

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 16, 2021

First Presbyterian Church

Albany, NY

Called by God to reduce the widening gap between rich and poor

The Gathering

Prelude

Allegretto in F Major, Op. 101, No. 1

C.V. Stanford

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Hymn No. 308

O God in Whom All Life Begins

NOEL

1. O — God in whom all — life be - gins, who births the seed to fruit,
2. U - nite in mu - tual mi - nis - try our minds and hands and hearts
3. Through tears and laugh - ter, grief and joy, en - large our trust and care;

be - stow your bles - sing on our lives; here let — your love find root.
that we may have the grace to seek the — power your peace im - parts.
so — bind us in com - mu - ni - ty that we — may risk and dare.

Bring forth in us the Spir - it's gifts of pa - tience, joy, and peace;
So let our var - ied gifts com - bine to glo - ri - fy your name
Be with us when we gath - er here to wor - ship, sing, and pray,

de - liv - er us from numb - ing fear, and grant our faith in - crease.
that in all things by — word and deed we — may your love pro - claim.
then send us forth in — power and faith to — live the words we say.

Prayer of Confession

Kyrie Eleison No. 551

Lord, Have Mercy

LAND OF REST

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have
mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy;
Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Gloria Patri No. 582

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness
Shines on Me*

GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

1. Glo - ry to God, _____ whose good - ness shines on me, and to the
2. World with - out end, _____ with - out end. A - men. World with - out
Son, _____ whose grace has set me free, and to the Spir - it, _____ whose love has
end, _____ with - out end. A - men. World with - out end, _____ with - out
set me free. As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.
end. A - men.

The Word

New Testament Lesson

Acts 1:15–17, 21–26

Kaylee Kite

One: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1

Annette Johnson

One: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

If God Be For Us from *Messiah*

G.F. Handel

Joshua Gurwitz, *tenor*

If God be for us, who can be against us?

Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect?

It is God that justifieth, who is he that condemneth?

It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again,

Who is at the right hand of God, who makes intercession for us.

Gospel Lesson

John 17:6–19

One: The gospel of the Lord

All: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Ways of the World

Miriam Lawrence Leupold

Our Response

Anthem

Thou Wilt Keep Them in Perfect Peace

Samuel Wesley

First Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Thou wilt keep them in perfect peace whose minds are stayed on thee.

The darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day.

The darkness and the light to thee are both alike.

God is light and with him is no darkness at all.

Oh let my soul live and it shall praise thee.

For thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, for evermore.

Prayers of the People

Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts

Prayer of Dedication

The Eucharist (Thanksgiving)

Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Breaking of the Bread and Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

The Sending

Hymn No. 734

Hope of the World

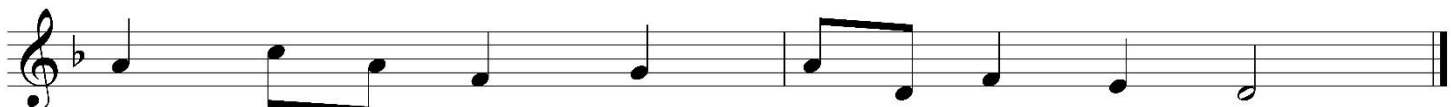
DONNE SECOURS



1. Hope of the world, thou Christ of great com - pas - sion: speak to our fear - ful
2. Hope of the world, God's gift from high - est heav - en, bring - ing to hun - gry
3. Hope of the world, a - foot on dust - y high - ways, show - ing to wan - dering
4. Hope of the world, who by thy cross didst save us from death and deep des -
5. Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death vic - to - rious, who by this sign didst



hearts by con - flict rent; save us, thy peo - ple, from con - sum - ing pas - sion,
souls the bread of life: still let thy Spir - it un - to us be giv - en
souls the path of light: walk thou be - side us lest the tempt - ing by - ways
pair, from sin and guilt: we ren - der back the love thy mer - cy gave us;
con - quer grief and pain: 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!

Benediction

Response by the People (*in unison*) **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Amen.**

Responsive Hymn No. 288

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

Spi - rit of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. Spi - rit of the liv - ing God,
fall a - fresh on me. Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spi - rit of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Postlude

March

Herbert Brewer

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