



Westminster Presbyterian Church  
Albany, New York  
July 16, 2023  
Service of Worship 10:00 a.m.

**Prelude**

“Slane”

John Carter (b. 1930)

**Call to Worship** (Psalm 40)

Nancy Holroyd

I waited for the Lord, he inclined unto me;  
He heard my complaint,  
He heard my complaint.

**Response Hymn #681 v. 1** (from Psalm 118)

Congregation

This is day the Lord has made;  
the hours are all God’s own.  
Let heaven rejoice; let earth be glad,  
and praise surround the throne.

**Opening Hymn #339**

“Lift Every Voice and Sing” (v. 1)

Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,  
ring with the harmonies of liberty.  
Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies;  
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun;  
let us march on, till victory is won.

**Prayer of Confession**

Let us pray together, Psalm 51 v 1-2, 10-12

**<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on us, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out our transgressions. <sup>2</sup>Wash away all our iniquities and cleanse us from our sin. <sup>10</sup>Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. <sup>11</sup>Do not cast us from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from us. <sup>12</sup>Restore to us the joy of your salvation and grant us a willing spirit, to sustain us. And we will go forth with a song in our hearts. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen**  
(Time of silence)

**Assurance of Forgiveness** (will be sung together) **Hymn 582 v. 1**

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me;  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.

**Passing The Peace**

Felicia Kollie-Gambles

**Words of Welcome**

Nancy Holroyd

**Prayer for Illumination** (will be sung together) **Hymn 701 – Lord Prepare Me To Be a Sanctuary**

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
sanctuary for you.

**Scripture**

Psalm 150 (Responsively)

Felicia Kollie-Gambles

Leader: <sup>1</sup>Praise ye the Lord!

Praise God in their sanctuary

All: **We praise God in the firmament!**

Leader: <sup>2</sup>We praise you for your powerful deeds

All: **We praise you for your overwhelming Glory!**

Leader: <sup>3</sup>We praise you with the blast of the trumpet

All: **We praise God with Psaltery and Harp!**

Leader: <sup>4</sup>We praise you with timbrel and dance

All: **We praise you with strings and pipes!**

Leader: <sup>5</sup>We praise you with clashing cymbals

All: **We praise you with resounding cymbals!**

Leader: <sup>6</sup>Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

All: **Alleluia!**

**Our 2<sup>nd</sup> reading will be sung, a paraphrase of Psalm 121 - #45 I To the Hills Will Lift My Eyes (Verse 1)**

I to the hills will lift my eyes;  
from whence shall come my aid?  
My help is from the Lord alone,  
who heaven and earth has made.

**Message in Song and Word**

- **#821 How Can I keep From Singing** (Verse 1 & chorus)

My life flows on in endless song,  
above earth's lamentation.  
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn  
that hails a new creation.

*Chorus:* No storm can shake my inmost calm  
while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?

- **#643 Now Thank We All Our God** (Verse 1)

Now thank we all our God  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done,  
in whom this world rejoices;

who, from our mothers' arms,  
hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

- **#840 When Peace Like a River (Verse 1 & 4)**

When peace like a river  
attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
it is well, it is well with my soul.

*Refrain* It is well...with my soul...  
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Lord, hasten the day  
when our faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;  
even so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain* It is well... with my soul...  
it is well, it is well with my soul

- **#529 Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether (Verses 1-3)**

Draw us in the Spirit's tether,  
for when humbly in your name  
two or three are met together,  
you are in the midst of them.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Here we touch your garment's hem.

As disciples used to gather  
in the name of Christ to sup,  
then with thanks to God the giver  
break the bread and bless the cup,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
so now bind our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living  
make as sacraments of you,  
that by caring, helping, giving,  
we may be disciples true.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
We will serve with faith anew.

- **#770 I'm Gonna Eat at The Welcome Table (Verse 1 & 3)**

I'm gonna eat at the welcome table;  
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table,  
Alleluia.  
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table;  
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table,  
Alleluia.

I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers;

- **#488 I was There to hear Your Borning Cry (Verse 1 & 4)**

"I was there to hear your borning cry;  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized  
to see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child  
with a faith to suit you well;  
in a blaze of light you wandered off  
to find where demons dwell."

"I was there to hear your borning cry;  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized  
to see your life unfold."

- **#837** What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine (Verse 1)

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Refrain* Leaning, leaning  
safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning  
leaning on the everlasting arms.



### Prayers from State Street

Ned Trudeau

### Prayers of the People in Song

- **#472** Kum ba yah

- break between verses
  - There will be pauses in this song for you to name someone or something either out loud or in your heart
- Praying
- Crying
- Praising
- Singing

### The Lord's Prayer (Sung) Hymn #444

### "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

1. "Forgive our sins as we forgive,"  
you taught us, Lord, to pray,  
but you alone can grant us grace  
to live the words we say.

3. In blazing light your cross reveals  
the truth we dimly knew:  
what trivial debts are owed to us,  
how great our debt to you!

2. How can your pardon reach and bless  
the unforgiving heart  
that broods on wrongs and will not let  
old bitterness depart?

4. Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls  
and bid resentment cease.  
Then, by your mercy reconciled,  
our lives will spread your peace.

### Offering

Felicia Kollie-Gambles

### Offering Hymn #610

### "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (v. 1 & 5)

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of his grace!

To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever given  
by saints below and saints above,  
the Church in earth and heaven.

**Closing Hymn #730**

“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God” (v. 1-3)

I sing a song of the saints of God,  
patient and brave and true,  
who toiled and fought and lived and died  
for the Lord they loved and knew.  
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,  
and one was a shepherdess on the green:  
they were all of them saints of God, and I mean,  
God helping, to be one too.

They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,  
and God’s love made them strong;  
and they followed the right, for Jesus’ sake,  
the whole of their good lives long.  
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,  
and one was slain by a fierce wild beast:  
and there’s not any reason, no, not the least,  
why I shouldn’t be one too.

They lived not only in ages past;  
there are hundreds of thousands still;  
the world is bright with the joyous saints  
who love to do Jesus’ will.  
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,  
in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea;  
for the saints of God are just folk like me,  
and I mean to be one too.

**Benediction Hymn #542 (Verse 1)**

God be with you till we meet again;  
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
With a shepherd’s care enfold you:  
God be with you till we meet again.

**Postlude**

“Forest Green”

John Carter (b. 1930)

**We welcome Margaret Randall as this week’s accompanist. Thank you Margaret!**

*Thank you for joining us. We’d love to stay in touch!*

**Heather Kirk-Davidoff, Minister**

**Christopher Price, Music Director ~ Belinda Quaye, Director of Religious Education**

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