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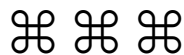
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Albany, New York  
June 30, 2024  
Service of Worship 10:00 a.m.

**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost**



**Welcome to Westminster!** We're glad you're here. If you're visiting us this morning, we would love to meet you and greet you. After worship, please join us as we continue our fellowship at our coffee hour.



**WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

*(Let the notes of our Opening Prelude be the musical curtain through which we pass as we gather to worship together. Let the preparation we make together be prayerful.)*

**Prelude**

We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace

American Spiritual  
Arr. Victor K Labenske (b. 1963)



**Call to Worship**

Gail Garrison

One: This is the day that the Lord has made!

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

One: Let us worship God.



**Opening Hymn #796**

We Come to You for Healing, Lord

**Call to Confession**

Gail Garrison

Jesus says: Let anyone who is thirsty come to me. *John 7:37-38*

Out of the believer's heart  
shall flow rivers of living water.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.



**Prayer of Confession** (unison)

Gail Garrison

**All: Merciful God,  
We confess that we have sinned against you  
In thought, word, and deed,  
By what we have done,  
And by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you  
With our whole heart and mind and strength.  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

In your mercy, forgive what we have been,  
Help us to amend what we are,  
And direct what we shall be,  
That we may delight in your will  
And walk in your ways,  
To the glory of your holy name.

(Time of silence)

### Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.  
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.  
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

All: Amen.

### Response Hymn #582

Glory To God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

### Passing the Peace

### Words of Welcome

Rev. Heather Kirk-Davidoff

### Moment for Mission

Peter Crasto  
Capital Area Council of Churches

### Choir Anthem

Beloved, God's Chosen

Robert A. Hobby

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD



### Prayer for Illumination

Gail Garrison

One: God of All Power,  
Open our ears, our eyes, and our hearts with a spirit of wisdom and revelation.  
Help us to hear your voice, to see your ways, and to receive with joy your truth.  
In Jesus' name, Amen.



### Scripture Lesson

Mark 5:21-43

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him.

Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well."

Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.

Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" He looked all around to see who had done it.

But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James.

When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was.

He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement.

He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

**Sermon**

Is Peace a Lost Cause?

Rev. Heather Kirk-Davidoff

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**Prayer Hymn #753**

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

**Gathering Celebrations and Concerns**



**Prayers of the People**

Rev. Heather Kirk-Davidoff

**The Lord's Prayer**

**All: 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.**



**Invitation to the Offering**

Gail Garrison

**Hymn #607**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

**WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME**



**Closing Hymn #852**

When the Lord Redeems the Very Least

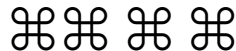
**Charge and Benediction**

Rev. Heather Kirk-Davidoff

**Postlude**

The Comforter Has Come

William J Kirkpatrick (1838-1921)  
Arr. Victor K Labenske (b. 1963)



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## We Come to You for Healing, Lord 796

1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of  
 2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and  
 3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through  
 4 Through nights of pain and wake - ful - ness, through  
 5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in

bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your  
 reached toward those in pain, we know you come a -  
 nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of  
 days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of  
 our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our

Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.  
 mong us still with power to heal a - gain.  
 faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.  
 pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.  
 nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

Unlike many hymns on the theme of healing, this text appropriately includes the ministry of medical personnel as instruments of God's healing activity. It also acknowledges that illness is not limited to physical symptoms, but involves mental, emotional, and spiritual dimensions.

TEXT: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 2002

MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Annabel Morris Buchanan, 1938

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LAND OF REST

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(alternate harmonization, 691)

# 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)  
 B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> F Gm F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,  
 2 World with - out end, ♪ with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)  
 F B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
 World with - out end, ♪ with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)  
 C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.  
 World with - out end, ♪ with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)  
 Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.



# 753 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

## Prayer of St. Francis

D Bm A7 D Em A7

1 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where  
 2 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where  
 4 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It

D Bm G Em A7

there is ha-tred, let me bring your love. Where  
 there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope. Where  
 is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, in

Em A7 Em7 A7

there is in-ju-ry, your par-don, Lord, and  
 there is dark-ness, on-ly light, and  
 giv-ing of our-selves that we re-ceive, and in

Em A7 D 1 2, 4 (Fine)

where there's doubt, true faith in you.  
 where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy.  
 dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life.

G Em D Bm

3 O, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek so

Em A7 D A7 D D7

much to be con-soled as to con-sole, to be

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

Though popular opinion credits this prayer to Francis of Assisi, the earliest known printing was in a French religious magazine in 1912. Yet that gentle saint's spirit seems evident in these words, a quality that has spurred many paraphrases and musical settings such as this one.

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

Musical notation for the first line of the song. The staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are G4, A4, B4, and a quarter rest. The lyrics are "un - der - stood".

Chords: G, Em, F#m, Bm

un - der - stood as to un - der - stand, to be

Musical notation for the second line of the song. The staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are G4, A4, B4, C#5, B4, A4, G4, and a quarter rest. The lyrics are "loved as to love with all my soul." A slur covers the notes from G4 to C#5. The text "to Stanza 4" is written above the final notes.

Chords: E, E7, A, E, A, A7

loved as to love with all my soul. to Stanza 4

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# Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people

TEXT: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988  
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551  
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here below; praise Holy Spirit ever more;

praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

# 852 When the Lord Redeems the Very Least

1 When the Lord re - deems the ver - y least,  
 2 When the Lord re - stores the sick and weak, we will re -  
 3 When the Lord re - vives the world from death, we will re-joyce, will re -  
 4 When the Lord re - turns in vic - to - ry,

joyce.  
 joyce, will re-joyce.  
 When the hun - gry gath - er for the feast,  
 When the earth is giv - en to the meek,  
 When the word of God fills ev - ery breath,  
 When we live in glo - rious lib - er - ty,

*Refrain*

we will re-joyce. We will re-  
 we will re-joyce, will re-joyce, will re-joyce. We will re-joyce, will re-

What does it mean to pray “thy kingdom come”? This text (loosely modeled on Psalm 126) sketches out some of the features that help us to know when God’s reign has truly come. The energy of the gospel song tune adds to the sense of rejoicing repeatedly promised in this text.

TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD



joyce with glad-ness. We will re-joyce.  
joyce with glad-ness. We will re-joyce, will re-joyce with glad-ness. All our



We will re-joyce!  
days we'll sing to God in praise. We will re-joyce, will re-joyce, will re-joyce!