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Twenty First Sunday of Pentecost
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Prelude
Welcome & Announcements

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***Call to Worship**

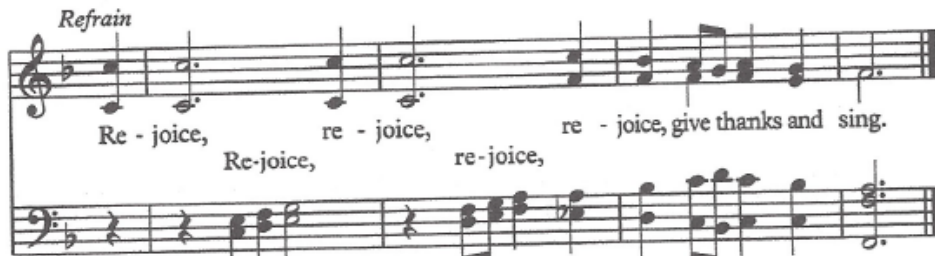
Leader: Hear the invitation of the prophet Isaiah, "Come, let us go up to God's holy mountain"

Congregation: That we may learn again to walk in all God's ways

***Opening Hymn "Rejoice Ye Pure In Heart" No.160**

160 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

1. Re - joice, ye pure in heart; re - joice, give
2. Your clear ho - san - nas raise, and al - le -
3. Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing
4. At last the march shall end; the wea - ried
5. Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom
thanks, and sing, your glo - rious ban - ner
lu - ias loud; whilst an - swering ech - oes
as ye go; from youth to age, by
ones shall rest; the pil - grims find their
we a - dore, the Fa - ther, Son, and
wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
up - ward float, like wreaths of in - cense cloud.
night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.
heaven - ly home, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.
Ho - ly Ghost, one God for - ev - er - more.



***Invocation Prayer (in unison)**

O God with us, we have gathered with a sense of the sacredness for these moments together. We come with our wounds open, and our defenses down, our fears and our concerns, our joys and our blessings, calling to you, as so many did who approached Jesus, "Heal us, touch us, bless us." Renew us, that we may be bold in our living, for the sake of your kingdom. Amen

This Morning's Scriptures

Psalms 1 (Responsively)

Leader: Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked

Congregation: Or stand in the way that sinners take

Leader: Or sit in the company of mockers, but who delights in God's law

Congregation: That person meditates on the law day and night.

Leader: That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, yielding fruit

Congregation: Whatever they do prospers.

Leader: But, it is not so with the wicked, they are like chaff blown by wind

Congregation: For the LORD watches over the righteous,

Leader: But the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

I Thessalonians 2:1-8

You know, brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not without results. We had previously suffered and been treated outrageously in Philippi, as you know, but with the help of our God we dared to tell you his gospel in the face

of strong opposition. For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you. On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts. You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed—God is our witness. We were not looking for praise from people, not from you or anyone else, even though as apostles of Christ we could have asserted our authority.⁷ Instead, we were like young children^[a] among you. Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.

Matthew 22:34-46

Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.’” While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, “What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?” “The son of David,” they replied. He said to them, “How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him ‘Lord’? For he says, “‘The Lord said to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet.”’ If then David calls him ‘Lord,’ how can he be his son?” No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Leader: The word of God for the people of God
Congregation: Thanks be to God

A Hymn "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine" No. 369

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Blessed Assurance

The musical score is written for a hymn in G major (one sharp) and 8/8 time. It consists of four systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are arranged in three columns, with the first column aligned under the treble staff and the other two under the bass staff. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine!
2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light,
3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest;

O what a fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine!
vi - sions of rap - ture now burst on my sight;
I in my Sav - ior am hap - py and blest,

Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God,
an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove
watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove,

born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

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Refrain

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.

Sermon “Critical Questions”

Dr Richard

The Morning Prayers

Prayer Requests

Silent Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Call To Offering

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessing flow

Praise him, all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Amen

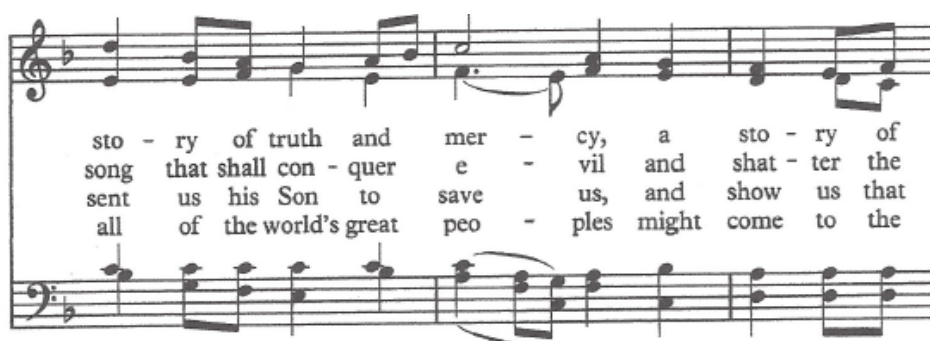
*Dedication of Our Gifts and Offering

*Commitment Hymn "We've A Story To Tell.." No. 569

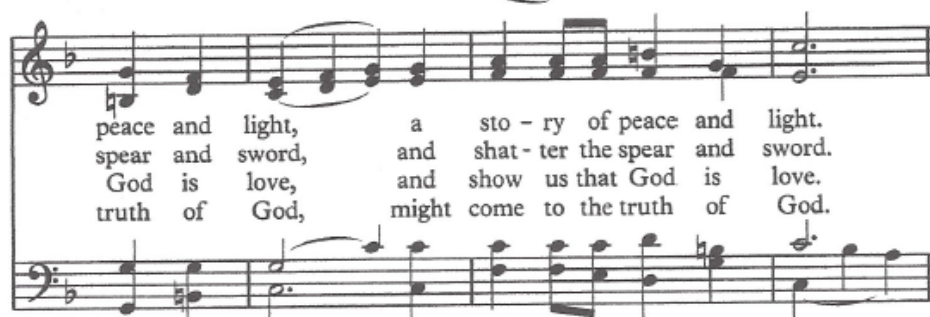
569 We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

1. We've a sto - ry to tell to the na - tions,
2. We've a song to be sung to the na - tions,
3. We've a mes - sage to give to the na - tions,
4. We've a Sav - ior to show to the na - tions,

that shall turn their hearts to the right, a
that shall lift their hearts to the Lord, a
that the Lord who reign - eth a - bove hath
who the path of sor - row hath trod, that

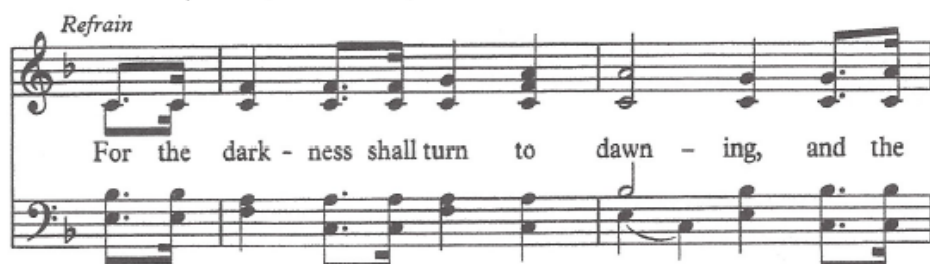


sto - ry of truth and mer - cy, a sto - ry of
 song that shall con - quer e - vil and shat - ter the
 sent us his Son to save us, and show us that
 all of the world's great peo - ples might come to the



peace and light, a sto - ry of peace and light.
 spear and sword, and shat - ter the spear and sword.
 God is love, and show us that God is love.
 truth of God, might come to the truth of God.

Refrain



For the dark - ness shall turn to dawn - ing, and the



dawn - ing to noon - day bright; and Christ's great king - dom shall



come on earth, the king - dom of love and light.

***The Blessing**

***Choral Benediction (in unison)**

*God be with you til we meet again
By his counsels guide uphold you
With his sheep securely fold you
God be with you, til we meet again*

***Postlude**

Mollie Glazer

Welcome

This is an important day in the life of any Christian, and an important time in the life of a congregation. We are so glad to be together to encourage each other, pray with each other, and walk in the ways of God...together.

Prayer Requests

The prayer request slip in your bulletin is for you to write the name(s) of those you would like to have mentioned in our morning prayers, and place the slip on the pulpit.

Your Offering...

The ministry of our congregation, and the United Methodist Church in general, depends on the benevolence of member-congregations. There are envelopes in the foyer if you wish to make a contribution to this church's ministry. You can also go to our website

Bible Study

Wednesday nights from 7-8 pm via Zoom—same Zoom link we use for Sunday services. We are studying Luke's Gospel, written between 90-110 AD, but amazingly contemporary in its appeal. Join us as we dig deeper into the Gospel.

A New Benediction

For the next couple weeks we are going to learn a new Choral benediction. We will use it as one of the ways we send each other into the world

*Go now in peace, never be afraid, God will go with you
Each hour of every day.*

*Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true,
Know God will guide in all you do.*

*Go now in love, and show you believe
Reach out to others, so all the world can see
God will be there, watching from above
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love, Amen*

From My Heart To Yours...

Dear Friends,

We are preparing to move back to Wesley Hall for worship within a week or so, and considering several things connected with that move.

Safely distancing as we have been in the sanctuary
Safely using hymnals safely for those who are physically attending

Still offering worship via zoom

Setting up an emergency telephone tree

Using whatever ways we can to stay connected

These last two items were mentioned Thursday in the weekly Methodist clergy chat for our Seacoast district. Since we are experiencing an uptick of the virus, we should be prepared to get in touch with our membership quickly (and email might not be the quick enough).

There's much to consider these days, but the most important of all is to be sure to keep our leaders and each other in prayer.

Grace and Peace,
Tom

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