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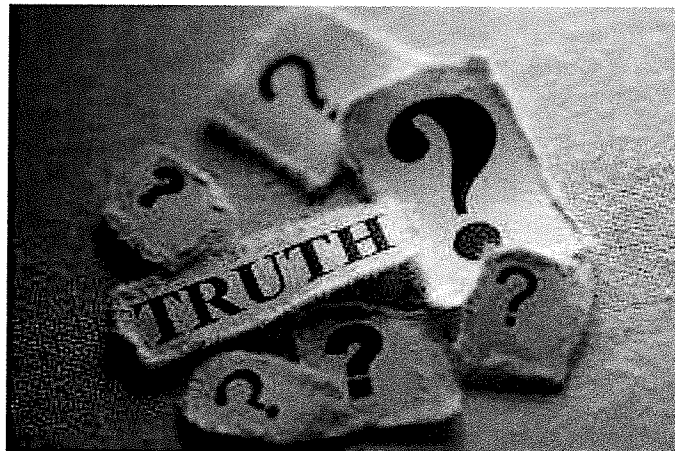
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September 26, 2021

Verse for Meditation:

I Corinthians 6:9

“Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God?
Do not be deceived...”

WELCOME

* INVOCATION

Julius Simon

HYMN: “Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated”

No. 458

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments, we have sinned and committed iniquity, we have done wickedly and rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and Your judgments. Neither have we heeded your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name. O Lord, righteousness belongs to You, but to us shame of face.

All too often we have rejoiced at the downfall of our enemies. All too seldom we have prayed for our enemies, and our governmental leaders. We enjoy abundance from Your hand, and often neglect thanksgiving. We pass by the lost without sharing the good news, knowing that Jesus died for them, and commanded us to do it. Lord, pour out your spirit on us and renew in us a heart that remembers our first love. Then we shall shine as light to desperate people who long for the love that only You can give.

(Now follows a brief time for silent, personal confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* PRAISE: *“Gloria Patri”*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end, Amen, Amen.

* RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 51:6-8

Leader: Lift your eyes to the heavens; and look to the earth beneath. For the heavens will vanish away like smoke,

People: The earth will grow old like a garment. And those who dwell in it will die in like manner;

Leader: But my salvation will be forever, and My righteousness will not be abolished

People: You people in whose heart is My law: Do not fear the reproach of men, nor be afraid of their insults.

Leader: For the moth will eat them up like a garment, and the worm will eat them like wool;

People: But My righteousness will be forever, and My salvation from generation to generation.

* GREETING - PASSING THE PEACE

SPECIAL MUSIC

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Daniel 3:8-18

⁸ Accordingly, at this time certain Chaldeans came forward and denounced the Jews. ⁹ They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, “O king, live forever! ¹⁰ You, O king, have made a decree, that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, shall fall down and worship the golden statue, ¹¹ and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire. ¹² There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These pay no heed to you, O king. They do not serve your gods and they do not worship the golden statue that you have set up.”

¹³ Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought in; so they brought those men before the king.

¹⁴ Nebuchadnezzar said to them, “Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods and you do not worship the golden statue that I have set up? ¹⁵ Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble to fall down and worship the statue that I have made, well and good. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire, and who is the god that will deliver you out of my hands?”

¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to present a defense to you in this matter. ¹⁷ If our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire and out of your hand, O king, let him deliver us. ¹⁸ But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods and we will not worship the golden statue that you have set up.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

⁵ The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶ with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷ When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹ if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰ let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹ This Jesus is ‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.’

¹² There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

¹³ Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and ordinary men, they were amazed and recognized them as companions of Jesus. ¹⁴ When they saw the man who had been cured standing beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition. ¹⁵ So they ordered them to leave the council while they discussed the matter with one another. ¹⁶ They said, “What will we do with them? For it is obvious to all who live in Jerusalem that a notable sign has been done through them; we cannot deny it. ¹⁷ But to keep it from spreading further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name.” ¹⁸ So they called them and ordered them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹ But Peter and John answered them, “Whether it is right in God’s sight to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge; ²⁰ for we cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard.”

SERMON

“What Is Truth?”

Julius Simon

* Confession of Faith: from The Essentials of Our Faith

The Lord Jesus Christ commands all believers to proclaim the gospel throughout the world and to make disciples of all nations. Obedience to the Great Commission requires total commitment to “Him who loved us and gave Himself for us.” He calls us to a life of self-denying love and service. “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”

* APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

* HYMN:

“Rise Up, O Men of God”

No. 398

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING OF SELF AND SERVICE

* Doxology:

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

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN:

“He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought”

No. 606

* BENEDICTION

* RESPONSE:

*God be with you 'til we meet again,
if life's trials should confound you,
God will put His arms around you:
God be with you 'til we meet again.*

Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated

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Present your bodies a living sacrifice.

— Romans 12:1

Frances R. Havergal

HENDON
Henri A. César Malan

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are arranged in four numbered parts, with the first part of the first system and the first two parts of the second system having their lyrics written below the vocal line. The second part of the second system has its lyrics written to the right of the vocal line.

1 Take my life and let it be Con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee; Take my hands and
2 *Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee; Take my voice and*
3 Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sa - ges for Thee; Take my sil - ver
4 *Take my love, my God, I pour At Thy feet its treas - ure store; Take my - self and*

1 let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love, At the im - pulse of Thy love.
2 *let me sing Al - ways, on - ly, for my King, Al - ways, on - ly for my King.*
3 and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold, Not a mite would I with - hold.
4 *I will be Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee, Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.*

Rise Up, O Men of God

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... love the Lord, your God and serve Him...

— Deuteronomy 11:13

FESTAL SONG
William H. Walter

William P. Merrill

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system contains the first two verses of the song, and the second system contains the last two verses. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

1 Rise up, O men of God! Have done with less - er things;
2 Rise up, O men of God! His king - dom tar - ries long;
3 Rise up, O men of God! The Church for you doth wait,
4 Lift high the cross of Christ, Tread where His feet have trod;

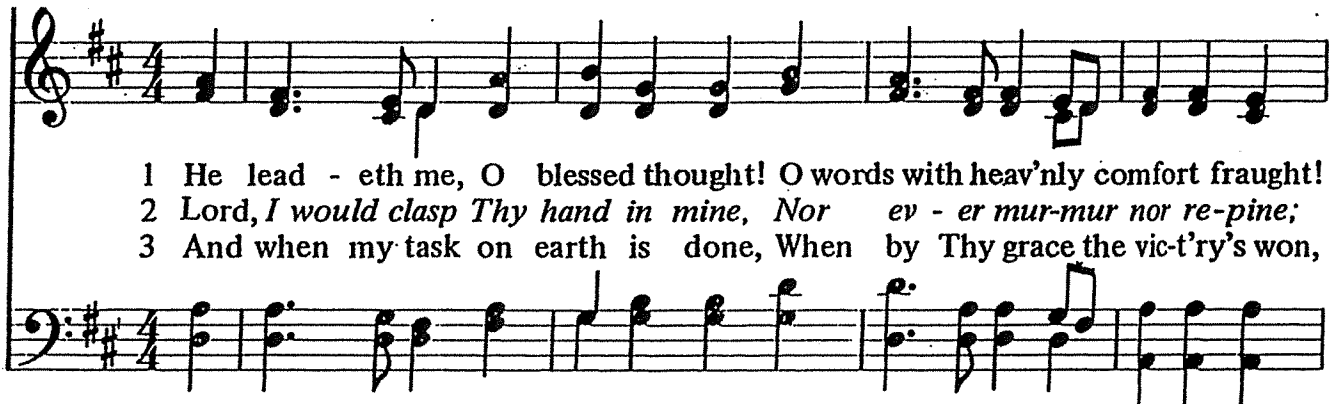
1 Give heart and soul and mind and strength To serve the King of kings.
2 Bring in the day of broth - er - hood And end the night of wrong.
3 Her strength un - e - qual to her task: Rise up and make her great.
4 As broth - ers of the Son of man, Rise up, O men of God!

606 He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness. — Psalm 23:3

HE LEADETH ME
William B. Bradbury

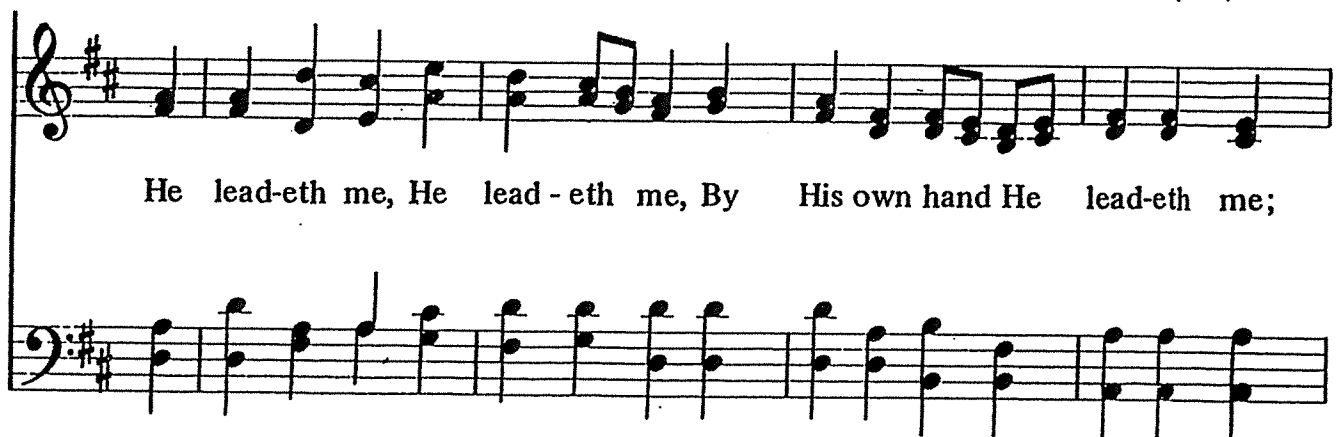
Joseph H. Gilmore



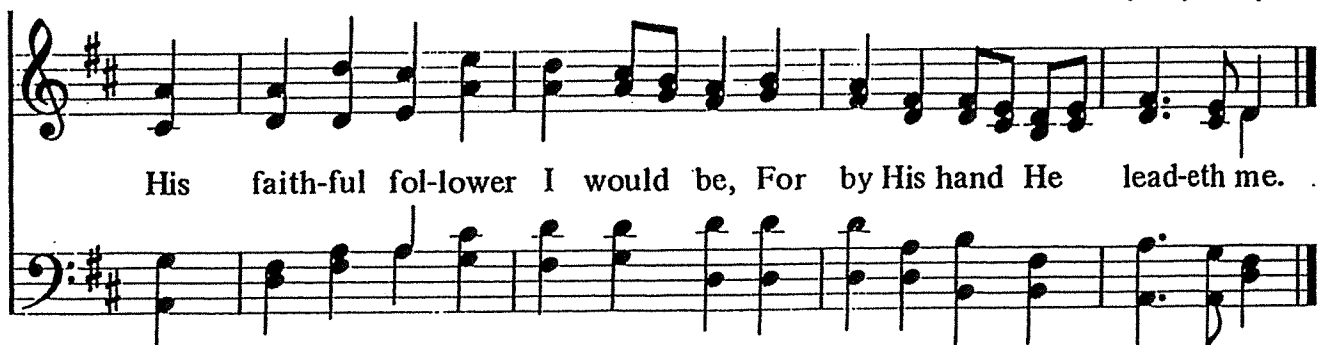
1 He lead - eth me, O blessed thought! O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
2 Lord, *I would clasp Thy hand in mine, Nor ev - er mur-mur nor re-pine;*
3 And when my task on earth is done, When by Thy grace the vic-t'ry's won,



1 What-e'er I do, where-e'er I be, Still 'tis God's hand that lead-eth me.
2 *Con-tent what-ev - er lot I see, Since 'tis my God that lead-eth me.*
3 E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, Still God through Jor-dan lead-eth me.



He lead-eth me, He lead - eth me, By His own hand He lead-eth me;



His faith-ful fol-lower I would be, For by His hand He lead-eth me.

Liturgist – Bill Leggett

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DEACONS

<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>
Alyssa Coleman	Marilyn Christenson	Lori Fritz
Barb Gaylord	Tanya Jackson	Linda Leggett
Julius Simon	Joyce Sandor	Eileen Russell
Shara Zoeller	Karen Welsh	Janice Sherman
Moderator of Deacons / Linda Leggett		

AUGUST 2021

Fund	Monthly Income	Monthly Expenses	Fund Balance Available for Use
General Funds	\$14,161.50	\$12,668.48	-\$1,508.39
Dedicated Funds	\$1,205.00	\$3,923.86	\$29,820.24

As for me and my house
we will serve the Lord.

Joshua 24:15



September 26, 2021

Intercessory Prayer Group - gathers in the C.E. building on Tuesday at 10:00 AM; open to all. We are praying for weekly prayer requests along with other concerns as led by God's Spirit.

Prayer Requests: Email dreamstogo2@gmail.com or fill in a prayer request form and place it in the offering plate. **Prayer requests for the following were received this past week; please include them in your prayers:**

Jim Christenson, Caleb Fritz, Fritz family, Roy Grant, Bill Harchelroad, Charlie Mutschler, Nancy Painter and family, Janice Sherman, Sonja Thodde, Linda Way

On-Going Requests: Alimjan, Kim Bleichner, Barb Cant, Elfriede Christ, Michelle & Carly Craig, Flocker family, Tyler Gilpin, Larry Kalcevic, Mary Kass, Shawn King, Berl Lewis, Weston McConnell, Leah Meyer, Nan Neff, Mark Neuherz, Mary Riggelman, Tom Russell, Madelyn Ryan, Trystyn Skrinjorich, Helen Wagner, Linda Way, Rita Werner, Sally Wilhelm, Crystal Williams & family, Sue Yacura, our Home Church, Round Hill Leaders, our Pastor & Support Staff, Growth of the congregation of Round Hill Church, Children & Teens at Round Hill, New Life Options, Young Life, President Biden & Governing Leaders

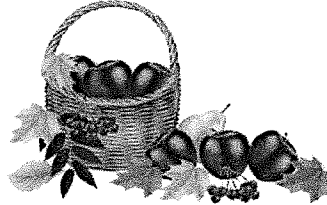
Military: Aaron Baumann, Ben Christenson, Philip Damer, Jeremy Ferrence, Blake Flocker, Corey Hobough, Matthew Hobough, Geoff Horvath, Jason Lere, CC Dixon-McGrew, Madison McGrew, Michael Pasini, Noah Reed, Aerion Salas, Joram Stith, Carter Williams, Grayson Wonsettler, Samuel Wonsettler, and all those serving in the Armed Services

College Students: Kate Baron, Michael Danto III, Joram Stith, Morgan Winwood

Prayers for POA Churches: Fairview United Presbyterian Church (Rev. Perry)

Prayers for EPC Missionaries: Chris & Debbie (WO, Member Care)

Always pray and never give up. – Luke 18:1



ANNOUNCEMENTS – SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY



To Nancy Painter and family on the passing of her mother, Vivian Cheney. We pray that our Lord brings them His comfort and peace during this time. *The Lord upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down. (Psalm 145:14)*

RECHARGE WITH US!



RECHARGE is a ministry of Round Hill Church, open to the whole community. On Wednesday evenings, from 6:00 to 8:00, we gather to share in a brief time of praise and worship, a light meal, and fellowship around the table. Following the meal there is time for fellowship to continue and for meeting with various groups, including choir practice, Bible studies, and more. The activities after the meal will change from time to time to meet the interests and needs of those attending.

NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Will begin using studies by folks like Max Lucado, Laura Story, Louie Giglio and others. Each session is not dependent on the others so it won't matter if you miss or when you join in. Please see Bob Leggett if you are interested or have any questions.

CHOIR, ANYONE?



The choir has room for you! If God has given you the gift of singing, please come and share it with us! Choir practice is held on Wednesdays, 7:15 p.m. after RECHARGE. See Mayim Stith if you are interested or have any questions.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

If anyone is interested in being part of this ministry, please contact Pat Conley (412-841-3693) or Laurie Conley (412-841-3693).



KIDS' CORNER

Kids of all ages are always welcome in our worship services, but the Kids' Corner is an area downstairs in the Fellowship Hall that is set up for kids who may find the worship service a bit too long, or otherwise need a break. There are books, toys, and puzzles available, and the service is simulcast on the big-screen TV nearby, so parents won't miss out. Feel free to take advantage of this area at any time!



SAVE YOUR CALENDARS!

Please bring those extra 2022 calendars that you get in the mail to Marilyn Christenson as she is collecting them for the Food Pantry.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please fill out a pink form in the narthex and place it in the offering plate if you would like to order offering envelopes. For those who are currently using these, please wait until you have one month's worth left before re-ordering. Thank you!

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS



The Food Pantry is requesting donations of pasta for the month of October. Please place these items either in the basket in the vestibule or drop them off in front of the Food Pantry door in the CE building. Thank you for helping those in need!