July 18, 2021 ~ 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude ~ Leigh Emmett

Call to Worship ~ responsive

Leader: As we come to worship together, God is speaking.

People: God is speaking through the words of scripture.

Leader: God is speaking through the songs we sing.

People: God is speaking through the love we show one another.

Leader: And God is speaking in all things through the work of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

*you are invited to stand in body or in spirit

*Hymn #465 ~ "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession ~ in unison

Jesus our shepherd, you have led and guided us all our lives with grace and love. Yet, we like sheep, have gone astray and not listened when you call to us. Christ have mercy on us. Help us to follow where you lead, remembering you and the love you have shown us every day of our lives. 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: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Responsive Chorus ~ "I Love This Family" (arr. C. Bowes)

I love this family of God, so closely knitted into one, They've taken me into their midst and I'm so glad to be a part of this great family.

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Scripture ~ Psalm 23

Special Music ~ "It Is Well With My Soul" (arr. J. Carter) ~ Claire Emmett-Hardey, guest

Christian Scripture ~ Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Message ~ "The Compassionate Shepherd"

*Hymn #821 ~ "How Can I Keep from Singing?"

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.

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 ~ "O Worship the King" (arr. A. Page)

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Mark your calendar! <u>Sunday</u>. <u>August 8, 2021</u>, St. Paul's will be joining with our sister churches for the annual Worship in the Park! The service will be at Mies Park, across from Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church and will begin at <u>10:30AM!</u> So please, bring a lawn chair and be prepared to enjoy a morning of worship and fellowship! There will be <u>NO</u> service, either in person or live streamed from St. Paul's.

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

^{*}Benediction

^{*}Choral Response #288 ~ "Spirit of the Living God"

The Livonia Community Theatre will present Neil Simon's "The Star Spangled Girl" on Thursday, August 12, Friday, August 13, and Saturday, August 14 at 7:30PM with an additional performance on Saturday, August 14 at 2:00PM, all in St. Paul's Social Hall. Suggested donation is \$15.00. Tickets and further information at livoniacommunitytheatre.org.

Gail Artinian, 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, Anita Falk, Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz, Grace Campbell, Susan Grant Bruce Phillips, Patricia Hutchison, Linda Thompson & her sister, Shirley Kircoff Rosemary Iaquinta ~ sister of Cathy DeSautel; The Dylegowski Family ~ friends of Jan Burgess 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; Mary Ann 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

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

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

465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus



This text was written by an Irish-born immigrant to Canada to comfort his mother in Ireland when she was going through a time of special sorrow. The role of prayer as a source of strength and consolation is underscored by its repeated use as a rhyme word in all three stanzas.

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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.



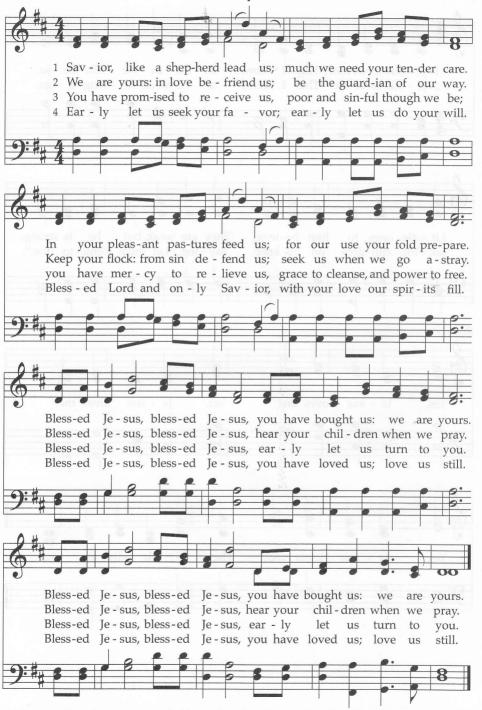


Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?



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.

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us 187



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.