

HYMN #327 *From All That Dwell Below The Skies (please stand if able)*

From all that dwell below the skies, let the Creator's praise arise:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, in every tongue.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

In every land begin the song; to every land the strains belong:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

In cheerful sound all voices raise and fill the world with joyful praise.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends thy word:

Alleluia! Alleluia!!

Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,

Till suns shall rise and set no more.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we know Your commandments, and we try to follow them. But we refuse to let go of the things we think we need, the things that make us secure, the things that keep us in control. We do not follow You, or love You with all our hearts, our minds and our strength. We refrain from giving our whole selves to You. We miss seeing those You call us to serve, because we are blinded by our own self-interest. Forgive us Lord, and renew our spirits to fully follow You.....(*time to offer silent prayers of confession*).

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

RESPONSE #582

Glory to God

(please stand if able)

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,
Whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED *(please stand if able)*

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; 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. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



Take, O take me as I am;
sum - mon out what I shall be;
set your seal up - on my heart
and live in me.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Take, O take me as I am;', the second 'sum - mon out what I shall be;', the third 'set your seal up - on my heart', and the fourth 'and live in me.' The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with a final whole note on 'me.'.

THOUGHT FOR CHILDREN

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING – *“The Peace of Christ”*

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE 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, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever, Amen.

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE FOR MISSION

OFFERTORY*May the Mind of Christ My Savior*

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May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day, by His love and power controlling all I do and all I say. May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour, so that all may see I triumph only through God's love and power. May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything, that I may be calm to comfort the sick and sorrowing. May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea, Christ exalting, self abasing, for this is victory! May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe, looking only unto Jesus as onward I will go!

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day, by His love and power controlling all I do and all I say. May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour, so that all may see I triumph only through God's love and power. May the mind of Christ live in me. Amen.

DOXOLOGY *(please stand if able)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(from the PCUSA Mission Yearbook)*

Holy God, guide us on a journey that fills our entire being with the peace of Christ. May our thoughts, words and deeds follow a path that brings peace in our hearts, our families, our communities and our world. May these tithes and other gifts multiply and be of help to those who are in need. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen. *(please be seated)*

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 10: 17-31 (Pew Bible Pg. 822)

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, ‘Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ Jesus said to him, ‘Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: “You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother.” ’ He said to him, ‘Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.’ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, ‘You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.’ When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, ‘How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!’ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, ‘Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.’ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, ‘Then who can be saved?’ Jesus looked at them and said, ‘For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.’

Peter began to say to him, ‘Look, we have left everything and followed you.’ Jesus said, ‘Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.’

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Good Grief!”

Don Lincoln

HYMN #314

Christ, Be Our Light

(please stand if able)

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has power to save us.

Make us your living voice. *(Refrain)*

Longing for food, many are hungry.

Longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. *(Refrain)*

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.

Longing for warmth, many are cold.

Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone.

(Refrain)

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come. *(Refrain)*

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