music.

Tune: ZION 8.7.8.7.4.7.4.7.
 Thomas Hastings, 1830
 Alternate setting: CWM RHONDDA

My Life Flows on in Endless Song

(How Can I Keep from Singing)

Ps. 46:1-7; 1 Cor. 3:21-23; 2 Cor. 5:17

Anon. in *Bright Jewels for the Sunday School*
ed. Robert Lowry, 1869; alt
St. 3, Doris Plenn, c. 195;

1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam - en -
2 What though my joys and com - forts die? My Sav - ior still is
3 When ty - rants trem - ble, sick with fear, and hear their death knells
4 I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin; I see the blue a -

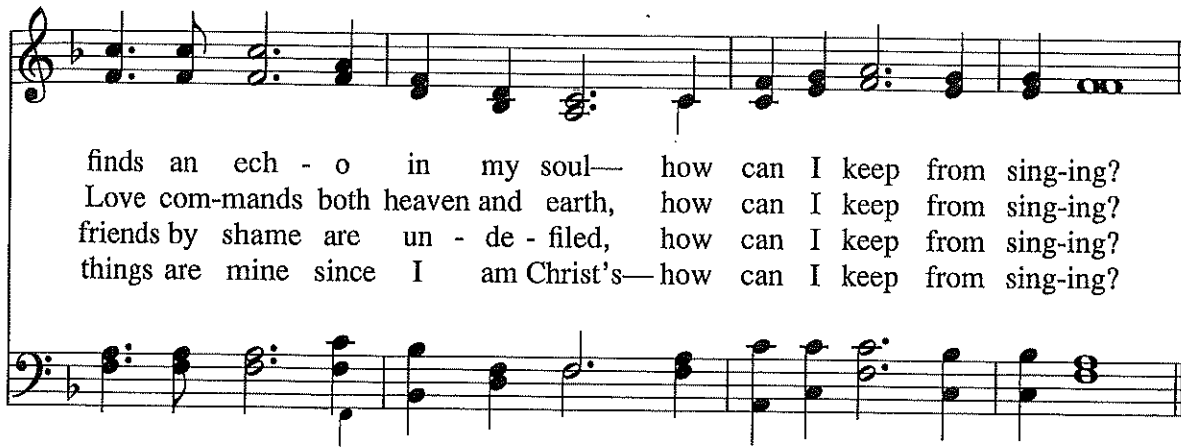
ta - tion, I hear the sweet, though far - off hymn that
liv - ing, What though the shad - ows gath - er 'round? A
ring - ing; When friends re - joice both far and near, how
bove it; And day by day this path - way smooths, since

hails a new cre - a - tion. Through all the tu - mult
new song Christ is giv - ing. No storm can shake my
can I keep from sing - ing? In pris - on cell and
first I learned to love it. The peace of Christ makes

and the strife, I hear the mu - sic ring - ing; It
in - most calm, while to that Rock I'm cling - ing; Since
dun - geon vile our thoughts to them are wing - ing; When
fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring - ing; All

In various nineteenth-century hymnals this hymn was attributed to different poets, including Anna Warner. The earliest published source credits Robert Lowry as the composer, although Silas Vail later claimed the music. The third stanza was written by Doris Plenn in the 1950s when her friends were imprisoned during the McCarthy era.

Tune: ENDLESS SONG 8.7.8.7.
Attrib. to Robert Lowry in *Bright Jewels for the Sunday School*, New York, 1869



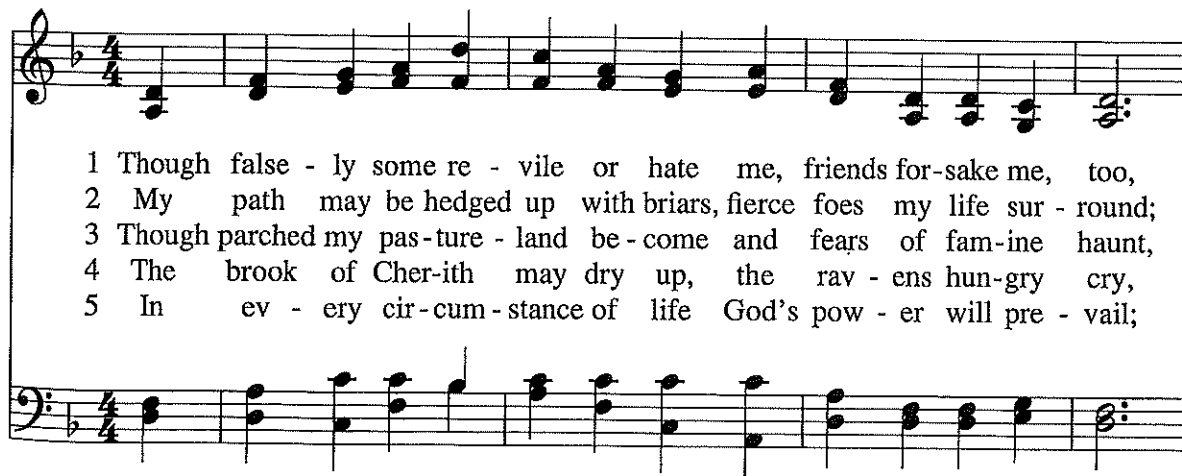
finds an ech - o in my soul— how can I keep from sing-ing?
 Love com-mands both heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?
 friends by shame are un - de - filed, how can I keep from sing-ing?
 things are mine since I am Christ's— how can I keep from sing-ing?

Though Falsely Some Revile or Hate Me

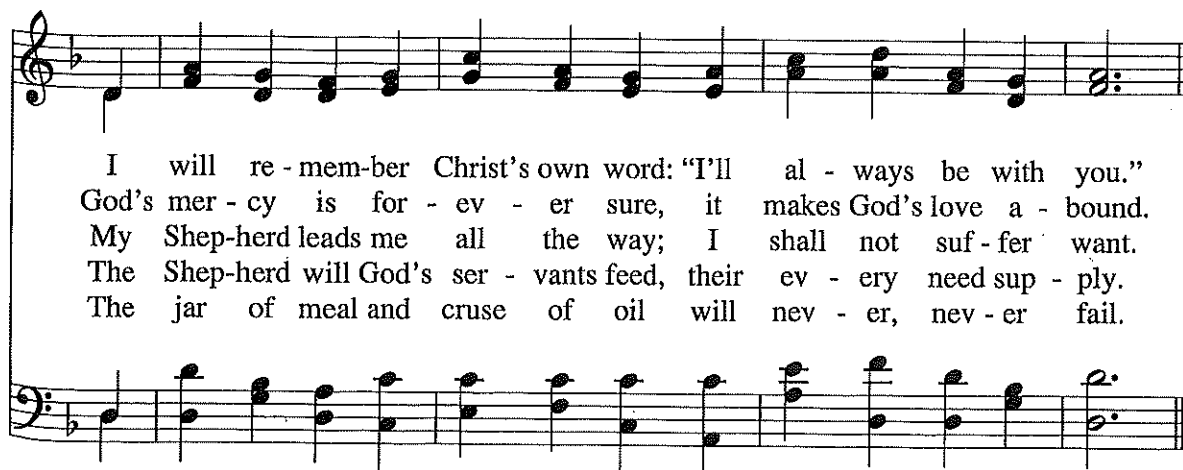
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1 Kings 17:1-16; Matt. 28:20

Chi-pi Ni, 1929
 Transl. Frank W. Price; alt.



1 Though false - ly some re - vile or hate me, friends for-sake me, too,
 2 My path may be hedged up with briars, fierce foes my life sur - round;
 3 Though parched my pas-ture - land be - come and fears of fam-ine haunt,
 4 The brook of Cher-ith may dry up, the rav - ens hun-gry cry,
 5 In ev - ery cir-cum - stance of life God's pow - er will pre - vail;



I will re - mem-ber Christ's own word: "I'll al - ways be with you."
 God's mer - cy is for - ev - er sure, it makes God's love a - bound.
 My Shep-herd leads me all the way; I shall not suf - fer want.
 The Shep-herd will God's ser - vants feed, their ev - ery need sup - ply.
 The jar of meal and cruse of oil will nev - er, nev - er fail.

With echoes of the psalms and a direct reference to 1 Kings 17, this moving hymn from the East Asia Christian Council hymnal blends imagery from both the Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament, assuring us of God's eternal presence and provision.

Tune: THE BROOK CHERITH C.M.
 Maryette H. Lum, 1936