

YOUTH SUNDAY

Sunday, January 22, 2023

Watch live: <https://youtu.be/wWGTIzN0RIw>

PRELUDE

Allegro from Concerto in D Major, RV 425 – Antonio Vivaldi
Brian Princing, Mandolin and Linda Sweetman Waters

WELCOME *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL *to* WORSHIP

The Lord is our light and salvation.

In God we find meaning and comfort and we need not be afraid.

Let God's people shout for joy, let us rejoice together.

For Christ calls us and claims us as his own.

Come and worship in unity and love.

For God has called us to sing of his amazing love!

*HYMN 420 – *God of Grace God of Glory*

PRAYER *of* CONFESSION

We live in the darkness of despair, worried about our lives, concerned for our health, fearful that we are lost from you. The yoke of our burdens lies heavy upon us, our unwillingness to forgive, our fears of one another, our reluctance to share what we have, our divisions and quarrels. We long to turn from the dark and live in the light.

We yearn to leave our wrongful ways and follow the paths of righteousness.

Forgive us, Father, unite our will to your will, help us to cling to your way and strive for your love. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE *of* FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA PATRI – HYMN 579

*PASSING *of the* PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MaryEllen Castaldo ~ Director of Children *and* Family Ministries & Maddy Eliya

ANTHEM

Lord, Listen to Your Children - Ken Medema, arr. Jack Schrader
Chancel Choir

Brian Princing, Guitar *and* Linda Sweetman Waters, Piano

Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place. Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love, send us power, send us grace. Something's gonna happen like the world has never known, when the people of the Lord get down to pray. A door's gonna swing open and the walls come a-tumbling down, when the people of the Lord get down to pray. Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place. Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love, send us power, send us grace. You're gonna know it when the Lord stretches out His hand, and the people of the Lord get down to pray. There's gonna be a brand new song of victory in this land, when the people of the Lord get down to pray. And all the people sang: Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place. Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love, send us power, send us grace. Grace!

PSALTER READING

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4:12-23

SERMON

200 Seconds

MUSICAL OFFERING

Forward Into Light from *The Celestial County* - Charles Ives

Josh LeRose, Tenor

Forward flock of Jesus, salt of all the earth. 'Till each yearning purpose springs to glorious birth. Sick they ask for healing, blind they grope for day. Pour upon nations wisdom's loving ray. Forward out of error, leave behind the night. Forward out of darkness, forward into light. Forward when in childhood buds the infant mind. All through youth and manhood forward 'till the veil be lifted. Climb height to height! Forward out of darkness; on ever onward, climbing until our faith be sight!

CALL to OFFERING

Please venmo @FirstPres-RidgewoodNJ,
drop your offering in the plate on your way out,
or mail check to the church. Thank you!



PRAYERS of the PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gracious God, You call us, as everyday people, to be the proclaimers of your Good News.

Give us the courage to be Your faithful messengers in all areas.

We pray for our church, teach us to be one body in Christ our Lord,
with all the members working together and striving for the greater gift of love.

God of grace, bless us with peace.

We pray for the world. Bring good news, release and freedom to the poor, captives, and oppressed.
Turn the hearts of our political leaders toward You and toward ridding this world of endless war and violence.
Help us all work toward the care of each other as brothers and sisters in You.

Give new hope and vision to all. **God of grace, bless us with peace.**

We pray for this community, lead us by the wisdom of your Word, to go forth in mission to our neighbors,

Helping, feeding and clothing the homeless and hungry,
and all who are in need. **God of grace, bless us with peace.**

Holy God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence
and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. We ask that you bring healing to all wounds,
make whole all that is broken and bring healing to those who are ill, weary, and frightened,
as well as to those who care for them. Dismiss despair and all fear of abandonment
and shed light in every darkness, that all creation will see your glory and know your Christ.

God of grace, bless us with peace.

Mighty God, strengthen your people so that we may live in the world as those you have chosen and called;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Now let us pray together the words our Savior taught us:

**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.**

RECEPTION of NEW MEMBERS and THE SACRAMENT of BAPTISM

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN 343 – *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

BENEDICTION and POSTLUDE

Largo from Concerto in D Major, RV 425 – Antonio Vivaldi
Brain Prancing, Mandolin and Linda Sweetman Waters

Receiving the Sacrament of Baptism today is Alisha Bacchus DeRemer. And today Alisha and her husband, Gary Sean DeRemer, are being received into the membership of the congregation. Also receiving the Sacrament of Baptism is their daughter, Riley McKenna DeRemer. We rejoice with Alisha, Sean and Riley on this significant day in the life of their family!

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The chancel flowers are given by Pastor Bruce to the glory of God and with thanks to the youth of our church who are leading worship today!

*Please stand if you are able.

SCRIPTURE READINGS for SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023

PSALTER READING

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

⁴ One thing I asked of the LORD; this I seek: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple. ⁵ For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock. ⁶ Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD. ⁷ Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! ⁸ "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, LORD, do I seek. ⁹ Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4:12-23

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵ "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." ¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. ¹⁹ And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people."²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³ Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

420 God of Grace and God of Glory

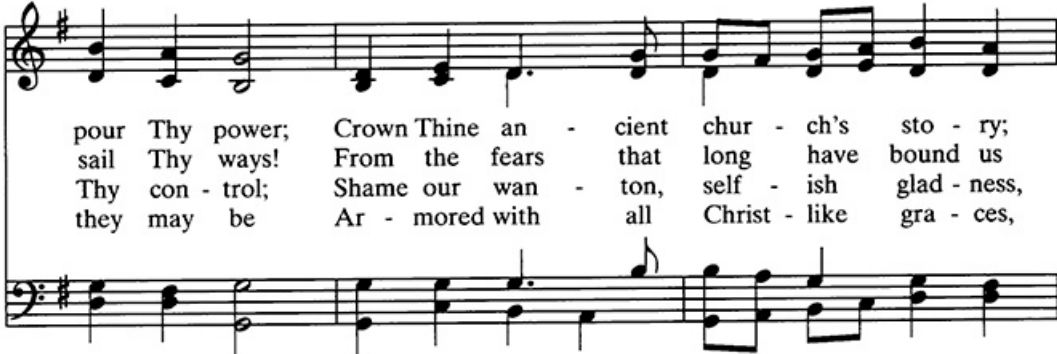
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Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.


John Hughes, 1907



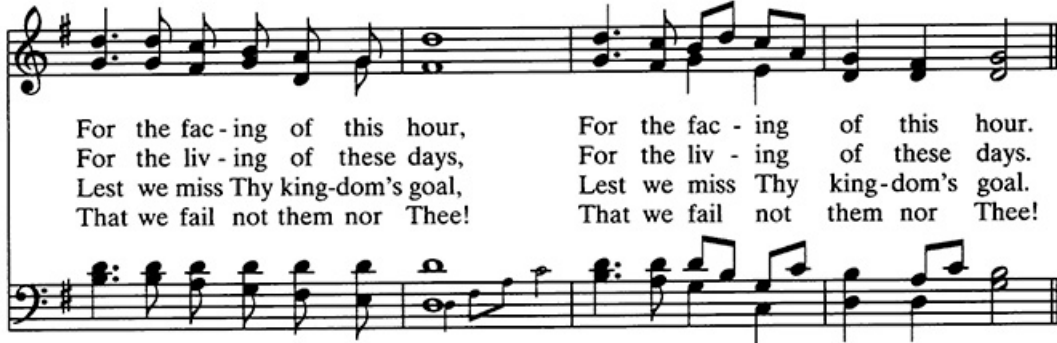
1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Thy peo - ple
 2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn Thy Christ, as -
 3. Cure Thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, Bend our pride to
 4. Set our feet on loft - y pla - ces; Gird our lives that



pour Thy power; Crown Thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail Thy ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 Thy con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 they may be Ar - mored with all Christ - like gra - ces,



Bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 Pledged to set all cap - tives free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



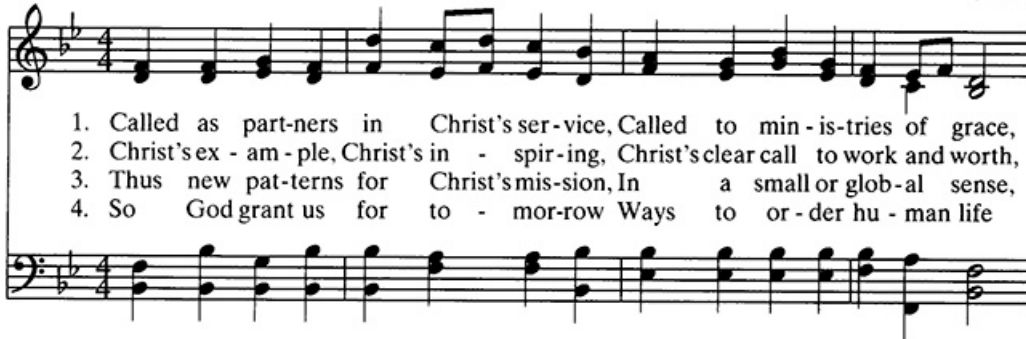
For the fac - ing of this hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
 For the liv - ing of these days, For the liv - ing of these days.
 Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal, Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal.
 That we fail not them nor Thee! That we fail not them nor Thee!

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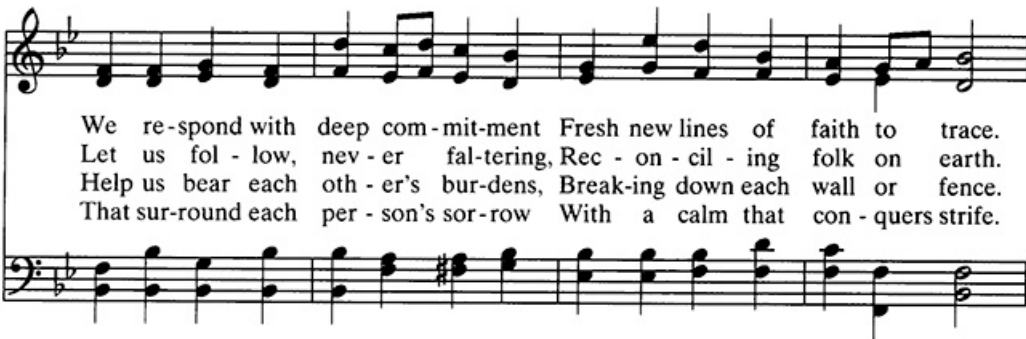
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Jane Parker Huber, 1981

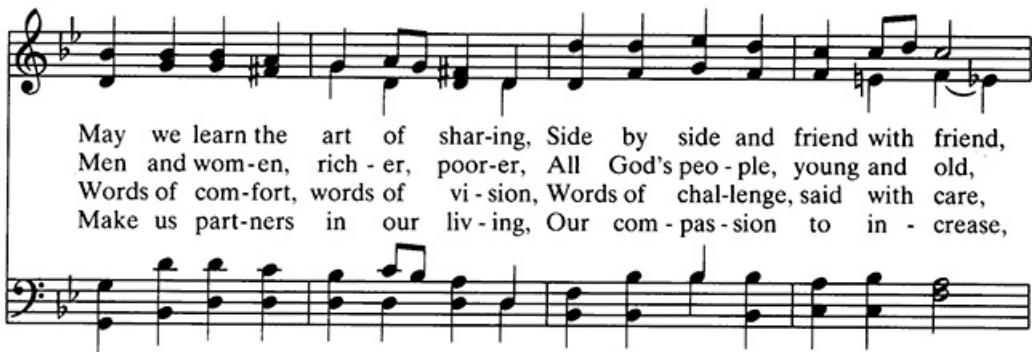
John Zundel, 1870



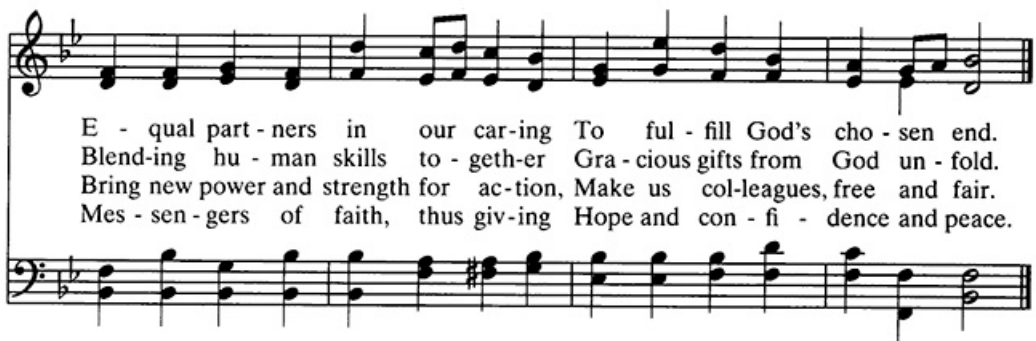
1. Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, Called to min-is-tries of grace,
 2. Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3. Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, In a small or glob-al sense,
 4. So God grant us for to-mor-row Ways to or-der hu-man life



We re-pond with deep com-mit-ment Fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 Let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, Rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
 Help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, Break-ing down each wall or fence.
 That sur-round each per-son's sor-row With a calm that con-quests strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, Side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, All God's peo-ple, young and old,
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, Words of chal-lenge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, Our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



E - qual part - ners in our car - ing To ful - fill God's cho - sen end.
 Blend - ing hu - man skills to - geth - er Gra - cious gifts from God un - fold.
 Bring new power and strength for ac - tion, Make us col - leagues, free and fair.
 Mes - sen - gers of faith, thus giv - ing Hope and con - fi - dence and peace.