

CENTERING THOUGHT

Elegy with Apples, Pomegranates, Bees, Butterflies, Thorn Bushes, Oak, Pine, Warblers, Crows, Ants, and Worms

Hayan Charara, 1972

The trees alongside the fence
bear fruit, the limbs and leaves speeches
to you and me. They promise to give the world
back to itself. The apple apologizes
for those whose hearts bear too much zest
for heaven, the pomegranate
for the change that did not come
soon enough. Every seed is a heart, every heart
a minefield, and the bees and butterflies
swarm the flowers on its grave.
The thorn bushes instruct us
to tell our sons and daughters
who carry sticks and stones
to mend their ways.

APPROACHING GOD

Please silence your cell phone before worship begins.

WELCOME

Teri Thomas

PRELUDE

Suite Gothique

Léon Boëllmann

I. Introduction - Choral

(1862-1897)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,

The mercies of God never come to an end.

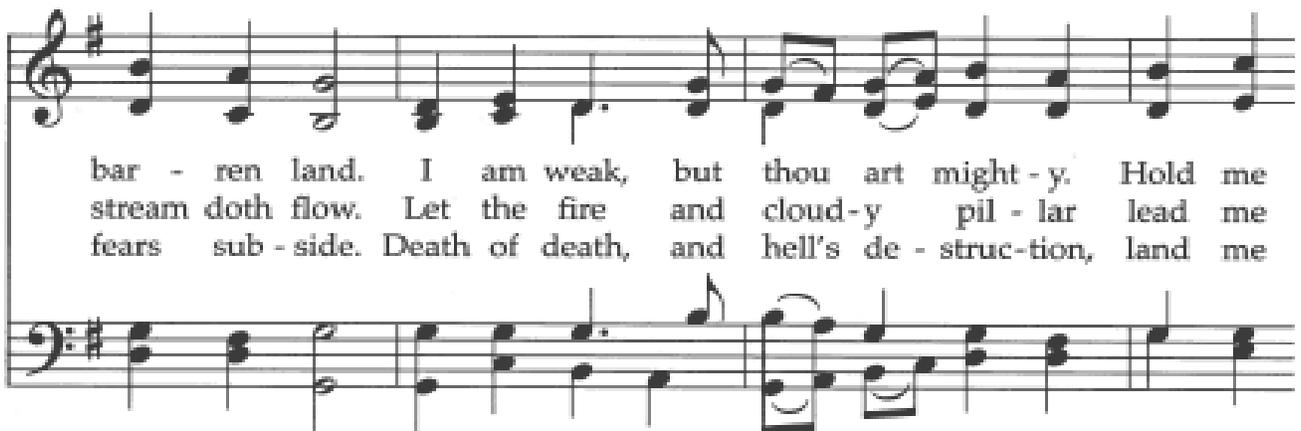
Let us worship God.

***HYMN NO. 65** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

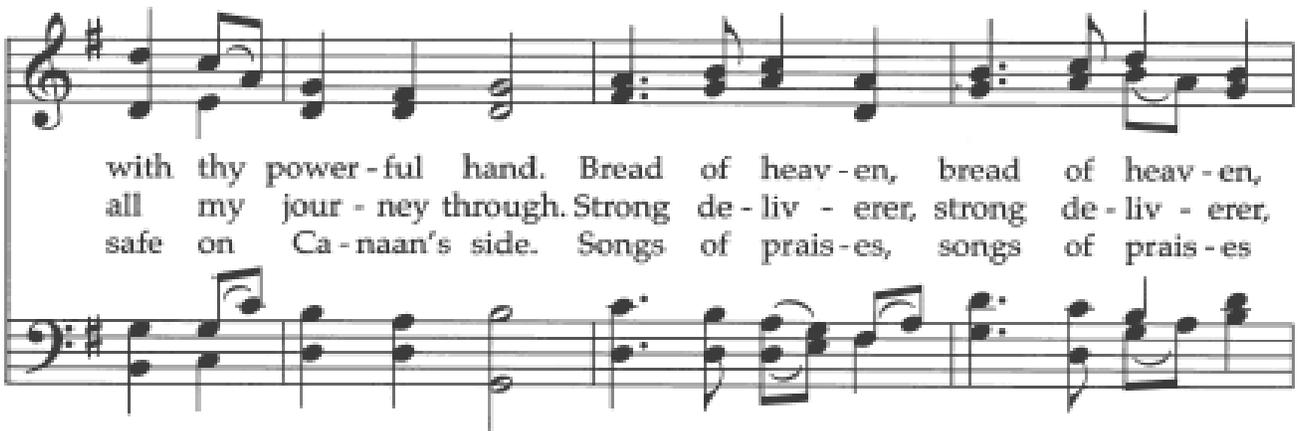
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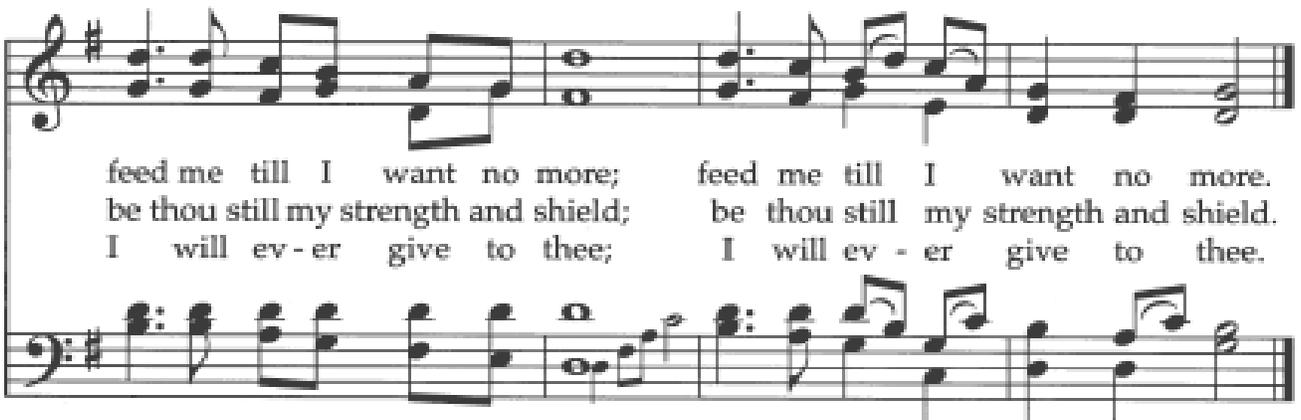
1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



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.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy One, Holy Three, we confess that we often forget your holiness is dangerous.

We make excuses for the times we turn from you, and expect you to overlook the harm we cause while still demanding justice from others.

God of David, forgive us.

Son of David, have mercy on us.

Spirit of the living God, grant us peace.

Send us out with the good news – nothing can withstand the victory of the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

***SILENCE FOR PERSONAL PRAYER AND REFLECTION**

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, our God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

We trust in God's forgiveness and power to transform our regret to mercy!

***WE ARE FORGIVEN**

Hal Hopson

We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to
God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en. We are for -
giv - en. Thanks be to God. — Thanks be to God.

***SHARING THE PEACE**

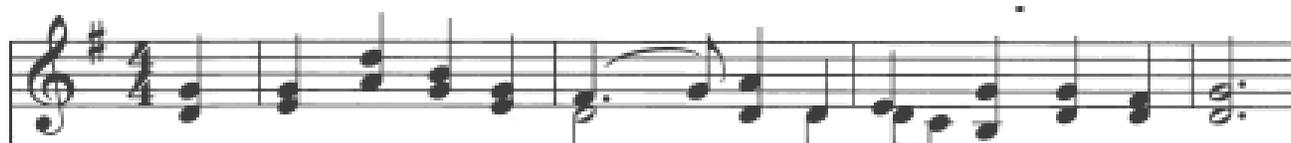
The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

*HYMN NO. 644

Give Thanks, O Christian People

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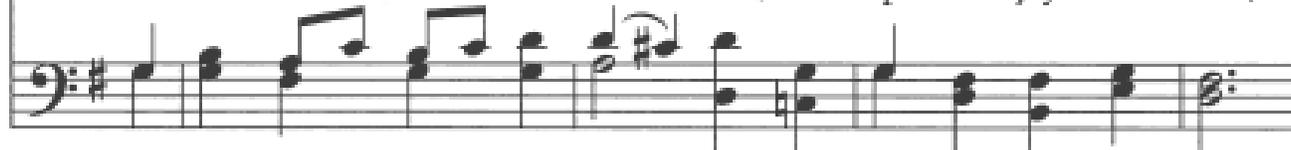
1 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for work-ers of our day
2 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for lead - ers of our years
3 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for all who love the Lord,
4 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for life in fel - low - ship



who heed the call to ser - vice and make it their life's way
who live to share with oth - ers our joy when Christ ap - pears,
who live each day be - liev - ing in God's e - ter - nal Word:
with all who trust our Sav - ior their serv - ing to e - quip:



to go to feed the hun - gry, to tend to those in need,
to teach the ones who seek light, to guide the fal - tering feet,
to share Christ's love in liv - ing, to wit - ness with each deed,
to ease an - oth - er's bur - dens, to cope in joy and stress,



to work for e - qual jus - tice, till all God's folk are freed.
to lead the fol - lowers for - ward our liv - ing Lord to meet.
to use the tal - ents giv - en to plant the gos - pel seed.
to mag - ni - fy God's mes - sage and Christ's great love con - fess.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

OFFERING *(Please sign the pew pad and pass it to your neighbor.)*

OFFERTORY Saviour, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us

arr. William Roberts
(born 1947)

Krista Wright, Soprano

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care;
In your pleasant pastures feed us for our use your folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus! You have bought us, yours we
are.

Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus! You have bought us, yours we
are.

Early let us seek your favor, early let us learn your will; Blessed
Lord, our only Savior, with your love our bosoms fill.

Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus! You have loved us; love us still.

Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus! You have loved us; love us still.

***DOXOLOGY**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

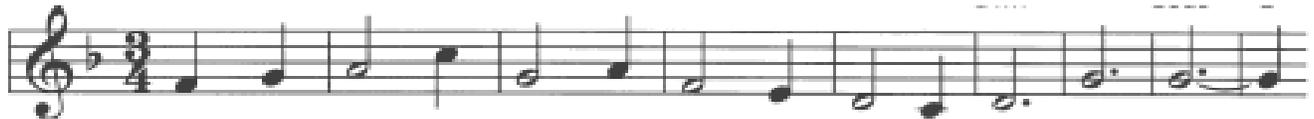
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOING FORTH

*HYMN NO. 726 Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE



- 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^b 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^b Am7 B^b 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^b 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.

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

POSTLUDE

Fugue in F Major

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)



MUSIC IN WORSHIP

Today's Psalm 48 is a song of praise. The opening verses state that the Lord is to be praised “in the city of our God.” Jerusalem is “the city of our God, the city of the great King,” and “the city of the Lord of hosts.” Verses 4 – 8 describe a situation in which Jerusalem was surrounded by enemy troops and then retreated (“they retreated and fled in terror”). The congregation responds for the first time in verses 9 – 11: “Your praise...God, reaches to the world's end.” Worship, it would appear, is not only a time to clap hands, sing, and shout, but also a time to sit quietly and reflect (“We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God”). The psalm ends as it began - speaking of Jerusalem as a city of beauty and joy. Verse 11 encourages people to walk around and admire (“Make the circuit of Zion; walk round about her; count the number of her towers”). The author urges all to tell not only about the city but about the God of the city. They should be told that this is “our God,” who will be a guide not just for a city tour but for the journey of a lifetime (verse 14: “This God is our God for ever and ever; he shall be our guide for evermore”).

Your mission:
Should you
accept it....



ALL-CHURCH FRIDAY NIGHT

July 13, 5:30-7:30pm

Inside Pitch-in Picnic

**Bring food to share,
a non-perishable food item,
and**

***be ready to take on
a MISSION!***

All are welcome!

To give by text message on a smartphone, text the amount you would like to give to 317-316-3009. Our online giving system, ShelbyNext, will then prompt you through a one-time set up for giving.

What's Next?

Sunday Worship

July 15 – We begin a series on the Book of Ephesians by looking at Paul's understanding of adoption, chosen, and inheritance.

July 22 – Let's think about aliens. Is Paul talking about a UFO?

July 29 – A discussion of God's love.

Mission and Outreach

Back to School Extravaganza - preparing for event on July 28

All-Church Friday Night – Mission – July 13, 5:30pm.

Youth Fellowship – Gleaners – July 19, 1pm.

Events and Education

Youth Fellowship – Justice Advocates Film - TODAY, 4pm at
Faith Presbyterian Church

*Adult Education – Shakespeare and the Mysteries of Religion –
Hamlet’s Faith Journey -- Sundays, July 8-29, 10:15am.
Men’s Prayer Breakfast – Wednesdays at 7:30am.
3B Exercise – Monday and Thursday at 1:30pm.
Caregiver Support Groups – July 9, 6pm and July 11, 1pm.
All-Church Friday Night – Mission – July 13, 5:30pm.
NorthStars Indy Parks Concert -- Holliday Park, July 19,
6:15pm.
Youth Fellowship – Gleaners – July 19, 1pm.*

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