

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN SING 450–853

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 49

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

God of Hope and Promise, we confess we do not always believe. We confess our questions and complaints catch up to us. We cannot understand our suffering and the suffering of others. Forgive us when we give up on you and ourselves. Return us to you and your ways. Help us to remain engaged, steadfast in faithful dialogues of grace.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

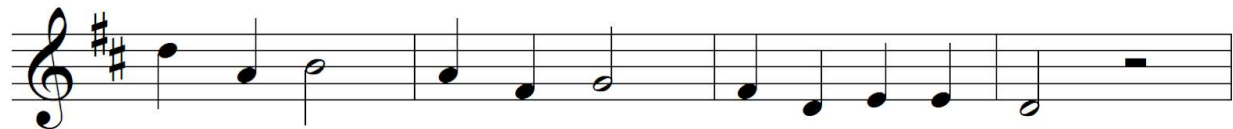
*RESPONSE HYMN 155

Raise a Song of Gladness

JUBILATE DEO



Raise a song of glad-ness, peo-ple of the earth;



Christ is here, bring-ing peace, joy to ev - ery heart.



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, joy to ev - ery heart!



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, joy to ev - ery heart!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Following the Peace, children who are entering kindergarten through rising third graders are dismissed through the side door for Faith Formation activities. Rising 4th and 5th graders may join the group as assistants to the adult leaders or stay in worship, if they prefer.

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Genesis 15:1–6

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

A Colony of Heaven

Rev. Steve Jester

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison* *from A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *read responsively*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Praise to you, O God...we sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Thank you, O God...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out...now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *read in unison*

**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

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON
Laura Atkinson, soloist arr. Tom Trenney

Text can be found at #475 in the Glory to God hymnal.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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can fulfill your pledges and offer your financial support for the ongoing ministries of
Second Presbyterian Church. Thank you!*



OFFERTORY ANTHEM *And the Father Will Dance*

Mark Hayes

And the Father will dance over you in joy!
 He will take delight in whom He loves.
 Is that a choir I hear, singing the praises of
 God?
 No, the Lord God Himself is exulting o'er
 you in song!
 And He will joy over you in song.
 My soul will make its boast in God,
 For He has answered all my cries,
 His faithfulness in me is as sure as the dawn
 of a new day.
 Awake my soul!
 Awake, my soul, and sing!
 Let my spirit rejoice,
 Let my spirit rejoice in God.

Sing, O daughter of Zion, with all of your
 heart!
 Cast away fear for you have been restored!
 Put on the garment of praise as on a festival
 day.
 Join with the Father in glorious, jubilant song!
 And He will joy over you in song.
 And the Father will dance over you in joy!
 He will take delight in whom He loves.
 Is that a choir I hear, singing the praises of
 God?
 No, the Lord God Himself is exulting o'er
 you in song!
 God rejoices over you,
 God rejoices over you in song.
Zephaniah 3:14,17; Psalm 34:2,4

*DOXOLOGY 608 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* PRAISE GOD (HOPSON)

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow;
 Praise Christ, all peo - ple here be - low;
 Praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;
 Praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

SHARING GRACE

The Sending

*HYMN 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Toccato from Suite for Organ

Florence Price

*We are called to go out from our worship to share the grace of God with one another and the world.
 You are welcome to remain seated for the postlude or exit quietly.*

In Worship Today

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

Our life is in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. The Bible is the written witness to Jesus Christ, therefore it is "The Word of Life." Our lives are claimed by God through our baptism. It is God's seal on who we are as the children of God, therefore it is "The Font of Identity." The Table is the center of our home in the Body of Christ, the place where we are welcomed, renewed, and strengthened for the life to which we are called, therefore it is "The Table of Sustenance."

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in celebration of life and to the glory of God.

USHERS

Gene Smith, Connie Smith, Diana Jester, Larry Boram, Bonnie Boram

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Steve Jester, preacher; Rev. Rich Gianzero & Rev. Jordan Akin, liturgists;
Janet Rittenhouse, lay reader

The Octet of the Sanctuary Choir; Jim Rittenhouse, Director; Samuel Libra, Organist
Evan Vicic, audio/video engineer; Elliott Nichols, Technology Coordinator

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We Lift Up in Prayer

Barbara Morrow and her family on the death of her husband, John, 7/29/22.

Mike Faurest and his family on the death of his mother, Ann, 7/18/22.

Carol McCarty and her family on the death of husband Arthur ("Mac"), 7/22/22.

Ken Fleming and his family on the death of his mother, Jo Ann Love Fleming,
7/4/22.

The family of Patricia "Patti" Strickler on her death, 7/3/22.

Isabella Bianconcini and her family on the death of her grandfather, Giampaolo,
7/3/22.

Ricky Case and his family on the death of his uncle, Bill Barnes, 7/2/22.

Diana Jester and her family on the death of her cousin, Kirk Avent, 6/30/22.

Robin Seiler and her family in the death of her father, Jim Hornback, 6/21/22.

Eunice and Rob Shishmanian and their family on the death of their husband and
father, Charlie, 6/4/22.

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49 The God of Abraham Praise

1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove,
 2 Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will.
 3 Your good - ly land we seek, with peace and plen - ty blest,
 4 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;

the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love!
 In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and Sab - bath rest.
 your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.

The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,
 Es - tab-lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,
 We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name:

we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.
 the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!

Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.