

June 28, 2020 ~ Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements ~ The Rev. Paul Stunkel

Prelude ~ *“Ten Thousand Reasons”* (arr. Hayes) ~ Leigh Emmett

Call to Worship (from Psalm 100) ~ *responsive*

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

All: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Chorus #743~ *“O God, You Are My God”*

*O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.*

*O God, you are my God and I will ever praise you.*

*I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways.*

*And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.*

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his.

All: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

Leader: For the Lord is good;

All: his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

*\*you are invited to stand as you are able*

*\*Hymn #726 ~ “Will You Come and Follow Me”*

*\*Psalm Prayer ~ in unison*

We thank you and we praise you, faithful God.

By your power at work within us, may we cheerfully proclaim your goodness, selflessly show your love, and joyfully come into your presence.

You are our God. We are your people, now and always. Hallelujah! Amen.

*\*Sharing the Peace*

Reflection with children

*\*Hymn #65 ~ “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”*

Breathing Prayer

Response #455 ~ *“Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken”*

*Listen to the word that God has spoken; listen to the One who is close at hand;*

*listen to the voice that began creation, listen even if you don't understand.* (repeat)

Hebrew Scripture ~ Genesis 32:25-32 ~ as translated in The Five Books of Moses by Everett Fox.

*\*Hymn #749 ~ “Come! Live in the Light!”*

Epistle ~ Hebrews 12:1-2

Message ~ “Wrestling and Blessing - left with a limp.”

*\*Hymn #821 ~ “My Life Flows On”*

Community at Prayer

Special Music ~ *“Pastor's Song”* (D. Jackson)

**\*Doxology**

*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 of Thanksgiving**

**\*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 #853 - "We Are Marching in the Light of God"**

**The Dissolution of the Call of Paul Stunkel**

**Litany - *responsive***

Leader: Let us pray for the saving presence of our living Lord: In your world,

**All: be present, Lord.**

Leader: In this congregation,

**All: be present, Lord.**

Leader: In this community,

**All: be present, Lord.**

Leader: In this presbytery and the whole church,

**All: be present, Lord.**

Leader: In the homes and hearts of all your people,

**All: be present, Lord.**

Paul: Let us pray for the mercy of the Lord: For work begun but not completed,

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Paul: For expectations not met,

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Paul: For wounds not healed,

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Paul: For gifts not shared,

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Paul: For promises not kept,

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Let us give thanks for our journey together in this place: For friendships made, for joys celebrated, and for times of nurture and growth,

**All: thanks be to God.**

Leader: For wounds healed, expectations met, gifts given and promises kept,

**All: thanks be to God.**

Leader: For our fellowship in Jesus Christ, and for the love of God, which has sustained us,

**All: thanks be to God.**

### **Dissolution**

Charon Barconey, Associate Executive Presbyter - The Presbytery of Detroit:

Do you, the members of and friends of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, release Paul from service as your pastor?

**All: We do with thanks to God.**

Charon: Do you, Paul, recognize and accept the completion of your ministry with this congregation?

Paul: I do with thanks to God.

Charon: Loving God, Alpha and Omega, you are both beginning and end. Our endings and our beginnings are rooted in your love. Whether near or far, we are held close by your love, and kept safe from any lasting loss. Let our time together end with your blessing. Touch all memories with your grace and peace. Help us to live with courage and gladness in the future you present us. In every time and place, may we offer you our highest and our best; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Alleluia!**

Charon: Representing the Presbytery of Detroit, I witness these words of thanksgiving, forgiveness, and release. The presbytery rejoices with you in the ministry you have shared, and we pledge to you continued support and prayer. With thanks to God for the ministry of this congregation and the ministry of God's servant Paul, and with hope for God's abiding grace in the years to come, this pastoral relationship is now dissolved. With God's help and love may your lives be blessed and your labors fruitful as you offer yourselves gladly in the service of our common Lord.

**\*Benediction ~ Irish Blessing with movement**

**Postlude ~ "Pass It On" (arr. Hayes)**

A donation to the Board of Deacons Hunger Relief Ministry was made by Aunt Judy McGregor in honor of Hanna Elton

**Pastor Paul will greet you, socially distanced, at which time you may present your Blessing Card. Please plan to stay for lunch!**

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## Reflection

Dear, dear Community,

The last week...the last worship...the last.

Am I ready? Are you?

To quote from the song by the Avett Brothers: *No Hard Feelings*

*“under the curving sky  
I’m finally learning why  
it matters for me and you  
to say it and mean it too.  
Holding the love I’ve known in my life  
and No Hard Feelings.”*

Thanks for the love you have offered. I hope you realize how dear you are to me.

And if there are hard feelings, leftovers, please forgive.

(In the long run hard feelings only hurt us).

You are a joy and a blessing. I will miss you.

*Paul*

June 24, 2020

### **An update from the PNC...**

The PNC diligently continues our search for St. Paul’s next called pastor. We are meeting weekly, and at times twice a week, to do our due diligence to research, follow up, and have conversations with prospective candidates. As you can imagine, the pandemic had an effect on the search process, but we have remained dedicated in our continued search. Currently within the PCUSA, there are 1495 churches seeking solo pastors with 346 candidates searching. We realize you may be feeling anxious with Paul’s retirement quickly approaching. Please keep the faith! Say your prayers! We are working hard and remind ourselves that this will happen in God’s time, not ours. We remain faithful that God is guiding us and with us in our search. We ask for your continued prayers and support as we move forward.

**Pastoral Care:** Upon Paul’s retirement on June 30, what will St. Paul’s do for pastoral care? Although the Rev. Joanne Morgan’s relationship with St. Paul’s as Parish Associate terminates with Paul’s retirement, she has agreed to handle the coordination of pastoral care needs in the interim. If someone is hospitalized, we encourage you to phone the office or call Jo directly. Funeral arrangements and hospital visitation may be arranged with Rev. Jo and may include elders helping with follow-up in the gap between Paul’s retirement and the arrival of a new pastor.

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### Highlights from the June 16 Council Meeting...

- 1) Celebrated Rev. Paul Stunkel's final meeting with us.
- 2) Thank you to the Rev. Joanne Morgan for serving as our Parish Associate during Rev. Paul Stunkel's call. We look forward to working with her as she continues to help us as our Pastoral Care Coordinator and Moderator of Council.
- 3) Worship Committee will be working to supply preaching leadership on Sundays until a new pastor arrives.
- 4) Thank you to our congregation for continuing to be faithful in your giving and participation in Sunday morning live-streamed services!!! Our May service attendance for 2020 surpassed attendance for May services in both 2018 and 2019!!! So nice to be with you all on Sundays!
- 5) Council would like to extend a thank you to all our members and volunteers who have been helping to clean up the grounds at St. Paul's the last few weeks. We are 'looking good!'.



Camilla White, Sheldon Davis, Doris Knecht, Joyce Barton, Pam Phillips, Suzanne Tabaka, Jim & Joanna Roye  
Nola Bonandrini, Tamar Duthie, Frank & Nancy Saunders, Jerry Stone, Beverly Dearth, Anita Falk  
Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz, Lila Hindmarsh, Susan Grant, Grace Campbell, Bruce Phillips, Barbara Kett  
Debbie Peterson & family ~ friends of Meta Tulley & Joan Westbrook  
The family of the Rev. Dr. Louis Forsythe ~ friends of St. Paul's; Thomas Peeples ~ friend of Jeff Graham  
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; Sarah & Mason Young ~ cousins of Judy McGregor  
Bob Kortenhoeven ~ brother of a friend of Judy McGregor  
Tony S. ~ cousin of Gail Artinian; Diane Calloway ~ cousin 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 Tamar Duthie  
Mary Rayes ~ friend of Pat Hutchison; Adam Schilling ~ grandson of Ron & Janet Frank  
Eric Schilling ~ grandson of Ron & Janet Frank; Donald Keller III ~ son of Jan Lapenta  
Scott Davis ~ son of Sheldon & Marion Davis; Jill Haddox ~ friend of Connie Shoup

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

# 726 Will You Come and Follow Me

## The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)  
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?"
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?"
- 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?"
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?"
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)  
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?  
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus) (A)  
 Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> Am7 B<sup>b</sup> Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)  
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"  
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"  
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"  
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"  
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

## Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me  
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

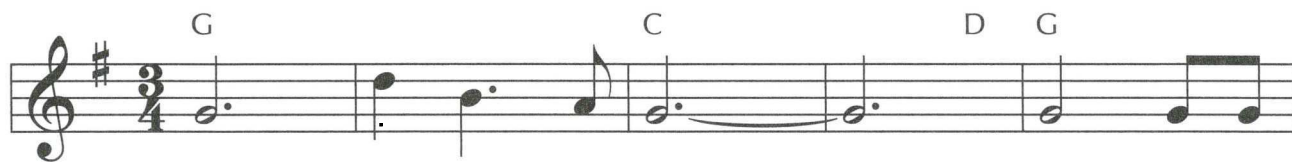
with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,  
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.  
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.  
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

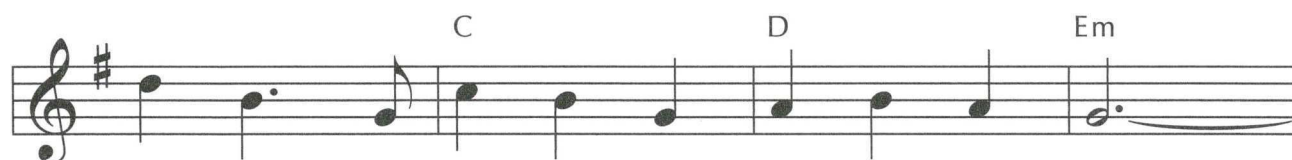
Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.

## Come! Live in the Light!

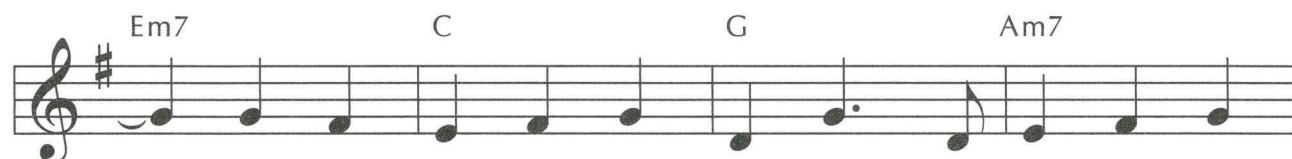
## We Are Called



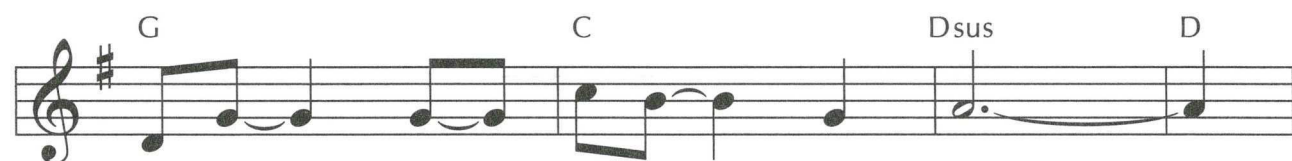
1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the  
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your  
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that



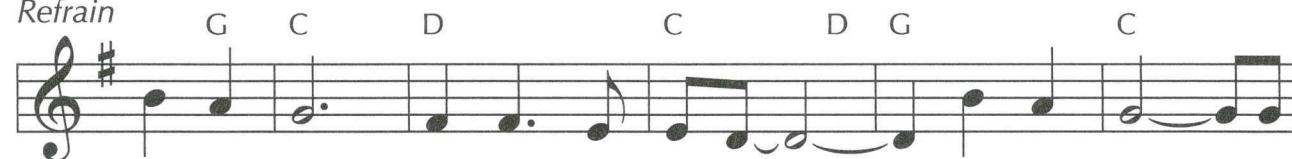
joy and the love of the Lord! We are called  
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called  
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,



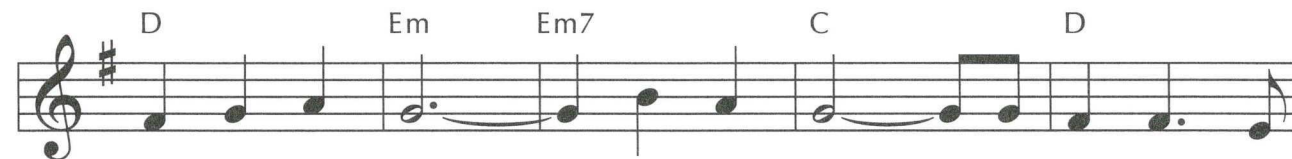
to be light for the king - dom, to live in the  
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and  
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and



free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
 vio - lence will be no more.  
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

*Refrain*

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.



821

## 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.

## 853 We Are Marching in the Light of God

## Siyahamba

We are march-ing in the light of God; we are march-ing in the  
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -

light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God;  
nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',

we are march-ing in the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
we are march-ing in the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

This lively Zulu/Xhosa freedom song originated in a Methodist young men's group in South Africa and has gone on to become popular in many other languages around the globe. Some additional stanzas are suggested, but others may be improvised as appropriate to the occasion.

We are march - ing  
Si - ya - ham - ba

oo  
oo

We are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing, march - ing,  
Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,

we are march - ing in the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march - ing in the light of, the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - , kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march - ing in the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

We are march - ing  
Si - ya - ham - ba

oo  
oo

We are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing, march - ing,  
Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,

we are march - ing in the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing...

We are praying...

We are singing...

# IRISH BLESSING

*Chanson traditionnelle irlandaise*

G C D7 G C G D7

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be al-ways at your

G C G D7 G C G

back, may the sun shine warm up - on your face, the rain fall soft u-pon your

D7 G C D7 G

fields. And un - til we meet a - gain, un - til we meet a - gain may

C D7

1. G	2. G
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God hold you in the palm of His hand! hand!