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WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Knowing Christ.....Making Christ Known

May 26, 2019

9:45 A.M. Traditional

BE THE CHURCH
SHARE ABUNDANCE
SHOW COMPASSION
Care for the Poor
Serve Neighbors
LOVE GOD
Protect Creation
Build Community
REJECT RACISM
Forgive Others

GATHERING THOUGHT

Lydia was not only gripped by what Paul had to say about Jesus, but something decisive happened. A shift. A moment of insight, a flash from heaven; an illumination difficult to put into words. Luke says it this way, "The Lord opened her heart."

David H. C. Read

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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PRELUDE *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* Englert/Hebble

WELCOME *(Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad in your pew.)*

CALL TO WORSHIP: (from Psalms 46 and 121)

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present Help in trouble.

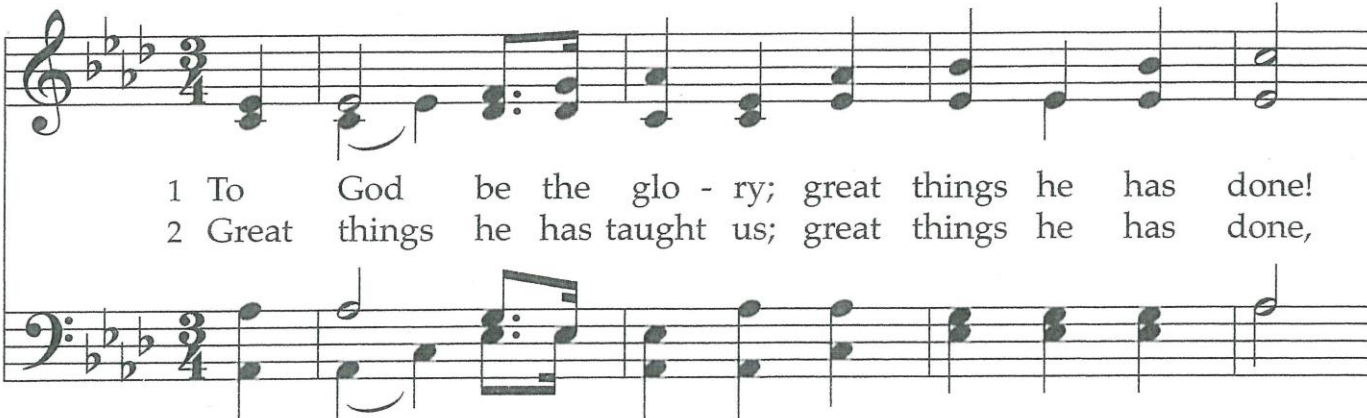
People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the midst of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

Leader: I will lift up my eyes to the hills, from where will my help come?

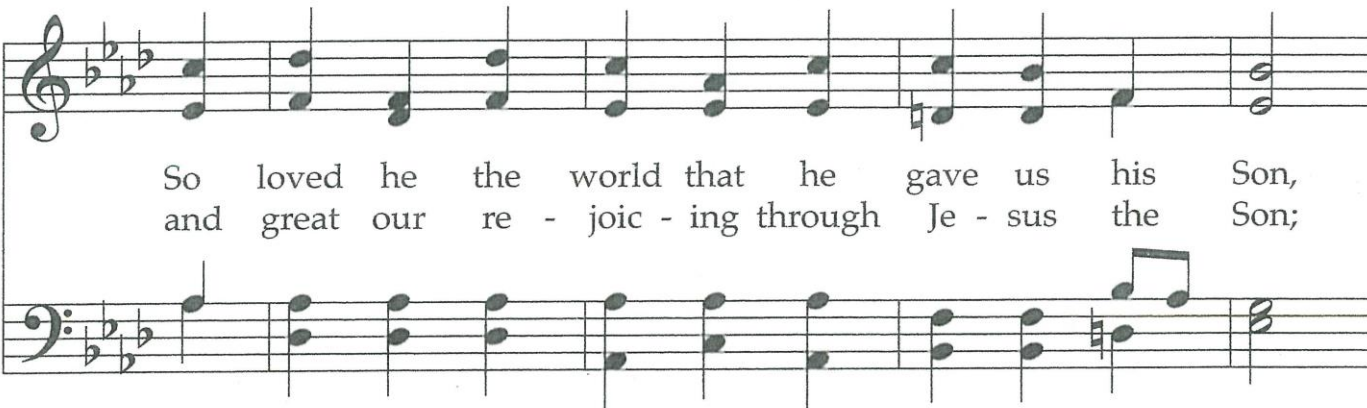
People: My help comes from the LORD who made heaven and earth.

Leader: The LORD God will not let your foot be moved. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

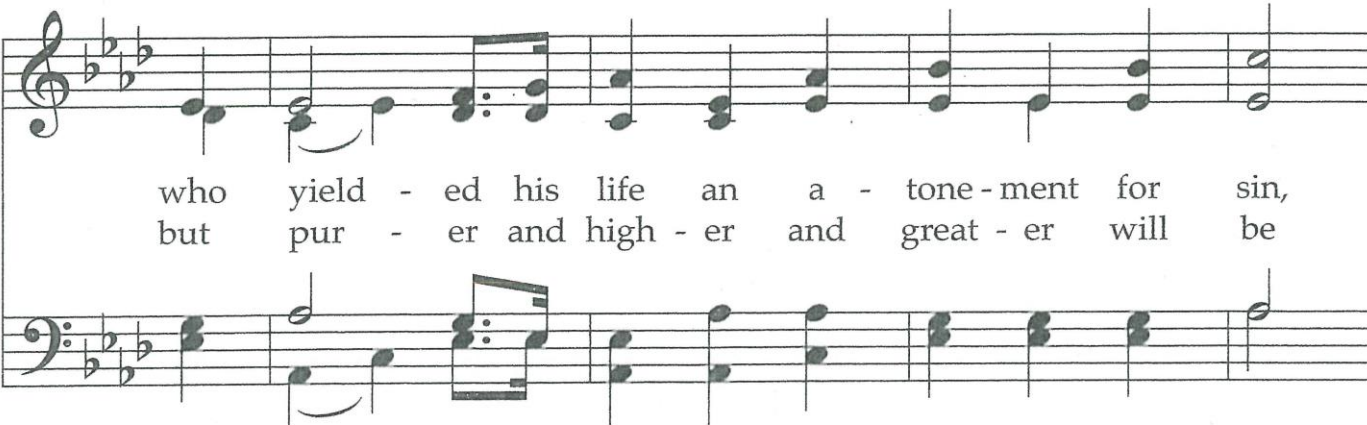
People: The LORD will keep me from all evil. The LORD will keep my life. Blessed be the name of the LORD.

HYMN #634*To God Be The Glory**(please stand if able)*

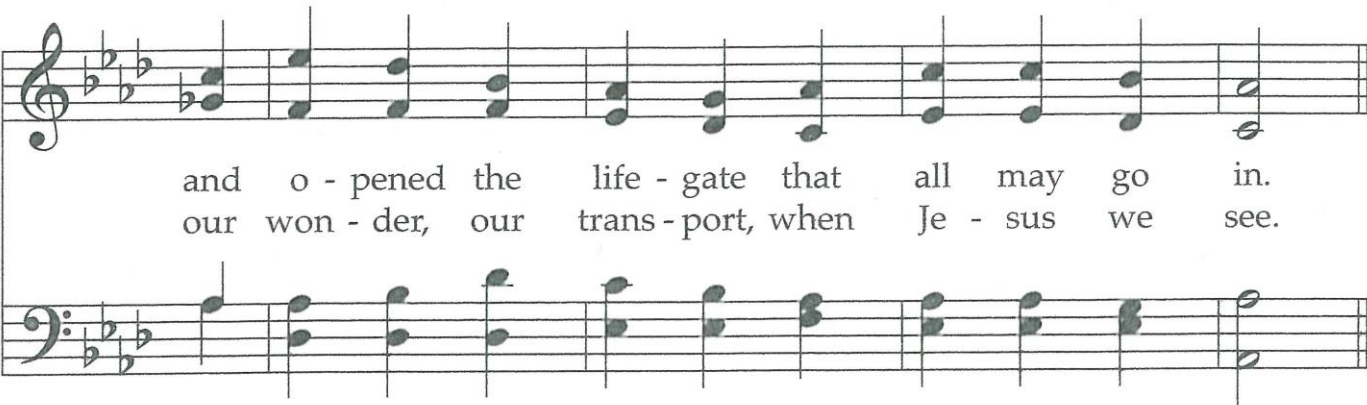
1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,



So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;



who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be



and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

and give him the glory: great things he has done!

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(from Feasting on the Word)*

Merciful God, in Your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against each other. The fears and jealousies we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse Your good gifts of imagination, freedom, intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression and weapons of war. Lord, have mercy upon us. Set us free to serve You in the world, as agents of Your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.....(*time for us 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.

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.

OFFERTORY *America the Beautiful* arr. John Carter
Ron Giles, baritone; Joan Giles, piano

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain.
For purple mountain majesties, above the fruited plain. America, America,
God shed His grace on thee.

And crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for Pilgrim feet, whose stern impassioned stress.

A thoroughfare for freedom beat, across the wilderness.

America, America, God mend thine every flaw.

Confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law.

O beautiful for heroes proved, in liberating strife.

Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life.

America, America, May God they gold refine.

Till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream, that sees beyond the years.

Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears.

America, America, God shed His grace on thee.

And crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea.

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 Feasting on the Word)*

Holy One, bless and multiply these gifts we give, as tokens of our trust in You. Use them to bless the poor, feed the hungry, comfort those who weep, and accomplish the reconciling work You call us to do. In Jesus' name, AMEN. *(please be seated)*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 16: 9-16

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During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Shift Happens"

Don Lincoln

HYMN

He Leadeth Me

(please stand if able)



He lead-eth me! O bless-ed tho't! O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Sometimes 'mid scenes of deep-est gloom, Sometimes where E-den's bowers bloom,

And when my task on earth is done, When, by Thy grace, the vic-try's won,



What-e'er I do, wher-e'er I be, Still 'tis God's hand that lead-eth me.
By wa-ters still, o'er troub-led sea,—Still 'tis His hand that lead-eth me!

E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, Since God thro' Jor-dan lead-eth me.

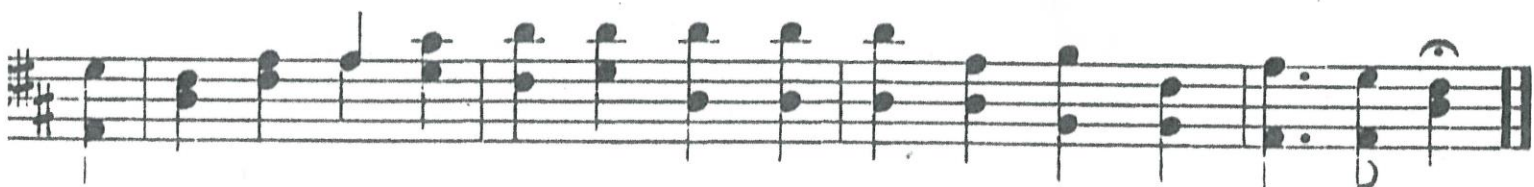
REFRAIN



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.



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POSTLUDE

God Bless America

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