

May 14, 2023 ~ 6th Sunday of Easter

Gathering Music ~ Leigh Emmett

Welcome and Announcements ~ Jan Lapenta, liturgist

Prelude

Call to Worship ~ *responsive*

Leader: As we come to worship the Lord, we know the Spirit of God is here,

People: speaking through the words of scripture and our songs.

Leader: And when we pray for and support one another, we share the love of God.

People: Open our eyes, ears and hearts, Lord, that we may feel your presence.

Amen.

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

*\*Hymn #20 ~ "All Things Bright and Beautiful"*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession ~ *in unison*

Jesus, you have saved us from our sins and brought us into new life. We confess that at times we have felt isolated and alone and have strayed from your path.

Remind us of your love through the working of the Holy Spirit. Move through us that we would follow where you command. Amen.

(A time of silent, personal prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Responsive Chorus #625 ~ *"How Great Thou Art!"* (refrain)

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!*

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!*

Passing the Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Responsive Chorus #399 ~ *"God Welcomes All"*

*God welcomes all, strangers and friends; God's love is strong and it never ends.*

Offering Prayer

*\*Doxology#606 ~ "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. Amen.*

## Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Scripture ~ Psalm 66:8-20

Special Music ~ *“Forever (We Sing Hallelujah)”* (H. Sorenson) ~ Celebration Choir

Christian Scripture ~ John 14:15-21

Message ~ “Not alone”

\*Hymn #188 ~ *“Jesus Loves Me!”*

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

Prayer Preparation#469 ~ *“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”*  
*Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place.*  
*Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.*

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 #821 ~ *“How Can I Keep From Singing?”*

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response #614 ~ *“Great Are You, Lord”*

*Great are you, Lord: you are holy and just; by your power we trust in your love.*  
*Great are you, Lord: you are faithful and true; by your mercy you prove you are love.*  
*Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory! Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise.*  
*Great are you, Lord. We lift up our voice; we lift up our voice: great are you, Lord!*  
*Great are you, Lord!*

Postlude

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The Faith Formation Committee invites you to coffee hour next Sunday, May 21, to say thank you to all who served in their ministries this past year.

Sent to the Mission Team...“Thank you for your incredible generosity! We at Hopkins County Long Term Recovery greatly appreciate all your hard work and dedication. Your support helps to further our mission of recovering Hopkins County. Together we are making a difference for all residents. We hope to have you guys back to volunteer

any time. It was a pleasure working with you and your team. Your support is invaluable to us. Thank you again! Sincerely, Autumn McCay, Administrative Assistant.”

**Life Together Book Study Potluck with Pastor Nate - Wednesdays @ 6:30PM through May 31, 2023 - Room 11. Please sign up in the lobby.**

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



Andy Foy, Bill Garvey, Mike Graham, Janet Frank, Grace Erwin, August and Faith Kornowicz  
Karen Bright, Sheldon Davis, Doris Knecht, Pam Phillips, Suzanne Tabaka, Jim and Joanna Roye, Jerry Stone  
Beverly Dearth, Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz, Grace Campbell  
Susan Grant, Bruce Phillips, Anna Richardson  
Nate Statly ~ friend of Joey Nicholas  
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 and Mike Graham  
Sharon and George and Rita Czanko ~ cousins of Terry Earnley  
Lois Wludyka and John Candiloro ~ friends of August Kornowicz  
Ray and Mary Clark ~ neighbors of Don and Meta Tulley  
Richard Rosenberg and Mike Hyatt ~ friends of Judy McGregor  
Sarah and Mason Young ~ family of Judy McGregor  
Ben Abela ~ son-in-law of August and Faith Kornowicz  
Macaylah Whitlock ~ daughter of the Rev. Kellie and Marc Whitlock  
Rosemary Iaquina ~ sister of Cathy DeSautel; Pamela Serene ~ daughter of the late Marilyn Allen  
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 and 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 and Eric Shilling ~ grandsons of Ron and Janet Frank  
Donald Keller III ~ son of Jan Lapenta; Scott Davis ~ son of Sheldon and Marion Davis

## All Things Bright and Beautiful

*Refrain*

All things bright and beau-ti-ful, all

crea-tures great and small, all things wise and

won-der-ful, the Lord God made them all. *Fine*

1 Each lit-tle flower that o-pens, each  
 2 The pur-ple-head-ed moun-tain, the  
 3 The cold wind in the win-ter, the  
 4 God gave us eyes to see them, and

*Glory to God 20*

TEXT: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848, alt.

MUSIC (ROYAL OAK 7.8.7.6 with refrain): English melody, 17th cent.; adapt. Martin Shaw, 1915; harm. *The Hymnbook*, 1956; harm. © 1955, ren. 1983 John Ribble (admin. Westminster John Knox Press)

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lit - tle bird that sings,      God made their glow-ing  
 riv - er run-ning by,      the sun - set, and the  
 pleas-ant sum-mer sun,      the ripe fruits in the  
 lips that we might tell      how great is God Al -

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*to Refrain*

col - ors;    God made their ti - ny wings.  
 morn - ing    that bright - ens up the sky:  
 gar - den,    God made them ev - ery one.  
 might - y,    who has made all things well.

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# 188 Jesus Loves Me!

1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.  
 2 Je - sus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long a - go,

Lit - tle ones to him be-long. They are weak, but he is strong.  
 tak - ing chil-dren on his knee, say - ing, "Let them come to me."

*Refrain*

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

Few songs of faith have supported people from cradle to grave like this one. The great theologian Karl Barth said that its opening two lines were a summary of all that he had learned. The composer formed the refrain from those lines when creating this universally used tune.

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# My Life Flows On

## How Can I Keep from Singing?

1 My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion.  
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.  
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? I know my Sav - ior liv - eth.  
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!

I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?  
 What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv-eth.  
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

*Refrain*

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.

Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

In the *New York Observer* of August 7, 1868, this text was titled "Always Rejoicing," and was attributed to "Pauline T." This may well be where the Baptist pastor and musician to whom it is usually credited encountered the words that he later published with his tune.