

Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

January 10, 2021 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

arr. L. Larson

Psalm 90: 1-2: Lord, You have been the place of comfort for all people of all time. Before the mountains were born, before You gave birth to the earth and the world, forever and ever, You are God.

"Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come; our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home." (by Isaac Watts, 1719; public domain)

(this piano solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 2007)

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace (L: Leader; P: People)

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

**Call to Worship

Hyiwot Teshome

L: Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty!

P: Just and true are your ways, King of the ages.

L: Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name?

P: For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you!

L: Let us worship God!

****Hymn** - 463

How Firm a Foundation

**Silent Prayer of Confession

**Common Prayer of Confession

Most gracious and most merciful God, we confess to you and to one another that time after time we have entered your presence with countless prayers but with hearts that have been closed to your grace. We have lifted our hands to you in praise, but our feet have still walked in the ways of evil. We have rehearsed your commandments but have refused to see your face in the needs of our neighbor. We pray, Lord, that you forgive our lack of faith and pardon our acts of injustice. Grant us the healing that comes from your presence and the cleansing of your all-powerful Word, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon

L: Friends, this is the Good News of the Gospel...

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

****Response** - 581

Glory Be to the Father

Moment with Children Marilyn Mills

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures Jonah 1: 1-17
Mark 4: 35-41

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon In the Storm Rev. Scott Hoffman

****Hymn** - 54

Make a Joyful Noise to God!

Offertory Be Still and Know arr. T. Fettke

Psalm 46:10-11: He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

"Be still and know that I am God; be still and know that I am God; be still and know that I am God." (words: anonymous; music: Royce Eckhardt, 1937; public domain)

"Be still and know that He is God; be still and know that He is holy. Be still oh, restless soul of mine, bow before the Prince of Peace, let the noise and clamor cease. Be still and know that He is God. Be still and know that He is faithful. Consider all that He has done, stand in awe and be amazed, and know that He will never change. Be still."

(Steven Curtis Chapman's Speechless album, 1999)

(this piano solo: Alfred Publishing Co., Inc., 2007; Peach Hill Songs and Sparrow Songs, 1999)

****Doxology -** 710

We Lift Our Voices

Prayers of Thanksgiving with The Lord's Prayer (using "debts")

**Hymn - 687

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**Benediction

Postlude

St. Anne (Our God, Our Help in Ages Past)

arr. L. Larson

Psalm 90: 17: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us. And make the work of our hands stand strong.

Yes, make the work of our hands stand strong.

"Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come. Be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home." (by Isaac Watts, 1719; public domain)

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It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.



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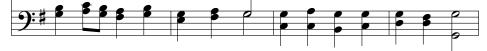


- 1 Make a joy ful noise to God! All cre a tion sings your praise!
- 2 Come and see what God has done, great the bless-ings to the just:
- 3 Bless the Lord, our ref uge sure; let our songs of praise be heard!





Great your won-ders here dis-played, un-ex-celled through-out our days. walked the cho-sen through the sea, brought their en - e - mies to dust. By whose jus-tice, we are tried; by whose grace, our guilt de-ferred.





Glo - rious is your sa - cred name, a - ges old, yet still the same. Let us lift a thank - ful voice for God's mer-cies, and re - joice! When our life's sure end shall come, bring us to your heaven-ly home.



This paraphrase of Psalm 66 maintains a corporate tone more suitable for congregational singing than does the original psalm, which moves to a personal narrative in its latter part. The reference to "all creation" is strengthened by the associations of the tune (see no. 14).



This praise and worship song can best be understood as reflecting on and expanding 1 Chronicles 29:14b: "For all things come of you, [O Lord,] and of your own have we given you." There are also echoes of Paul's appeal for Christians to be living sacrifices (Romans 12:1).

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- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all our years away; they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.