

We Gather as the People of God

Musical Call to Worship

There Is A Fountain

arr. Nix

Greeting and Invitation to Discipleship

Opening Sentences

Leader: I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord,

People: the God who is and who was and who is to come.

Leader: Let us give thanks for all that was,

People: let us celebrate all that is,

Leader: and let us imagine all that will be.

People: Let us worship God.

Hymn No. **619**

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven
(Hymn on the following page)

LAUDA ANIMA

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

(Let us pray with one voice.)

Faithful God, you are devoted to us. Forgive us when we are not devoted to you. We would rather be secure than be brave.

We would rather be in control than be faithful.

Forgive us, God of mercy. Heal us from our self-centeredness. Empower us to know the depth of your grace, and lead us to share that grace with the world. Amen.

(Moment for Silent Prayer)

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.

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Joshua 6:8-14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Acts 16:25-29

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

God's WiFi

Geoff Snook

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven 619

(Psalm 103)

1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; glad of heart your
 2 Praise God for the grace and fa - vor shown our fore-bears
 3 Like a lov - ing par - ent car - ing, God knows well our
 4 An - gels, teach us ad - o - ra - tion; you be - hold God

car - ols raise; ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
 in dis - tress; God is still the same for - ev - er,
 fee - ble frame, glad - ly all our bur - dens bear - ing,
 face to face. Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion,

who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!
 slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!
 still to count - less years the same. Al - le - lu - ia!
 dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all your days!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing our Mak - er's faith - ful - ness!
 Al - le - lu - ia! All with - in me, praise God's name!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

This adaptation of an older paraphrase of Psalm 103 (see no. 620) is informed by an awareness that much of the received language of religious traditions enshrines social values that obscure the goodness of God, which far transcends all our labels and categories and hierarchies.

We Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith

(Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.22)

New life in Christ takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace. Amen.

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

Gabriel

Joys and Concerns of the People

Joy: First Presbyterian Ashland

Ministry: Jacob's Learning Ladder

Care and Comfort: Brennan Bean, Elizabeth Feemster,
June Vogt, Schools

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Our Lord's Prayer

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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

We Are Sent as God's Servants into the World

Hymn No. **817**

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight
(Hymn on the following page)

DUNLAP'S CREEK

Charge and Blessing

Leader:

Alleluia! Amen.

People:

Alleluia! Amen.

The Postlude

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

arr. Hayes

Leading and Serving in Worship Today

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Kelsey Wise, Organist

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LIVING AND DYING IN CHRIST

817 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 And when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
may our faith a - bound to call on you when
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you

none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
we re - jice and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near and seek where you are found.
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The opening line here is essentially a quotation of 2 Corinthians 5:7, but that affirmation is fleshed out by references to the appearance of the risen Christ to Thomas (John 20:19-29). The shape note tune, named for a stream in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, adds resolution to the words.