January 2, 2022 ~ 2nd Sunday of Christmas

Welcome and Announcements ~ Jan Lapenta

Prelude ~ "Away in a Manger/Silent Night" (arr. Greer) ~ Leigh Emmett

Call to Worship ~ responsive

Leader: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

People: We have beheld his glory. Alleluia!

*you are invited to stand in body or in spirit

*Hymn #157 ~ "I Danced in the Morning"

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession ~ in unison

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 Christ our Savior. (A time of silent, personal prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Responsive Chorus #829 ~ "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (v. 1)

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away: O let me from this day be wholly thine!

Passing the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Responsive Chorus #406 ~ "We Are Standing on Holy Ground"

We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around; let us praise Jesus now; we are standing in his presence on holy ground.

Offering Prayer

*Doxology ~ "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" (Avery & Marsh)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Scripture ~ Psalm 147:12-20

Special Music ~ "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (arr. Hayes)

Christian Scripture ~ John 1:1-18

Message ~ "A New Day"

*Hymn #187 ~ "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Community at Prayer

Prayer Preparation ~ "Come and Rest" (C. Bell & M. McFee)

Come and rest. Come and listen. Lay the fullness of your lives before the Maker. Come and rest. Come and listen. Lay the fullness of your lives before the Maker. Come and rest. Come and listen. There's a wisdom deep within that calls us closer. Come and rest. Come and listen. There's a wisdom deep within that calls us closer.

The Lord's Prayer ~ in unison

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.

Amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.

Postlude ~ "Joy to the World!" (arr. Hayes)

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Stewardship Campaign Update: 70% of the goal of \$225,000.00 has been met with 44 pledging units committed for a total of \$158,458.00. Thank you to all who have completed commitment cards for 2022. If you have not yet made your commitment, please do so as soon as possible so that the 2022 budget may be set.

The Board of Deacons received gifts to the Hunger Ministry from:

Carol Falle in memory of loved ones, Allen and Chery Nicholas in memory of loved ones and in honor of their children and their grandchildren, and Don and Meta Tulley in memory of Gail Artinian

The office will be closed on January 3, 2022.

^{*}Hymn #192 ~ "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

^{*}Benediction

^{*}Choral Response #600 ~ "Amen"

A continuing reminder from your Board of Deacons..."Do you have someone or something to celebrate? You can share your joy with your St. Paul's family, help feed the hungry, and honor the person or object of your celebration with a tribute gift to the Board of Deacons Hunger Ministries. Tribute gifts may also be in memory of someone or something, or your donation can simply be a gift to the Hunger Ministries. An acknowledgement will be placed in the bulletin and eBranch. No set amount is required, and acknowledgements will go in the bulletin as soon as possible after checks are received. Donations may not be made far in advance for future dates. To donate, please: Make your check payable to: St. Paul's Board of Deacons and in the Memo line, write: Hunger Ministries and enclose a note with: Donor(s) Name(s) and the dedication. (Dedication examples: In honor of the first responders. In honor of our grandchildren. In memory of my parents).

Send the donation with your check and note to St. Paul's, drop it in the secure mailbox outside the entrance, or bring it to the church for Sunday worship or during office hours. The Board of Deacons appreciates the congregation's generous spirit. Let's feed each other spiritually, and the hungry, literally. May the peace of Christ be with us all."

en our Thoughts & Prayers

Meta Tulley, Ron Frank, Karen Bright, Sheldon Davis, Doris Knecht, Joyce Barton Pam Phillips, Suzanne Tabaka, Jim & Joanna Roye, Nola Bonandrini, Nancy Saunders Jerry Stone, Beverly Dearth, Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz, Grace Campbell, Susan Grant Bruce Phillips, Linda Thompson & her sister, Shirley Kircoff

Micah Schemanske ~ friend of Charlotte & Jim Day; Macaylah Whitlock ~ daughter of the Rev. Kellie Whitlock Finley Farquhar ~ granddaughter of Eric; Rosemary Iaquinta ~ sister of Cathy DeSautel Pamela Serene ~ daughter of the late Marilyn Allen

Mark Feely ~ friend of Judy McGregor; Glenn Ellan Rubright ~ sister of Mike Graham Nicole Snead ~ daughter of Bill VanEck; Nancy Kreipke ~ mother of Christian Rich McKenzie ~ son of Jean; Erin Lewis ~ daughter of Pattie Benoit Phyllis Badman ~ niece of Georgia Hunt; Christie Piastowski ~ daughter of Karen Bright Janet Kusuhara ~ cousin of Meta Tulley; Joe Ducsay ~ friend of Mike & Carol Graham Mark Osborne ~ son of the late Janet

Diane Calloway & Tony S. ~ cousins of the late Gail Artinian; MaryAnn Tabaka ~ mother of Suzanne

Eric Tabaka ~ nephew of Suzanne; Cyndi Knecht ~ daughter of Doris; Joe Perko ~ friend of Wanda & Bob Seymour

David Bonandrini ~ son of Nola & Ben; Zoe Marcus ~ friend of Karen Erwin

Gideon Janku ~ great nephew of Bob Westbrook; Judy Siegfried ~ sister-in-law of Pam Phillips

Randy Tillman ~ son of Gloria Rubbo; Leslie Benoit ~ daughter of the late Tamar and Jim Duthie

Mary Rayes ~ friend of Pat Hutchison; Adam Schilling & Eric Shilling ~ grandsons of Ron & Janet Frank

Donald Keller III ~ son of Jan Lapenta; Scott Davis ~ son of Sheldon & Marion Davis

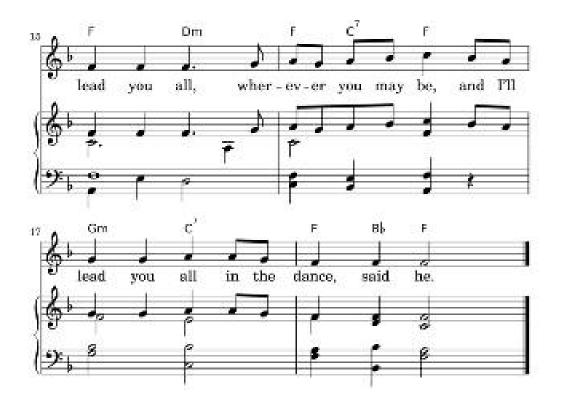
Please review the prayer list and report any changes to the office as soon as possible.

157 I Danced in the Morning

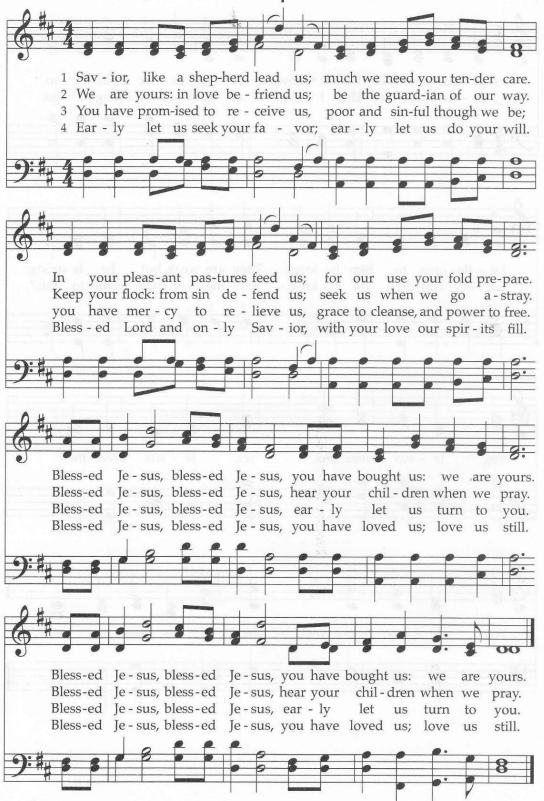








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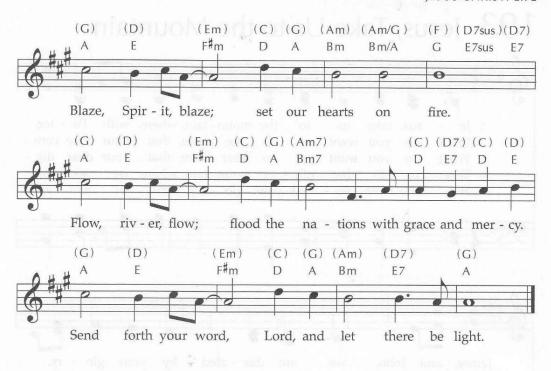
This unattributed hymn, like many that are now meaningful to adults, was written for children and develops shepherd imagery from Psalm 23 and John 10:1–18. The tune, composed for these words, was originally named for the text but has come to be known by the composer's name.

Lord, the Light of Your LoveIs Shining

Shine, Jesus, Shine



While the reference to Jesus as the Light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5) can be understood generally, this hymn is perhaps best understood as a response to the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1–8/Mark 9:2–8/Luke 9:28–36). This is the most popular of the author/composer's many songs.



All Belong Here

as recorded by The Many

Lyrics by Lenora Rand Music by Hannah Rand



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Come and Rest

Gifts of the Dark Wood



Score

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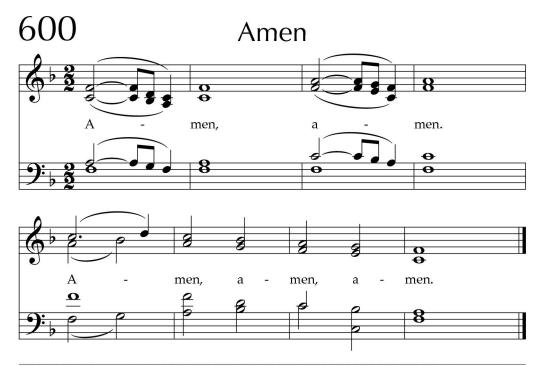


6 We Are Standing on Holy Ground



The phrase "holy ground" resonates with the experience of Moses at the burning bush, where he had an encounter with God (Exodus 3:5; also quoted in the martyr Stephen's sermon, Acts 7:33). The reference to angels may recall Jacob's vision (Genesis 28:12–17) or Hebrews 12:22.

Irregular



TEXT: Trad. liturgical text MUSIC: African American; arr. Nelsie T. Johnson, 1988

AMEN



Originally a poem of private reflection, this text was offered to the composer when he asked the author if he had written anything that could be set to music for a new hymn and tune collection. This was the first tune written for these words and has proved the most enduring.