

We Gather as the People of God

‡Musical Call to Worship *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* arr. Rodriguez

‡Greeting and Invitation to Discipleship

‡Moment for Mission Pentecost Offering Delaney Watson

Introit *Christ Is Risen* Mozart

*‡Call to Worship

Leader: Happy are those who do not ridicule and scoff but who delight in God's teachings and meditate on them day and night.

People: They are like trees planted by streams of water. They yield fruit in due season, and their leaves do not wither

*‡Hymn No. **303** *God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian* CHURCH UNITED

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

(Let us pray with one voice.)

God, though you call us to delight in your teachings, we can become cynical and full of doubt. Do not judge us, we pray, but heal us and restore us to you. Guard us and protect us from evil, and sanctify us in truth; in Jesus' name. Amen.

(Moment for Silent Prayer)

Kyrie No. **553** *Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen* LAND OF REST

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Assurance of Pardon

*‡Exchange of the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Greet one another in the peace of Christ.

*‡Response Hymn No. **242** *Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded* IN DIR IST FREUDE
(verse 2)

**Day of delight and beauty unbounded,
tell the news, the gospel spread!
Day of all wonder, day of all splendor,
praise Christ risen from the dead!
Sing now of mourning turned into dancing;
sing now the mystery, hope of our glory;
sing with thanksgiving, alleluia!
Sing now of fasting turned into feasting;
sing the Lord's favor lasting forever;
sing, all things living, alleluia!**

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303 God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em) (D) (G)
Fm Cm Fm E^b A^b



1 God the Spir - it, guide and guard-ian, wind - sped
2 Christ our Sav - ior, sov - ereign, shep - herd, Word made
3 Great Cre - a - tor, life - be - stow - er, truth be -
4 Tri - une God, mys - ter - ious be - ing, un - di -

(D) (Em) (A) (B7) (Em) (Bm)
E^b Fm B^b C7 Fm Cm



flame and hov - ering dove, breath of life and
flesh, Love cru - ci - fied, teach - er, heal - er,
yond all thought's re - call, fount of wis - dom,
vid - ed and di - verse, deep - er than our

(Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (Bm) (Em)
Fm E^b A^b B^bm Fm Cm Fm



voice of proph-ets, sign of bless - ing, power of love:
suf - fering ser - vant, friend of sin - ners, foe of pride:
womb of mer - cy, giv - ing and for - giv - ing all:
minds can fath - om, great - er than our creeds re - hearse:

(C) (G) (D)
D^b A^b E^b



give to those who lead your peo - ple fresh a -
in your tend - ing may all *pas - tors learn and
as you know our strength and weak - ness, so may
help us in our var - ied call - ings your full

**Or "elders" or "deacons"*

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text affirms that the church's ministry is the combined witness of all its members. The first half of each stanza addresses either one of the divine Persons or the full Triune God, and the second half forms a prayer drawing on the attributes recalled in the first half.

THE CHURCH

(Am) (Em) (B7) (Em) (Bm)
 B^bm Fm C7 Fm Cm

noint - ing of your grace; send them forth as
 live a shep - herd's care; grant them cour - age
 those the church ex -alts o - ver - see its
 im - age to pro - claim, that our min - is -

(Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (Bm) (Em)
 Fm E^b A^b B^bm Fm Cm Fm

bold a - pos - tles to your church in ev - ery place.
 and com - pas - sion shown through word and deed and prayer.
 life stead - fast - ly, yet not o - ver - look its faults.
 tries u - nit - ing may give glo - ry to your name.

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Let All the World in Every Corner Sing

Hampton

(Words printed on the back of the bulletin.)

Gospel Reading

John 17:6-19

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Being a Builder of Bridges

Rev. Dr. Steven M. Marsh

*Hymn No. 457

How Happy Are the Saints of God

WAREHAM

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith

(from *Confession of Belhar*)

We believe

- **that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another;**
- **that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope; together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ; together are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity; together know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ that we need one another and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another; that we suffer with one another for the sake of**

righteousness; pray together; together serve God in this world; and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity;

- **that this unity can be established only in freedom and not under constraint; that the variety of spiritual gifts, opportunities, backgrounds, convictions, as well as the various languages and cultures, are by virtue of the reconciliation in Christ, opportunities for mutual service and enrichment within the one visible people of God;**
- **that true faith in Jesus Christ is the only condition for membership of this church;**

Therefore, we reject any doctrine

- **which absolutizes either natural diversity or the sinful separation of people in such a way that this absolutization hinders or breaks the visible and active unity of the church, or even leads to the establishment of a separate church formation;**
- **which professes that this spiritual unity is truly being maintained in the bond of peace while believers of the same confession are in effect alienated from one another for the sake of diversity and in despair of reconciliation;**
- **which denies that a refusal earnestly to pursue this visible unity as a priceless gift is sin;**
- **which explicitly or implicitly maintains that descent or any other human or social factor should be a consideration in determining membership of the church.**

457 How Happy Are the Saints of God

(Psalm 1)

1 How hap - py are the saints of God who do not
 2 Like deep - ly root - ed trees, they stand be - side an
 3 While wick - ed ones are whisked a - way like straw be -

heed the wick - ed way; de - light - ing in the
 ev - er - flow - ing stream. Their fruit is plen - ti -
 fore the driv - ing wind, the saints are firm - ly

ho - ly Word they seek God's wis - dom night and day.
 ful and good; their leaves are al - ways grow - ing green.
 plant - ed still, and God will keep them to the end.

This paraphrase of Psalm 1 celebrates the permanence of God's way in contrast with the transience of wickedness. While the wicked are dried up and scattered, the holy people of God are rooted and nourished. They bear much good fruit and are blessed with an enduring legacy.

Joys and Concerns of the People

Joy: United Presbyterian Church, Jetmore

Ministry: Yellow Bag Ministry

Care and Comfort: Gloria Rose, Phil Vawter, those impacted by the storms this past week,
and those in harm's way throughout the world

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

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 Sentence

Offertory *You Raise Me Up* arr. Landry

*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

(Let us pray with one voice.)

Jesus has made God known to us. We already belong to God. And so we dedicate these gifts to God's Service and to the glory of God's name. Amen.

We Are Sent as God's Servants into the World

*Hymn No. 734 *Hope of the World* DONNE SECOURS

*Charge and Blessing

Leader: Alleluia! Amen.
People: Alleluia! Amen.

The Postlude *Adoration* Leavitt

**(Please rise in body or in spirit.)*

‡(Time to seat those who arrive after the start of the service)

The flowers this morning are given by Kirk and Chris Anderson in memory of mothers, Sherigay, Margot, and Fran, and grandmothers, Charlotte Trammel and June Anderson, and in honor of all mothers and grandmothers.

Leading and Serving in Worship Today

Rev. Dr. Steven M. Marsh, Interim Pastor
Sandy Remsberg, Liturgist and Reader
Tyler Morris, Director of Chancel Choir
Kelsey Wise, Organist
Chancel Choir

Worship Notes

Christ Is Risen (Introit)
by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Christ is risen.
He is alive, alleluia!

Let All the World in Every Corner Sing (Anthem)
by Calvin Hampton

Let all the world in every corner sing,
“My God and King!”
The heavens are not too high,
His praises thither fly;
The earth is not too low,
His praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
“My God and King!”

Let all the world in every corner sing,
“My God and King!”
The church with psalms must shout:
No door can keep them out.
But, above all, the heart must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
“My God and King!”

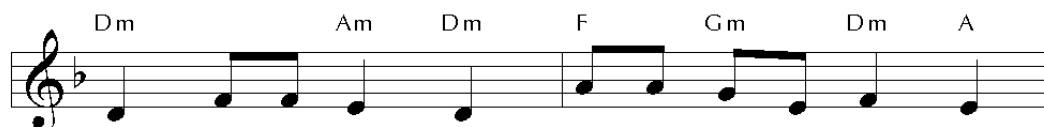
Hope of the World 734



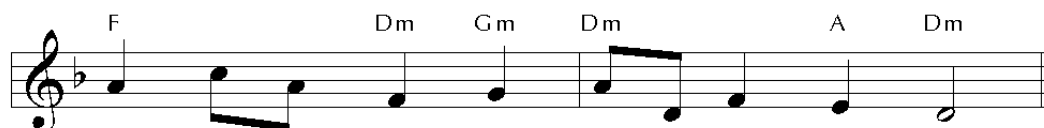
1 Hope of the world, thou Christ of great com - pas - sion:
 2 Hope of the world, God's gift from high - est heav - en,
 3 Hope of the world, a - foot on dust - y high - ways,
 4 Hope of the world, who by thy cross didst save us
 5 Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death vic - to - rious,



speak to our fear - ful hearts by con - flict rent;
 bring - ing to hun - gry souls the bread of life:
 show - ing to wan - dering souls the path of light:
 from death and deep de - spair, from sin and guilt:
 who by this sign didst con - quer grief and pain:



save us, thy peo - ple, from con - sum - ing pas - sion,
 still let thy Spir - it un - to us be giv - en
 walk thou be - side us lest the tempt - ing by - ways
 we ren - der back the love thy mer - cy gave us;
 we would be faith - ful to thy gos - pel glo - rious;



who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.
 to heal earth's wounds and end our bit - ter strife.
 lure us a - way from thee to end - less night.
 take thou our lives and use them as thou wilt.
 thou art our Lord! Thou dost for - ev - er reign!

This winning entry by a groundbreaking woman theologian was selected from over five hundred others in a search for a hymn to be used at the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Evanston, Illinois, in October 1954. The theme of the assembly was "Jesus Christ, Hope of the World."