

August 30, 2020

9:30 Worship

"Overcoming Evil"

** indicates those who are comfortably able may stand*

"...O give thanks to God; call upon God's name.

Make God's deeds known to the people..."

-Psalm 105:1

Gathering Music

Amy Crousore

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"On Eagle's Wings"

Amy Crousore
Joncas/Carter

Carrying in the Light of Christ

*Call to Worship

(adapted from Psalm 105)

Pat Forward

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

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

NCH #436

*Opening Prayer

Pat Forward

God of grace and God of glory; we gather together as your disciples, struggling to fully understand our relationship with you. Like Peter, we often do not understand the complexities of our relationship. Like all of the disciples, we often allow earthly distractions get in the way of our true relationship with you. We are challenged to take up our cross and follow you; yet we try to save our own lives in vain fear, and wind up losing them instead. Forgive us for these very human failings, gracious God. Teach us to follow you truly and fully; and remind us that you are our salvation from aimlessness and sin. We offer our prayers in Jesus' name; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

We are challenged to follow Jesus faithfully, through the challenges of life and through the distractions in life. Often, we fail to live into this idea; but even when we do, God forgives us and blesses us. 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

Pastor Rick

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!**

Living our Mission

"Food Bank and Alpha Hart"

Mahree Skala

Anthem

Susan Felton & Pete Jaberg

"Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen"

New Testament Lesson:

Romans 12:9-21

Pat Forward

In Paul's letter to the Christian Church in Rome, Paul encourages them to overcome evil by doing good, not committing evil in retaliation. This brings to mind the wisdom of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. who said, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that; hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that."

Gospel Lesson:

Matthew 16:21-28

Pat Forward

Jesus tells his disciples that to be his followers, they must take up their crosses and follow him. What does this mean? They must prioritize Jesus' Kingdom goals over their own passions and desires, including the desire for safety and security.

Sermon:

"Take up the Cross"

Pastor Rick

*Meditation Hymn

"They'll Know We are Christians"

(insert)

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

Pastor Rick

Presenting our Gifts

“Pe Loc”

Lucy Smith
Bela Bartok

*To give online text “GIVE” to 573.240.4041
and follow the prompts
You can also give online by visiting our website:
www.columbiaucc.com*



*Response “**We Praise You, O God**”
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!

NCH #420

*Prayer of Dedication

Pat Forward

God of blessings, we give these gifts to you, choosing crosses over comfort and true life over the excesses of the world, in order to bring our actions in alignment with our faith. Through these gifts, we employ your call to be stewards of your Kingdom. Take them and use them to overcome evil, to expand your Kingdom of justice, and to share your love with all the world. Amen.

*Benediction

Pastor Rick

*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

“**Welcome, Happy Morning**”

Amy Crousore
John Scriveyner

CUCC Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant:

Columbia United Church of Christ celebrates God's boundless and unconditional love by intentionally welcoming and affirming all God's children.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey;
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;
You are welcome here!

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*CUCC celebrates God's boundless love by:
Welcoming all God's People;
Nurturing Faith and Spiritual Growth;
Challenging and inspiring everyone with vibrant worship;
Building a supportive church family;
Transforming both the congregation and community
through service and outreach*

494 They'll Know We Are Christians

Guitar capo: 1; play Em
Unison

Em

1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,
2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,
3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,
4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

Am Em

we are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

Am Em

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride:
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain C G C G Em Am

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our love,

WORDS and MUSIC: Peter Scholtes, 1966

ST. BRENDAN'S
76.76.86 w. refrain

Em Am^b Bm Em

yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

Weave

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E^b Gm Fm E^b Fm E^b

Weave, weave, weave us to- geth- er. Weave us to- geth - er in

Fm B^b E^b Gm Fm E^b

u- ni- ty and love. Weave, weave, weave us to - geth- er.

Fm E^b B^b E^b A^b E^b

Weave us to - geth - er, to - geth- er in love.

WORDS and MUSIC: Rosemary Crow, 1979

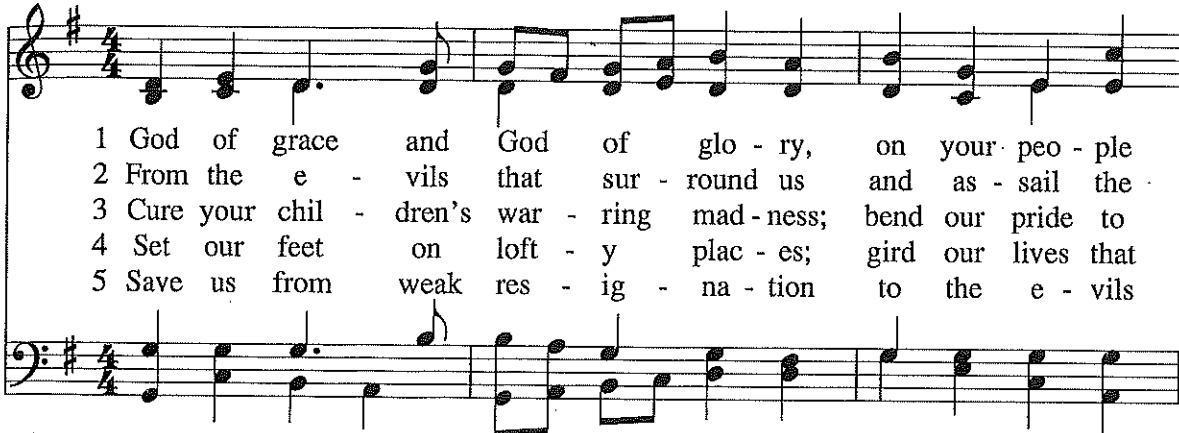
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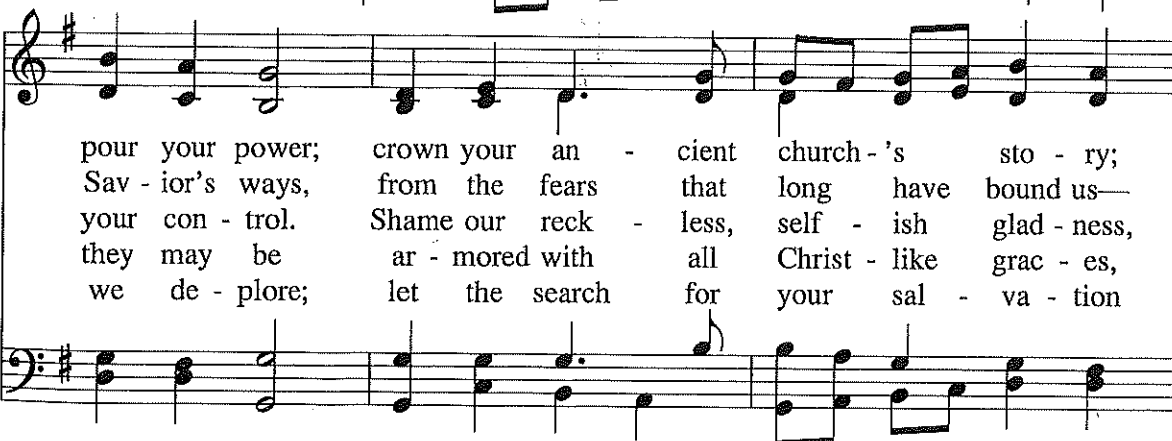
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God of Grace and God of Glory

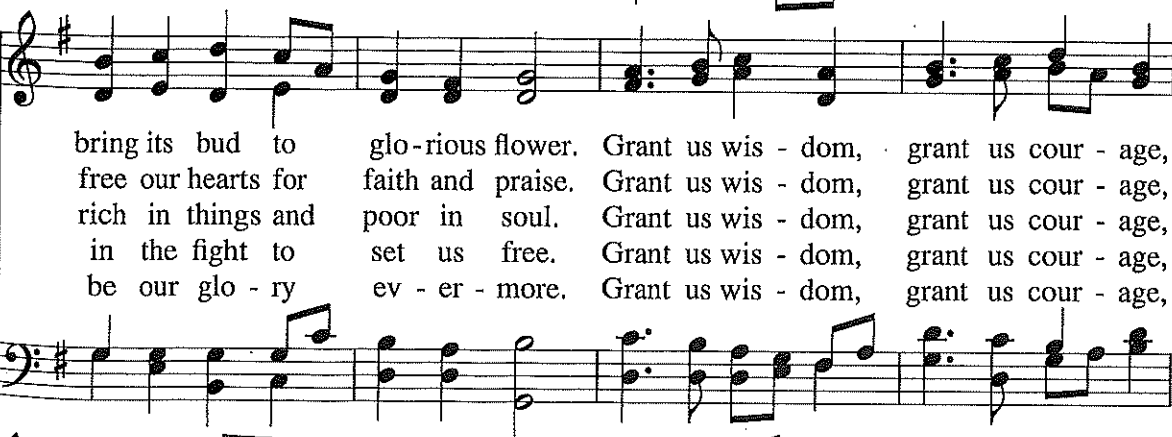
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Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.


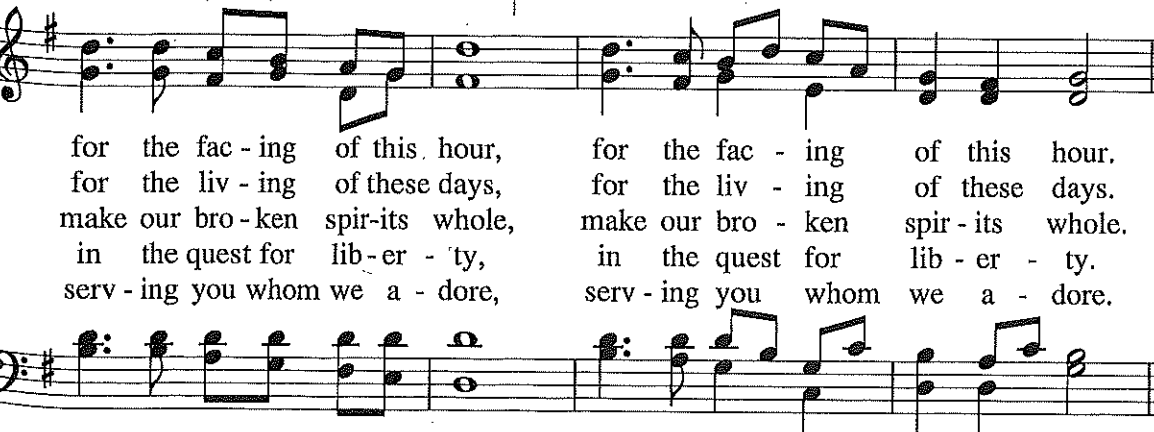
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 From the e - vils that sur - round us and as - sail the
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; gird our lives that
 5 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your power; crown your an - cient church - 's sto - ry;
 Sav - ior's ways, from the fears that long have bound us—
 your con - trol. Shame our reck - less, self - ish glad - ness,
 they may be ar - mored with all Christ - like grac - es,
 we de - plore; let the search for your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 free our hearts for faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 in the fight to set us free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 make our bro - ken spir - its whole, make our bro - ken spir - its whole.
 in the quest for lib - er - ty, in the quest for lib - er - ty.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Harry Emerson Fosdick, a prophetic preacher and writer, taught at Union Theological Seminary from 1915 to 1946. This hymn was written for the opening service and dedication of Riverside Church, New York City, which he served for twenty years.

Tune: CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7.
 John Hughes, c. 1907