

# FOR THE SAKE OF GREER, WE WILL WAIT



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Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*When Peace Like A River*  
MJ Pella, flute

arr. Althouse

Call to Worship

We come from scattered lives gathered in scattered places  
**to seek our unity in the Spirit,  
to seek the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
to seek the peace of God our Creator.**

God's people have gathered:  
let us worship God together.

Hymn # 377

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

HOUSTON

A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH

377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low  
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at  
3 I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with

Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and  
Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

*Refrain*  
star of my life is Je - sus.  
show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at  
shall know the joy of Je - sus.

all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the

light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

The author-composer of this unrhymed hymn regards it as a meditation and prayer deeply rooted in many scriptures, most connected with the theme of light: Genesis 1:17; Psalm 139:12; Isaiah 60:19; Malachi 4:2; John 14:8; Ephesians 5:8; Hebrews 12:1-2; 1 John 1:5; Revelation 21:23.

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God, you made us in your image,  
with a mind to know you,  
a heart to love you,  
and a will to serve you.  
But our knowledge is imperfect,  
our love inconstant,  
our obedience incomplete.  
Day by day we fail to grow into your likeness;  
yet you are slow to be angry with your children.  
For the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior,  
do not hold our sins against us,  
but in your tender love, forgive.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Congregational Response # 447**

*We Are Forgiven*

**WE ARE FORGIVEN**

FORGIVENESS

447

**We Are Forgiven**

We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to  
God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.  
We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

To sing, rather than simply say, a response to the Declaration of Forgiveness has the effect of making the moment both more affirmative and more corporate. The musical repetition of the two sentences also strengthens awareness of what it means to be assured of God's pardon.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text  
MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson, 1995  
Music © 1995 Hal H. Hopson

WE ARE FORGIVEN  
10.8.10.8

**Moment with the Children**

**Anthem**

*I Surrender All*  
Wendi Arms, Solo

arr. Cottrell

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Reading**

Matthew 10: 34-39

**Sermon**

*"Family Matters"*

Dr. Pete Peery

Jesus announced the coming of God's kingdom  
and its hidden presence in the midst of the world's kingdoms.  
He taught his disciples to seek God's kingdom first.

We believe Christ gives us and demands of us  
lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom.  
Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey  
all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful.  
No more than Christ are we spared  
the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in this world.  
We are in the world, but not of the world.  
Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people  
do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world,  
but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom.  
Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom:  
to serve as he has served us;  
to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship;  
to walk by faith, not by sight,  
to hope for what we have not seen.

Prayers of the People

Offering

Congregational Response # 608 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

PRAISE GOD (Hopson)

Praise God, from Whom 608  
All Blessings Flow

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). Chords above are G, C, Am7, Dsus, D, G. The second staff continues: D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (half). Chords above are D, Am7, Dsus, D, Am7, D, G, Am7. The third staff continues: D3 (quarter), C3 (quarter), B2 (quarter), A2 (quarter), G2 (quarter), F#2 (quarter), E2 (quarter), D2 (half). Chords above are G, C, Am7, G, Am7, D, G. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all peo-ple here be-low; praise Ho-ly Spir-it ev-er-more; praise Tri-une God, whom we a-dore."

TEXT: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988  
MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson, 2008  
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Music © 2008 Hal H. Hopson

PRAISE GOD (Hopson)  
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Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer

DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION

Jesus Calls Us 720

1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our  
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
 4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice  
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy o -

sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."  
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

Like many hymns that adults have come to cherish, this text based on Jesus' calling of the disciple Andrew was written for a 19th-century collection of hymns for children. The popular tune used here was composed for these words more than a quarter of a century later.

TEXT: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1852  
 MUSIC: William H. Jude, 1887

GALILEE  
 8.7.8.7

**Charge and Benediction**

**Benediction Response**

*God Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*  
 Carson Garrett, solo

GREEN TYLER

**Postlude**

*Trumpet Tune in D*

Purcell

**Welcome to worship on this Third Sunday after Pentecost.** We invite you to indicate your presence by emailing Maggie Wentzky at [maggiew@fpcgreer.org](mailto:maggiew@fpcgreer.org).

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**These Days and Our Daily Bread Devotional Books** are available for pickup at the Door B mailbox. If you would like a copy mailed to you, please contact Lisa Johnson ([lisaj@fpcgreer.org](mailto:lisaj@fpcgreer.org)) in the church office.

**What's your favorite hymn?** Lisa Dillard is planning a virtual hymn-sing in July and would like to include music that is special to everyone. Please email her at [lisad@fpcgreer.org](mailto:lisad@fpcgreer.org) or text 864-787-5798 to share your favorite hymns.

**Summer Bible Study Series**—Our *Unraveled* Summer Bible Study Series continues on Wednesday mornings from 10:30-11:30 via Zoom. Each week we look at a different Biblical text to help us consider what it looks like to seek God when our plans are changed, uprooted and fall apart, and then consider what new thing(s) God might be weaving in our lives. If you would like more information, please contact Whitney ([whitneym@fpcgreer.org](mailto:whitneym@fpcgreer.org)).

**Thank you to** Wendi Arms, Lisa Dillard, Carson Garrett, and MJ Pella for sharing their musical gifts in worship.

**We offer sincere appreciation to** Mike Senn, Mark Pella, and Ken Dill for their faithful work in producing our online worship services.

**Please note that we now have the capability to accept your offering via text message.** Please text GIVE to 18649993612. You may also give on our website or by mailing a check to the church office.

**BE LOVED.**  
**BE KIND.**  
**BE YOU.**

**SAVE THE DATE!!** We will have a virtual VBS July 18th—August 2nd that will include live and pre-recorded sessions and lots of fun. Watch for more information coming soon!

**Ministers:** All Members of the Congregation  
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**Praise Team Leader:** Wendi Arms

