



Service of Worship
August 30, 2020 10:00am
13th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

PRELUDE

“Song”
Linda Dover, organ

by John Carter

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recognition of Service – Kathy Connor

CALL TO WORSHIP *(spoken together)*

The enemy: love them

The oppressor: walk the mile with them

The Master: turn the other cheek to them

**This doormat faith seems too much to bear
in a world where those who bully always seem to win**

The enemy: imbalance them with love

The oppressor: shame the law that oppresses

The Master: turn the cheek as an equal

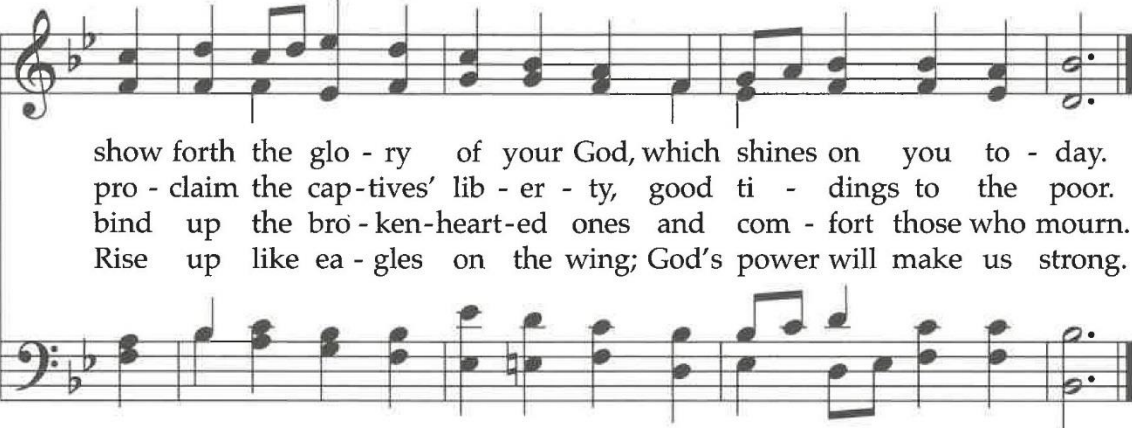
**This rebellious faith seems too much to bear
in a world where those who bully are loved back to justice by the bullied
But this is heaven’s revolution and we are called into it
come let us worship love’s rebel, Jesus.**

DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION

744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!



1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
 2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
 3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
 4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
 pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
 bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Echoing imagery from Isaiah 61:1–2 and other passages, this text was created as an inclusive-language alternative to an older hymn using this late 19th-century tune. Because it is a song of encouragement rather than a song of praise, it is not directed to God but to people.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1974
 MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1894
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FESTAL SONG
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 (this tune in a lower key, 815)

TIME WITH STEWART

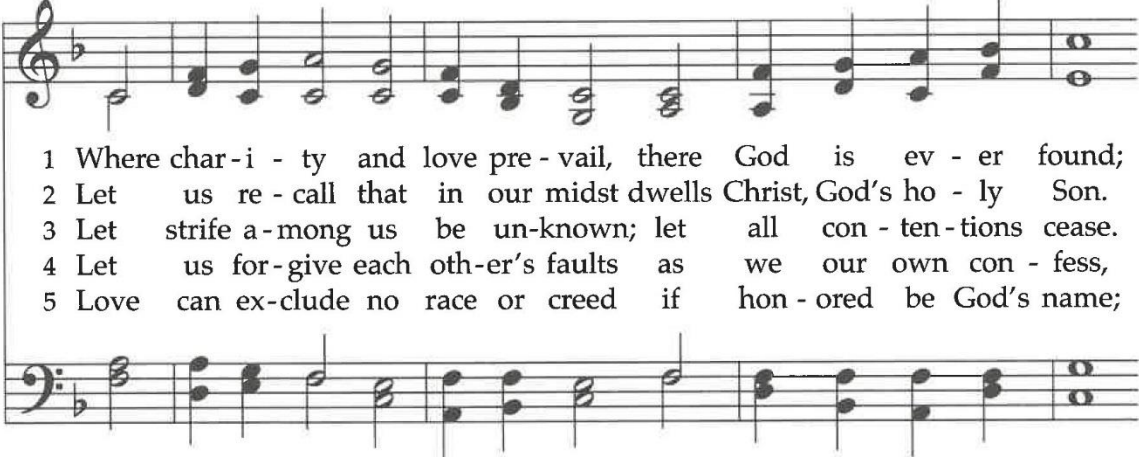
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

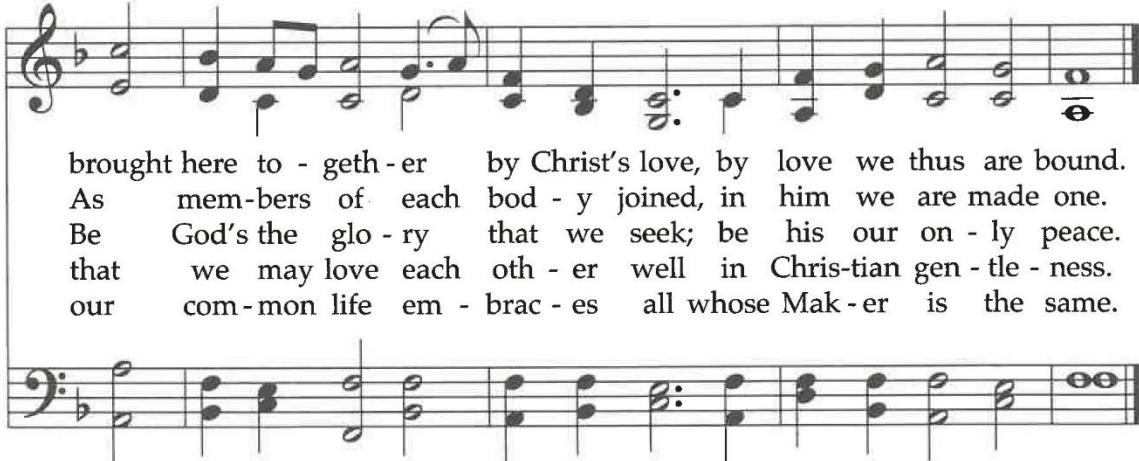
One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you and all others!**

Where Charity and Love Prevail 316



1 Where char-i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
 2 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son.
 3 Let strife a - mong us be un-known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
 4 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,
 5 Love can ex - clude no race or creed if hon - ored be God's name;



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
 As mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
 Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
 that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.
 our com - mon life em - brac - es all whose Mak - er is the same.

This English paraphrase is based on a longer Latin hymn traditionally associated with the footwashing ritual on Maundy Thursday, an enactment of Christ's "new commandment" that we should love one another (John 13:34). For a chant setting of the first line of the hymn see no. 205.

TEXT: Latin, 8th cent.; trans. Omer Westendorf, 1960, alt.

MUSIC: Lucius Chapin, 1812

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TWENTY-FOURTH

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EPISTLE LESSON **The Letter of Paul to the Romans 12:9-21** (Common English Bible)

⁹ Love should be shown without pretending. Hate evil, and hold on to what is good. ¹⁰ Love each other like the members of your family. Be the best at showing honor to each other. ¹¹ Don't hesitate to be enthusiastic—be on fire in the Spirit as you serve the Lord! ¹² Be happy in your hope, stand your ground when you're in trouble, and devote yourselves to prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of God's people, and welcome strangers into your home. ¹⁴ Bless people who harass you—bless and don't curse them. ¹⁵ Be happy with those who are happy, and cry with those who are crying. ¹⁶ Consider everyone as equal, and don't think that you're better than anyone else. Instead, associate with people who have no status. Don't think that you're so smart. ¹⁷ Don't pay back anyone for their evil actions with evil actions, but show respect for what everyone else believes is good.

¹⁸ If possible, to the best of your ability, live at peace with all people. ¹⁹ Don't try to get revenge for yourselves, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath. It is written, *Revenge belongs to me; I will pay it back, says the Lord.*^[a] ²⁰ Instead, *If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink. By doing this, you will pile burning coals of fire upon his head.*^[b] ²¹ Don't be defeated by evil, but defeat evil with good.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

“Come Away”

by Ken Medema

Chancel Ensemble

*Come away for a little time apart, for the changing of the heart; come away.
Come away to a taste so bittersweet, where hope and heartache meet; come away.*

Here is light to light the darkest maze, here is song to fill the pathless days.

Here is call among the crowded ways.

*Bread of Life, wine of happiness and tears, faithfulness and fears,
this feast awaits you here; come away.*

SERMON

“If Possible”

Rev. Mitch Trigger

Sending

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Recognition of Service

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SENDING

We Will Go Out with Joy 539



1 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.
 2 Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.
 3 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.



We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.
 Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.
 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.



Al - le - lu - ia! We will go out with joy.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Drawing on the phrasing of Isaiah 55:12, this joyful sending hymn was created by a musical Canadian father and daughter, beginning with the tune that emerged from a four-hand piano improvisation. The completed hymn later served as the recessional music for her wedding.

POSTLUDE

“Recessional”
Linda Dover, organ

by John Carter

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Call to Worship (inspired by Matthew 5: 38-48 and Luke 6:27-38), written by Roddy Hamilton.
Prayer of Confession written by Chip Hardwick (former Director of the Office of Theology & Worship,
PCUSA), on *Thinking, Praying, Living*.