



Hudson Memorial
Presbyterian Church (USA)



To know, love, and serve God in Jesus Christ

WELCOME



SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

Service for the Lord's Day

September 17, 2023

We Gather to Worship

People's Preparation

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another. We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ.

– *The Confession of Belhar 10.3 & 10.5*

Prelude

This Is My Father's World
Praeludium und Fuge in B-Dur
Iva Stowe, Guest Organist

arr. Page
J. S. Bach

Welcome

Mac Schafer

Introit

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Johan Ahle, J. S. Bach

Call to Worship*

Psalm 103

One: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Many: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all God's benefits--

One: Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

Many: Who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

One: Who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Many: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

One: God will not always accuse, nor will God keep anger forever.

Many: God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

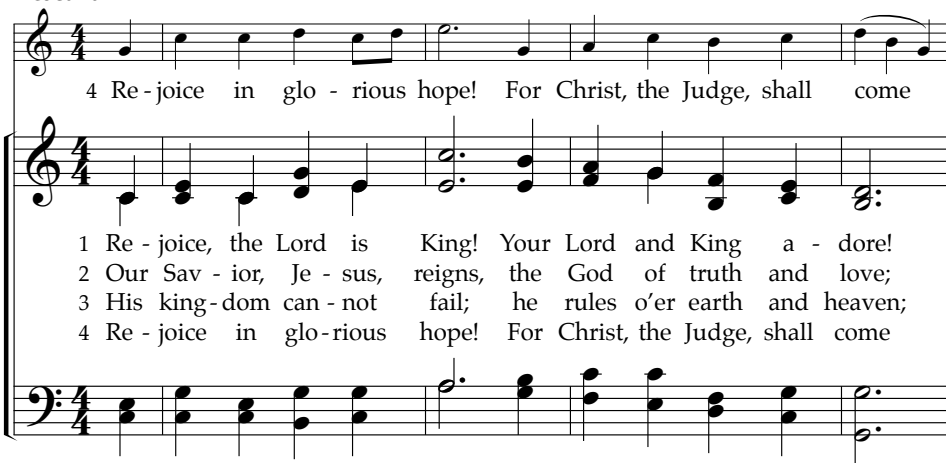
One: Let us worship God!

Opening Hymn #363*

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

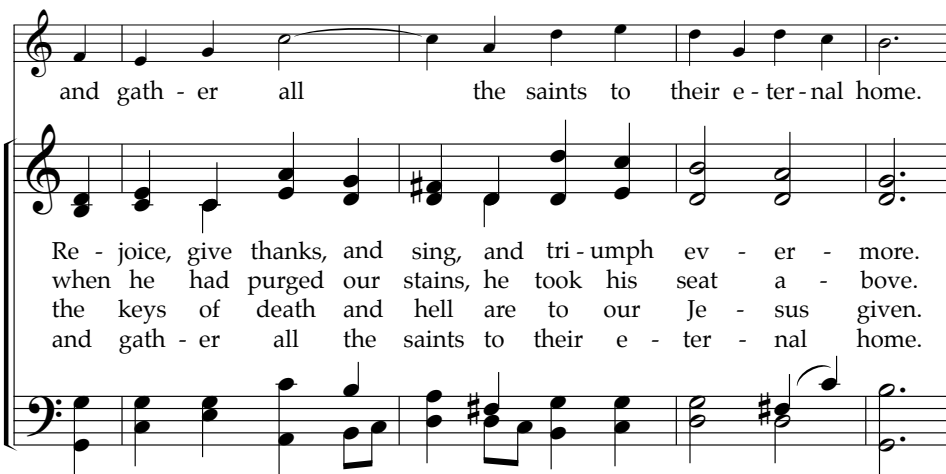
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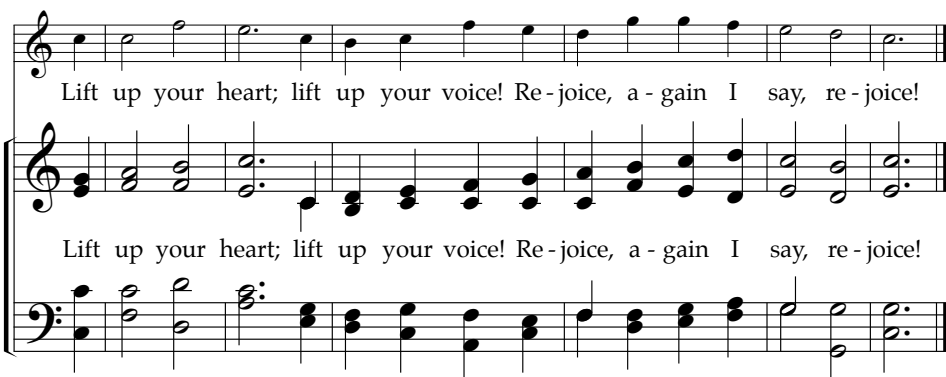
4 Re-joyce in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

1 Re - joyce, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!
2 Our Sav - ior, Je - sus, reigns, the God of truth and love;
3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
4 Re - joyce in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come



and gath - er all the saints to their e - ter - nal home.

Re - joyce, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus given.
and gath - er all the saints to their e - ter - nal home.



Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re-joyce, a - gain I say, re - joyce!

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Each stanza of this enthronement text prepares for the final line of the refrain, based on Philippians 4:4. "Lord" is here a title of Christ rather than a reference to the undivided Trinity. The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) captures the mood well.

Commissioning of Faith Formation Leaders, Teachers & Volunteers

One: Do you, members of Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church, confirm the call of God to these leaders, teachers, and volunteers in the service of Jesus Christ?

Many: We do.

One: Will you support and encourage them in their faith formation efforts?

Many: We will.

Children's Message

Laura McHenry

Choral Response

Touch the Earth Lightly

Shirley Murray, Colin Gibson

We Repent and Confess

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

We are mindful that each time we come into your presence, how willing you are to forgive seventy times seven. Yet when people betray us, we bear grudges and think ill of them.

We are quick to anger when we feel we've been wronged. We do not hasten to seek reconciliation, even when we would rather things were less stressful and tense. Forgive us when we hesitate to emulate your example, and help us to seek the peace Christ taught us to practice. *(Silence)*

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri #581*

“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.”

Passing of the Peace*

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

Please stand and offer a sign of Christ's peace to those around you.

We Hear God's Word

First Lesson

Matthew 18:21-35

NT p. 20

Anthem

Be Still, and Know That I Am God

Grier, Lantz

Given by choir member Beckie Sipprell, in honor of her mother, Rose Barford

“Be still, and know that I am God, the God of strength, the God of truth;
I am your refuge in your time of fear, and you will know that I am near.

Be still, and know that I am God, the God who gave my only Son to you;
You will find hope in His great sacrifice. Your faith leads to eternal life

Though waters may roar and mountains may shake, danger fills your heart with deep despair,
With faith and hope and love, you'll find Me through your prayers, and know that I am near.

Be still, and know that I am God. In times of pain, in times of war;
In Me, find solitude and perfect peace. Keep faith, My wonders never cease.

Be still, and know that I am God, the God of strength, the God of truth.
With love, I speak the heavenly words you hear so you will know that I am near.
Trust in Me, for I am here. Be still, and know that I am God...be still."

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Prayer of Illumination

Second Lesson

Romans 14:1-12

NT p. 163

One: This is the word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Hard Work of Relationships: Part 2

Mac Schafer

We Respond in Faith

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)*

Book of Order W-5.0304

In the Service for the Lord's Day, we proclaim, receive, and enact reconciliation with God in Christ. Through the proclamation of the Word, we are given the assurance of freedom and peace in Christ and are inspired to share these gifts with others. Through Baptism and the Lord's Supper, we are united with Christ, made one in the Spirit, and empowered to break down the dividing walls of hostility that still separate us from one another. We confess our participation in unjust systems, pray for an end to violence and injustice, offer our gifts to support Christ's liberating work, and commit ourselves to pursue peace and justice in Jesus' name.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Aria

Lau

Doxology #609*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!”

Prayer & 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.

We Bear and Follow the Word into the World

Closing Hymn #754*

Help Us Accept Each Other

Benediction*

Choral Response*

Amen

DRESDEN, Naumann

Postlude

March in G Major

Davis

**Rise, in body or spirit*

Help Us Accept Each Other 754



1 Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept-ed us;
2 Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
3 Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved
4 Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,



teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.
we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.
in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;
who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for jus - tice and for bread,



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve
Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,
to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance un - til we know by heart
we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:



we are our - selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.
to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.
the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us; make us one!

Welcome

We are delighted you have joined us for online worship today!

Worship Notes

Chancel Flowers today are given by Harry & Christine Bond to the glory of God and in celebration of Claire Bond's 5th birthday.

Ushers today - Anne Brown, Sarah Edge, Martha Chapman, Sandy Geiger

Soundboard Setup/ Operator - Steve Jesseph | **Livestream Operator** - Lucille Nicholas

Deacon on Call (DOC) for September is Martha Chapman. If you are in need of prayer, comfort or assistance, please call the confidential Deacon Prayer line at 919-787-1086.

The Memory Book today is open to Memorials given February 10, 2022 - In memory of Bob Measamer by: Bill & Emily Bigger; Mark & Louise Futrell; Kenneth & Dana Haney; Margaret Hedgecoe; George Markham; O. Temple Sloan, Jr; Bonita & David Stukey

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September Special Offering: Presbyterian Campus Ministries

Our special offering this month is for Presbyterian Campus Ministries of Raleigh. HMPC has been a long-time supporter of PCM and has had many former youth participate in its ministries and activities. Its mission is to proclaim and reflect the Good News of the Kingdom of God through ministry to, with, and for college-age students in the Raleigh, North Carolina area.

Your support will help to provide much-needed nurturing to the young people in our care, who are experiencing unprecedented levels of stress as they cope not only with the expected pressures of campus life, but also with the jolts of learning about tragedies experienced by students and faculty in recent months.



You can give by placing an envelope in the offering plate (designated for PCM), or giving online by clicking the QR code, or visiting hmpc.org.

Thank You Teachers, Leaders, and Volunteers!

May God give you strength and wisdom in the year ahead
as you guide children, youth, and adults in Christian Faith Formation.

Children's Sunday School:

Jolene Allard
Leslie Baker
Mary Cates Bevier
Christine Bond
Katie Dunlap
Sarah Edge
Sallie Hinson
Laura McHenry
Lauren Parikh
Carly Pate
Susan Potter
Ronnie Strickland-Apple
Holli Swenson
Katy Turnbull
Elizabeth van Die
Marie Wallden
Ashley Woolley

Confirmation Ministry Team:

Sean Cole
Merritt Dickerson
Becca Fisher-Gabbard
Karen Melling
Tim Peeler

Adult Sunday School - Fall Semester:

Ron Ash
Susan Bradshaw
Jay Cummins
John James
Gil Graybill
Susan Grigg
Roger Howard

Children's Message:

Pat Balletta
Matt Carlisle
Jeffrey Coonse
Katherine Edmister
Roger Howard
Ken Krause
Rebekah Maul
Monica Maxwell
Laura McHenry
Chris Page
Hope Parangi
Allie Sharpe

Youth Advisors:

Merritt Dickerson
Lydia Fisher-Gabbard
Paul Liebman
Monica Maxwell
Johan van Die

Youth Sunday School:

Matt Carlisle
Sean Cole
Katy Waugh

Jimmy Hulsey
Ken Krause
Derek Maul
Linda Meeks
John Oldenburg
Fred Woodward

Our Mission Statement

To Know, Love and Serve God in Jesus Christ

Our Vision

A Community Enriched by Responding to the Wonder of God

Our Core Values

Worship, Generosity, Service, Nurture, Education & Gratitude

Session

Glenn Schindo, Clerk

Mac Schafer, Moderator

Debbie Kirk

Class of 2024

Tom Bradshaw
Cary Dickerson
Roger Howard
Joan Lester

Class of 2025

Dottie Burch
Carol Cox
Jay Cummins
Melinda Dickinson

Class of 2026

Ken Krause
Caroline Smart
Dan Vig
John Williams

Deacons

Class of 2024

Ron Ash
Tony Bedini
Martha Chapman
Susan Krause
Elizabeth Rankin

Class of 2025

Billy Branch
Ruth Herpich
Joanna Hulsey
Gretchen McDuffie, Moderator
Carolyn Scott

Class of 2026

Winter Fox
Judie Greenawalt
Jill Hovis
Linda Meeks
Mary Schindo

Ministers: Every Member of the Congregation

Mac Schafer	Pastor, Head of Staff
Debbie Kirk	Associate Pastor, Spiritual Growth & Nurture
Aleta Ash	Minister of Visitation
Rich Richards.....	Director of Youth Ministries & Children's Music
Cary Dickerson.....	Director of Children's Ministries
Barbara Loehr-Fox.....	Director of Music Ministries
Al Hyde.....	Organist
Erica Hairston.....	Church Business Administrator
Lisa Flint-Morris.....	Accounting Coordinator
Lesley Ash Jacobsen.....	Communications Specialist
Dorothy Roche	Preschool Director
Joyce Hawkins	Assistant Preschool Director
Hope Parangi	Church Hostess



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