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Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

With All My Heart
Loren Pinkerman, baritone solo

Mason

Call to Worship

O Come, let us sing to the Lord
and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation.

**Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,
singing joyful songs of praise.**

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

Hymn # 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing.
Our helper he, amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe.
His craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he.
Lord Sabaoth his name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim,
we tremble not for him.
His rage we can endure,
for lo, his doom is sure.
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also.
The body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still.
His kingdom is forever.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God,
in your presence we confess
our failure to be what you created us to be.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.

By your loving mercy,
help us to live in your light
and abide in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus the Christ our Savior.

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response # 435 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*
verse 1

IN BABILONE

FORGIVENESS

435 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness
2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures
of the sea. There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice,
of the mind. And the heart of the E-ter-nal
which is more than lib-er-ty. There is no place where earth's
is most won-der-ful-ly kind. If our love were but more
sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's Word, and our lives re-
where earth's fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
flect thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our Lord.

These stanzas, excerpted from quite a few more, offer a reminder that the model for our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance. The text is effectively set to a broad and sturdy Dutch folk melody, probably from the 17th century.

TEXT: Frederick William Faber, 1854; alt.
MUSIC: Dutch melody; arr. Julius Röntgen, c. 1906

IN BABILONE
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Moment with the Children

Scripture Reading

Genesis 45: 1-8; 47: 13-26

Sermon

"The God of Joseph?"

Dr. Peery

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 Maker of heaven and earth,
 and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
 who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried;
 he descended into hell;
 the third day he rose again from the dead;
 he ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth on the right hand
 of God the Father Almighty;
 from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
 the holy catholic church;
 the communion of saints;
 the forgiveness of sins;
 the resurrection of the body;
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Offering

Congregational Response # 711

Lord of All Good
verse 1

TOULON

DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

711 Lord of All Good

1 Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;
 2 We give our minds to un - der - stand your ways;
 3 Fa - ther, whose boun - ty all cre - a - tion shows;

use them your ho - ly pur - pose to ful - fill,
 hands, eyes, and voice to serve your great de - sign;
 Christ, by whose will - ing sac - ri - fice we live;

to - kens of love and pledg - es brought a - new,
 heart with the flame of your own love a - blaze,
 Spir - it, from whom all life in full - ness flows:

that our whole life is of - fered to your will.
 till for your glo - ry all our powers com - bine.
 to you with grate - ful hearts our - selves we give.

A pastor wrote this text for a Christmas fair, which perhaps added echoes to the words "gifts" and "give" in the first two stanzas. But no hints are needed to grasp the full meaning of this hymn's final line. The text is set to a shortened form of a widely used Genevan tune.

TEXT: Albert F. Bayly, 1962, alt.
 MUSIC: Genevan Psalm, 1531; adapt. from GENEVAN 124
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TOULON
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Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer

CELEBRATING TIME

God of Our Life 686

1 God of our life, through all the cir-ling years, we trust in thee.
 2 God of the past, our times are in thy hand. With us a - bide.
 3 God of the com - ing years, through paths un-known we fol-low thee.

In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, thy hand we see.
 Lead us by faith to hope's true prom-ised land. Be thou our guide.
 When we are strong, Lord, leave us not a - lone. Our ref-uge be.

With each new day, when morn - ing lifts the veil,
 With thee to bless, the dark - ness shines as light,
 Be thou for us in life our dai - ly bread,

we own thy mer - cies, Lord, which nev - er fail.
 and faith's fair vi - sion chang - es in - to sight.
 our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

This text was created for the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, by its pastor. He wrote these words especially for this tune, originally composed for John Henry Newman's text "Lead, Kindly Light."

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 MUSIC: Charles Henry Purday, 1860; harm. John Weaver, 1986 10.4.10.4.10.10
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Charge and Benediction

Benediction Response

May You Go In Peace
 Wendi Arms and Loren Pinkerman, duet

Dillard

Postlude

Rondeau

Mouret

Welcome to worship on this Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost. Please indicate your presence by emailing Lisa Johnson at lisaj@fpcgreer.org.

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Thank you to Loren Pinkerman, Wendi Arms, Lisa Dillard and Pam Turnage for sharing their musical gifts in worship.

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.



Soon we will begin another year of our Backpack Buddies Program with Dunbar Child Development Center and Greer Middle School. Please check the newsletter for more details on what will be needed for this program this year.

WEEKEND MEALS FOR STUDENTS



Join us on August 30th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for our drive-thru Congregational Event!! The Staff and Faith Formation committee would like to invite everyone to “come to church” next Sunday to get a donut, receive information about our Faith Formation activities this Fall and participate in prayers with our staff and as part of a congregational prayer project. Bibles will also be presented to our 1st, 3rd and 6th graders.

This is an event for all ages and we hope to see you there!

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation
Interim Pastor: The Reverend Dr. Pete Peery
Associate for Pastoral Care, Adult Education and Mission: Whitney Moss
Parish Associate: The Reverend Dr. Al Masters
Director of Youth Ministry: Victoria Robinson
Director of Music: Lisa Dillard
Assistant Director of Music: Pam Turnage
Praise Team Leader: Wendi Arms