

February 12, 2023 ~ 6th Sunday after Epiphany

Gathering Music ~ Leigh Emmett

Welcome and Announcements ~ Don Tulley, liturgist

Prelude

Call to Worship ~ *responsive*

Leader: As we worship together we say “Speak, O Lord, for your servants are listening.”

People: Empower us and enliven our worship this day, Holy Spirit,

Leader: so, that by hearing, we may understand and by seeing, we may follow you faithfully.

People: Amen, we say, O Lord. Let it be so today in worship and every day of our lives!

**you are invited to stand in body or in spirit*

**Hymn #697 ~ “Take My Life” (vs. 1,5,6)*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession ~ *in unison*

God, you have shown us your ways and have called us out of our sins. Yet Lord, we confess that too often we have treated the symptoms of sin and not the causes. Forgive us, Lord. Embolden us to truly reflect and make changes in our lives so that we may more faithfully follow where you lead. Amen.

(A time of silent, personal prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Responsive Chorus #35 ~ *“Glad Adoration”*

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Passing the Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Responsive Chorus #753 ~ *“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”* (v. 1)

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.

Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

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 ~ Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Special Music ~ “*Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me*” (T. Paul) - Celebration Choir

Christian Scripture ~ Matthew 5:21-37

Message ~ “Root Causes”

*Hymn #700 ~ “*I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*”

A time for sharing the joys and concerns of our community.

Prayer Preparation ~ “*Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*”
Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord;
Incline Thine ear to us, And grant us Thy peace.

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.

*Hymn #839 ~ “*Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!*”

*Benediction

*Choral Response #136 ~ “*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*” (refrain x 2)

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

Postlude

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The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will follow the worship service today.

You also have the opportunity to support your favorite team by making a donation on their behalf which will support the ministry of Crossroads Soup Kitchen in Detroit.

Reminder: Training, led by Pastor Nate, for all serving in church leadership is scheduled for Saturday, February 18 from 2:00PM until 5:00PM.

Thank you to those who have donated to the 2023 Per Capita assessment. Each year the churches in the Presbytery are assessed PER EVERY ACTIVE MEMBER on the roll. Asking the membership to voluntarily donate greatly reduces the burden on the General Fund. There is also an opportunity to donate to the Shared Mission campaign. \$35.00 per member is currently assessed toward St. Paul's 2023 commitment of \$4,278.05.

Please hold those listed in prayer... and REVIEW and REPORT updates, PLEASE



Andy Foy, Bill Garvey, Mike Graham, Janet Frank, Grace Erwin, August Kornowicz, Karen Bright
Sheldon Davis, Doris Knecht, Pam Phillips, Suzanne Tabaka, Jim & Joanna Roye, Jerry Stone
Beverly Dearth, Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz, Grace Campbell, Susan Grant, Bruce Phillips
Julie Newell ~ cousin of Pam Phillips; sister-in law and nephew of Pat Garvey
Linda Thompson and her sister, Shirley Kircoff
Joan Velis and family; Westin ~ infant grandson of Jeanne Sinclair
John Branch ~ father of Christie Piastowski
Dave Schulz ~ nephew of Carol & Mike Graham
Sharon and George and Rita Czanko ~ cousins of Terry Earnley
John Candiloro ~ friend of August Kornowicz
Ray & Mary Clark ~ neighbors of Don & Meta Tulley
Sarah & Mason Young ~ family of Judy McGregor
Chris O'Neill, Tracey Ford, Phil Decker & Vickie McVeigh ~ friends of Judy McGregor
Ben Abela ~ son-in-law of August & Faith Kornowicz
Macaylah Whitlock ~ daughter of the Rev. Kellie Whitlock
Rosemary Iaquina ~ sister of Cathy DeSautel; Pamela Serene ~ daughter of the late Marilyn Allen
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
Cyndi Knecht ~ daughter of Doris; Joe Perko ~ friend of Wanda Seymour
David Bonandrini ~ son of Ben; Gideon Janku ~ great nephew of Bob Westbrook
Judy Siegfried ~ sister-in-law of Pam Phillips; Randy Tillman ~ son of Gloria Rubbo
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

Take My Life

697

1 Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as

cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.
 thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne,
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure store;
 take myself and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee,
 ever, only, all for thee.

This hymn of consecration radiates from the repeated word "take," resulting in a remarkably full survey of a person's attributes and possessions and giving weight to the "all" at the end. The composer of the tune was influential in the renewal of Reformed hymnody in French.

DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so)
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so) God can use me an - y -
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (an - y - time!)
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na

live so (live so)
 work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
 pray so (pray so)
 sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (my Lord,) (an - y - time!)

This African American spiritual has more depth than may at first appear: for people who are bound in slavery to sing about dedicating themselves to God's use shows a profound awareness of God-given self-worth despite circumstances that would deny their human or spiritual value.

839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a
 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing,
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing,

pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
 look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry; this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior

Sometimes this prolific 19th-century hymnwriter wrote texts for others to set, and sometimes she created words for tunes others had composed. This text was of the second kind, and the resulting close fit between words and music has made them both popular and inseparable.

TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

all the day long; this is my sto - ry; this is my

song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

KOREAN

1 예수를 내가 주로 믿어
 성령과 피로써 거듭나니
 이세상에서 내 영혼이
 하늘의 영광 누리도다

후렴 이것이 나의 간증이요
 이것이 나의 찬송일세
 나사는 동안 끊임없이
 예수 내 구주 찬송하리

2 온전히 주께 맡긴 내 영
 온전한 기쁨을 누리면서
 자비와 사랑 속삭이는
 하늘의 천사 보리로다 후렴

3 예수께 맡긴 나의 영혼
 주안에 복되고 평안하니
 세상도 없고 나도 없고
 사랑의 주만 보이도다 후렴

