

June 13, 2021 ~ 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements ~ Chery Nicholas

Prelude ~ Leigh Emmett

Call to Worship ~ *responsive*

Leader: The Spirit of the Lord is in this place

People: Pouring over all who worship

Leader: Young and Old, Big and Small.

People: Holy Spirit, lead us and guide us in our worship and the work of the Kingdom of God. Amen.

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

*\*Hymn #463 ~ "How Firm a Foundation" (verses 1,2,5)*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession ~ *in unison*

Jesus you called us to follow you and seek the Kingdom of God. Yet Lord we confess that we have sinned and fallen short of your vision for our lives and the church. We stray to sin and selfishness. Forgive us God and lead us back to your will for our lives and our world. Amen. (A time of silent, personal prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Responsive Chorus ~ *"Breathe on Us"* (K. Jobe/E. Cash)

*Breathe on us! Holy firefall! Come and fill this space with your presence.*

*Like a rushing wind send Your Spirit here.*

*Breath of Heaven, breathe on us. Breath of Heaven, breathe on us.*

Passing the Peace

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

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

People: And also with you.

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Scripture ~ Ezekiel 17:22-24

Special Music ~ *"All Good Gifts"* (S. Schwartz) ~ Ringers

Christian Scripture ~ Mark 4:26-34

Message ~ "Seeds"

\*Hymn #840 ~ *"When Peace like a River"*

Community at Prayer

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 #462 ~ *"I Love to Tell the Story"*

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response #288 ~ *"Spirit of the Living God"*

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

*Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

Postlude

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A memorial service for Tamar Duthie will be held at St. Paul's on Saturday, June 26 at 1:00PM.

CREATIVE ARTS IN THE BIBLE VBS 2021, June 21 - 24, 9 am - 12 noon, is seeking volunteers!!! We are looking forward to a fun, faith-filled week of learning about Jesus through some of the creative arts mentioned in scripture! Please consider assisting, safely, that week as we share the gospel with children who may not hear it anywhere else. There will likely be projects that volunteers can prepare at home, as well.

We are limiting our numbers this year, to allow for adequate social distancing. Masks are required. Temperatures and contact tracing forms will be daily taken by staff and participants. All contact points will be sanitized daily after VBS. I hope you will consider assisting. Please email Kathy Potter at christianeducator@stpaulspresbyterian.church or call 313-719-8467 to indicate your availability.

## Mission Project for VBS 2021: Creative Arts in the Bible!

We are collecting art supplies to benefit Livonia Public Schools Visual Arts K-12! As we learn about Jesus and create through similar medium as craftsmen gifted by God in scripture, St. Paul's and the children in VBS will be collecting art supplies to support art in the local public school system! We will be collecting new items on the list below through July 4th. Please prayerfully consider purchasing some items and delivering them to the box in the church lobby by Sunday, July 4th!

**Sharpies (black, metallic, and color at all) ~ Erasers  
Tape (masking, scotch, painters tape, etc.)**

**Mod Podge ~ Fine Tip markers (or any kind of marker)**

**Crayons ~ Crafting supplies (googly eyes, feather, beads, pipe cleaners etc.)**

Thank you!

*Kathy Potter*

**CREATIVE ARTS IN THE BIBLE VBS 2021 June 21 - 24, 9 am - 12 noon, is seeking KIDS!!**

If you know a kid...your kid, grand-kid, great-grand-kid, neighbor kid, niece or nephew kid, any kid...**aged 4 years thru 5th grade**, please let them know about VBS at St. Paul's!! We will be experiencing arts referenced in the Bible as we learn about Jesus: stained glass, textiles, stonework and pottery! Registration is online at [stpaulspresbyterian.church](http://stpaulspresbyterian.church). Masks will be required and safety precautions will be followed including daily temperature checks, contact tracing & sanitizing. Please email Kathy Potter at [christianeducator@stpaulspresbyterian.church](mailto:christianeducator@stpaulspresbyterian.church) or call 313-719-8467 with any questions!

*In Our Thoughts  
& Prayers*

Gail Artinian, Janet Frank, Karen Bright, Sheldon Davis, Doris Knecht, Joyce Barton  
Pam Phillips, Suzanne Tabaka, Jim & Joanna Roye, Nola Bonandrini, Frank & Nancy Saunders  
Jerry Stone, Beverly Dearth, Anita Falk, Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz, Grace Campbell, Susan Grant  
Bruce Phillips, Patricia Hutchison, Linda Thompson & her sister, Shirley Kircoff  
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 Janet  
Diane Calloway & Tony S. ~ cousins of 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.**

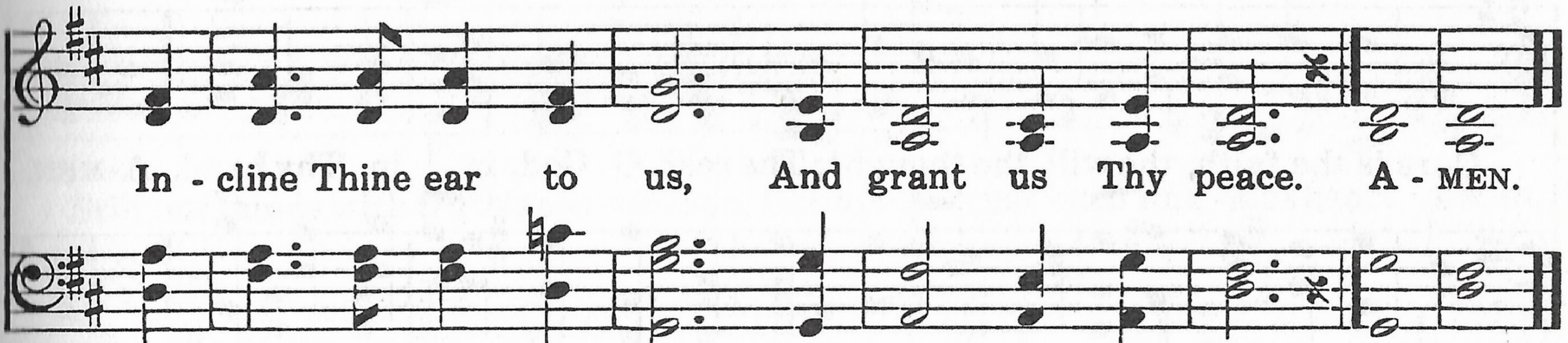
## Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

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George Whelpton, 1847-1930



Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord;



In - cline Thine ear to us, And grant us Thy peace. A - MEN.

## 463 How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!  
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;  
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

## 840 When Peace like a River

It Is Well with My Soul

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
 3 He lives: O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought. My  
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I  
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*

It is well with my soul;  
 It is well with my soul;

THE WORD

# 462 I Love to Tell the Story

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
2 I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat  
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it, like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis true;  
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else could do.  
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.  
'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

This text is drawn from the second part of a fifty-stanza poem on the life of Christ written in 1866, during the author's recovery from a serious illness. The tune named for her first appeared three years later, and the composer was responsible for the creation of the refrain.