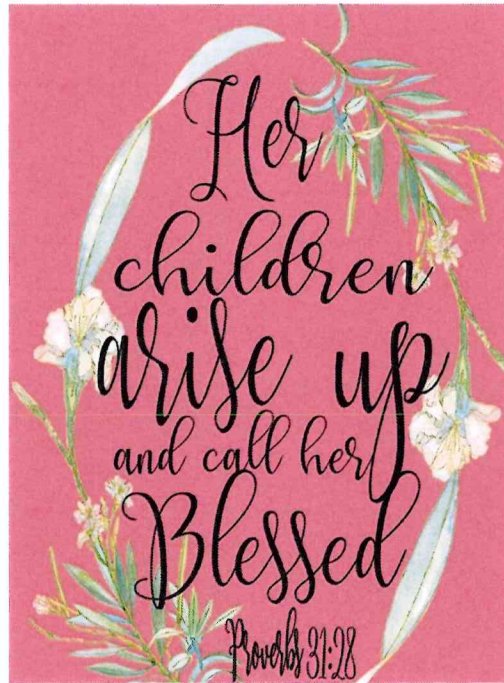




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Sunday, May 14, 2023
Sixth Sunday of Easter

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude The Church of Christ, in Every Age arr. Bert Carlson

Welcome to all – especially to our guests.

Children are invited to Church School following the Passing of the Peace.

Hymns labeled GTG are in the Glory to God Hymnal (purple)

Hymns labeled AAHH are in the African American Heritage Hymnal (beige)

Hymns labeled OLOFOB are for your listening pleasure.

**Please stand as you are able*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

As a hen gathers her brood under her wings,
God desires to gather us together.

Gather us, O God. We are here to worship and sing your praise!

A Litany for Mother's Day

Gospel Praise He So Real

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we are quick to criticize, quick to judge,
quick to blame. We fail to offer others the same
grace we receive from you. We hold ourselves up
as superior and fail to address the patterns of
dominance we perpetuate. Forgive us.**

Help us seek understanding and compassion.

**Help us accept the love you offer us and share
your love with others. Amen.**

Declaration of God's Forgiveness

Passing of the Peace/A Time for Celebration

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

(Exchange signs of Christ's peace and forgiveness with others. We greet one another as neighbors in Christ. You may say "Peace be with you," or respond, "And also with you.")

Response AAHH #642

Halle, Halle, Halle
Halle, halle, hallelujah! (3x)
Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

1Corinthians 13: 4-7

Anthem

Praise Ye The Lord
Chancel Choir, Sean Neall, soloist

John Rutter

Second Reading

Proverbs 31: 28-31

Message

Mothers in the Village

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*Hymn AAHH #474

Lead Me, Guide Me

Call to Offering

We are cautious as we gather for worship. We are not currently passing an offering plate. We have placed an offering plate outside the sanctuary where you may place your offerings.

Invitation to Offering

Prayer of Dedication

***Doxology GTG #606** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn AAHH #508** Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine

***Benediction**

Postlude

Postlude on 'Hyfrydol'

Bert Carlson

(The organ postlude is offered as an instrumental prayer. You are invited to remain seated; if you wish to depart, please do so quietly, remembering those who are still worshipping.)

At the end of worship this morning, the children and youth will stand at the entrance of the sanctuary to pass out carnations to all the women of the congregation.

Worship Leaders:

Deborah Fair, guest preacher

Mr. Dalos Grobe, Organist/Choir Director

Mr. Victor Boyd, Gospel Choir Director

Marilyn Ngundam-Mokum, Layla Humphreys, and Elizabeth Cooper, Liturgists

***Those who are able may stand.**

474 LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for Your name's sake lead me and guide me...
Psalm 31:3

Refrain

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way,

For if You lead me, I can - not stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.

Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

Verses

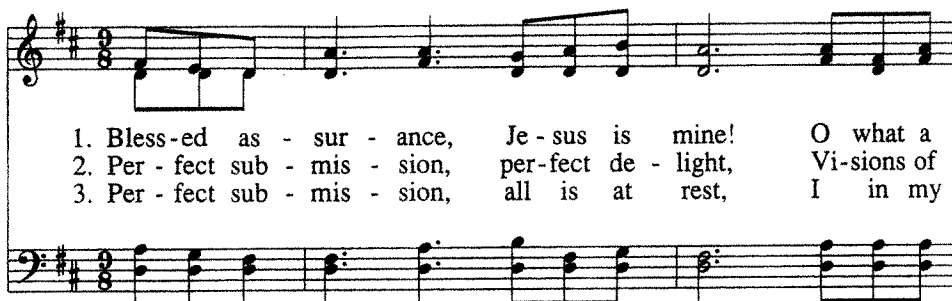
1. I am weak and I need Thy strength and pow'r to
2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous-ness, Be my
3. I am lost if You take your hand from me, I am

help me o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the dark-ness
aid when Sa-tan and sin op-press. I am put - ting all
blind with - out Thy Light to see, Lord, just al - ways let me

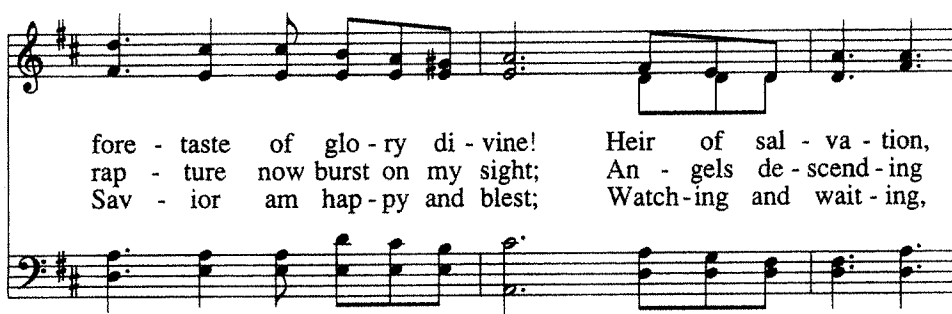
D.C.
Thy face to see, Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.
my trust in Thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.
Thy ser - vant be. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

508 BLESSED ASSURANCE, JESUS IS MINE

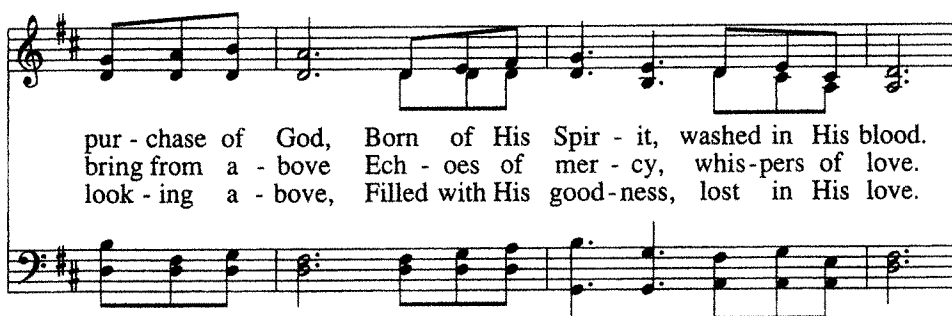
*...let us approach (the sanctuary) with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean...
Hebrews 10:22*



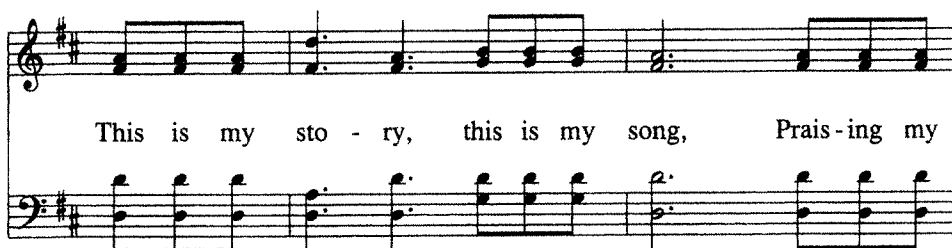
1. Bless-ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a
2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, Vi - sions of
3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my



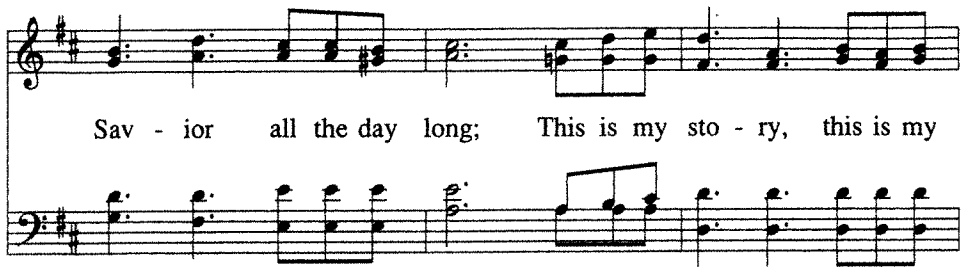
fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,
rap - ture now burst on my sight; An - gels de - scend - ing
Sav - ior am hap - py and blest; Watch - ing and wait - ing,




pur - chase of God, Born of His Spir - it, washed in His blood.
bring from a - bove Ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
look - ing a - bove, Filled with His good - ness, lost in His love.



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, Prais - ing my



Sav - ior all the day long; This is my sto - ry, this is my



song, Prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

Just a week ago.....

What can I say. I was nearly floored by last Sunday's recognition program for serving as Westminster's organist for the last 60 years. Granted, it is a little unusual for anyone to be in the same professional location for that length of time, but as I have expressed previously, the instrument and the acoustical qualities of the Sanctuary are close to ideal for making music. Added to that has been a core group of congregants, committed to the church and desiring to use their talents in singing the music that so enhances worship. Furthermore, throughout a succession of pastors, I have had incredible freedom in music selection. These have been strong inducements to "look no further."

All this, in some way, culminated in a wonderful afternoon last Sunday, starting with a nice lunch. Thanks to everyone who took care of all the details connected with that task.

Greeting friends in music from years past was just one more bonus of the day's activities.

The concert by the Detroit Lutheran Singers was superb. It was a rare treat to sit in the Sanctuary and have a chance listen to music in that space. Doris Hall's fine anthem, written for this occasion, was impressively presented by the Lutheran Singers augmented by voices from our own choirs, who, without my knowing, managed to rehearse the number on the sly. The sound was glorious.

All this was followed by verbal tributes, which culminated in my being presented with the Spirit of Detroit Award.

Thanks again; it's all quite humbling.

Dalos Grobe