

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

5th Sunday of Easter

11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

May 2, 2021

Prelude "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" ~Charles Wesley / Joseph Parry

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*Responsive*) (*Source-Based on Psalm 22 and 1 John 4*)

As the weak realize their strength; as the poor eat and are satisfied,
God's love abides in us.

As the stranger finds a friend; as the family offers forgiveness,
God's love abides in us.

As the ends of the earth know of Christ's grace,
God's love abides in us.

Prayer of Invocation

*The Peace of Christ

Leader: ...The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

*Opening Hymn "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" *See Insert*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*) (*Based on 1 John 4*)

Merciful One, you know when we are afraid to love; you know when we are too cowardly to show mercy. Remind us again that perfect love casts out such fears. Surround us and strengthen us with your perfect love, even in the face of our imperfections.

Imbue us with a love so strong, with such growth toward perfection, that we may cast aside our pride and embrace the power of love.

Silence is observed

Assurance of God's Pardon (*Responsive*) (*Source-Thom Shuman*)

God abides in you! God is breathing, living, forgiving, restoring you in this moment, and in the days to come. This is the good news for us!

As God is in us, so we can live, work, and care for others, so that love, hope, and joy might touch all people. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

1 John 3:13-4:21

(Common English Bible)

3 ¹³Don't be surprised, brothers and sisters, if the world hates you. ¹⁴We know that we have transferred from death to life, because we love the brothers and sisters. The person who does not love remains in death. ¹⁵Everyone who hates a brother or sister is a murderer, and you know that murderers don't have eternal life residing in them. ¹⁶This is how we know love: Jesus laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷But if someone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but refuses to help—how can the love of God dwell in a person like that? ¹⁸Little children, let's not love with words or speech but with action and truth. ¹⁹This is how we will know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts in God's presence. ²⁰Even if our hearts condemn us, God is greater than our hearts and knows all things. ²¹Dear friends, if our hearts don't condemn us, we have confidence in relationship to God. ²²We receive whatever we ask from him because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³This is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love each other as he commanded us. ²⁴Those who keep his commandments dwell in God and God dwells in them. This is how we know that he dwells in us, because of the Spirit he has given us.

4 ¹Dear friends, don't believe every spirit. Test the spirits to see if they are from God because many false prophets have gone into the world. ²This is how you know if a spirit comes from God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come as a human is from God, ³and every spirit that doesn't confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and is now already in the world. ⁴You are from God, little children, and you have defeated these people because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world. So they speak from the world's point of view and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. The person who knows God listens to us. Whoever is not from God doesn't listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error. ⁷Dear friends, let's love each other, because love is from God, and everyone who loves is born from God and knows God. ⁸The person who doesn't love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹This is how the love of God is revealed to us: God has sent his only Son into the world so that we can live through him. ¹⁰This is love: it is not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son as the sacrifice that deals with our sins. ¹¹Dear friends, if God loved us this way, we also ought to love each other. ¹²No one has ever seen God. If we love each other, God remains in us and his love is made perfect in us. ¹³This is how we know we remain in him and he remains in us, because he has given us a measure of his Spirit. ¹⁴We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son to be the savior of the world. ¹⁵If any of us confess that Jesus is God's Son, God remains in us and we remain in God. ¹⁶We have known and have believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who remain in love remain in God and God remains in them. ¹⁷This is how love has been perfected in us, so that we can have confidence on the Judgment Day, because we are exactly the same as God is in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear, because fear expects punishment. The person who is afraid has not been made perfect in love. ¹⁹We love because God first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God" and hate their brothers or sisters are liars. After all, those who don't love their brothers or sisters whom they have seen can hardly love God whom they have not seen! ²¹This commandment we have from him: Those who claim to love God ought to love their brother and sister also.

Morning Prayer and 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.

*The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN.

*Gloria Patri

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.

*Closing Hymn

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

See Insert

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

"Brother James' Air" ~ *James Leith Macbeth Bain*

Please rise in body or spirit / **Bold: Congregation Speaks*

Today, Sunday, May 2nd ~ 5 pm Session Meeting

For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Acts 8:26-40 and Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

Daily Readings for May 2 – 8 use the following web link:

<http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/devotions/month-month-lectionary-reading-list/>

Prayer List Additions as of 5/2/2021

*Pollocksville Presbyterian Church Childcare, Josh Potter (Jerry Burkot),
Karl & Bonnie Zimmermann*

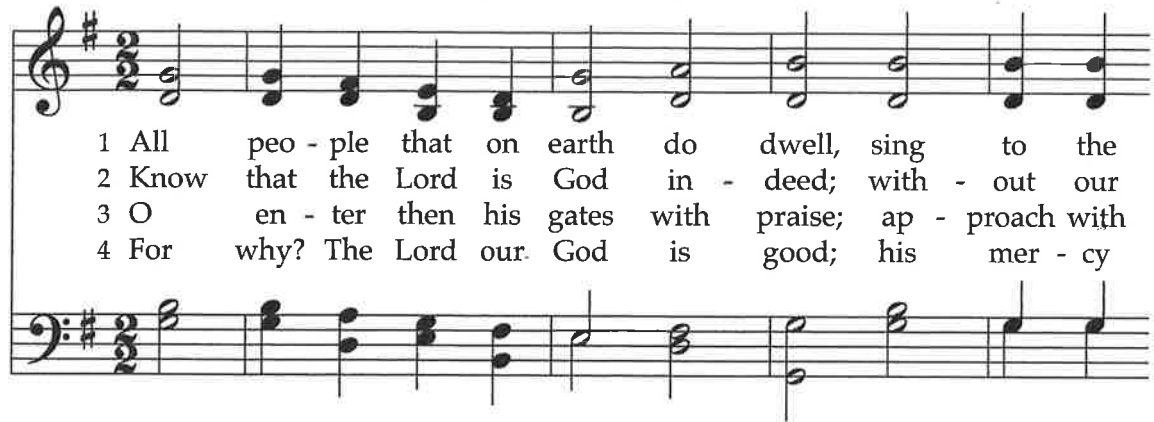
Pray for those that have lost loved ones and are grieving.

Pray for those affected by the Natural Disasters & Human Tragedies throughout our country and around the world. Please pray for our world and the violence that is in it.

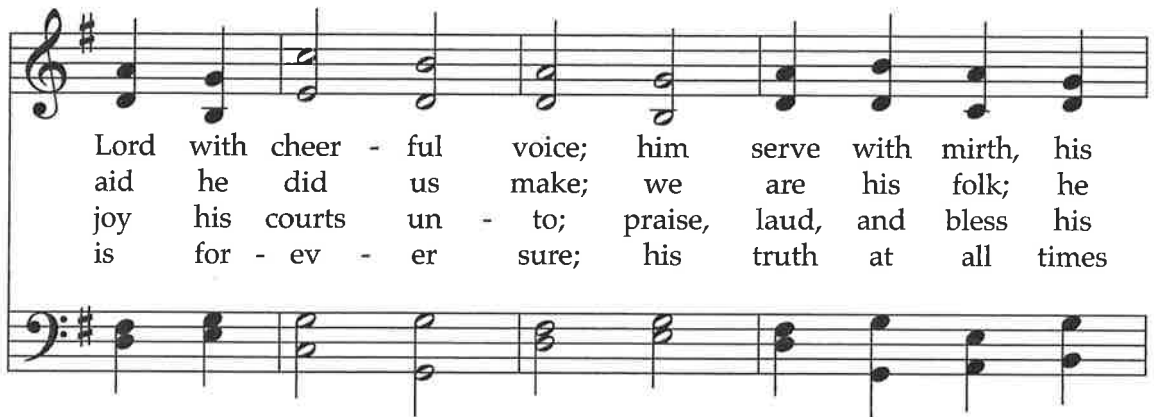
Our complete prayer list is available in the PollyPress. These names will remain on this list for 3 weeks.

All People That on Earth Do Dwell 385

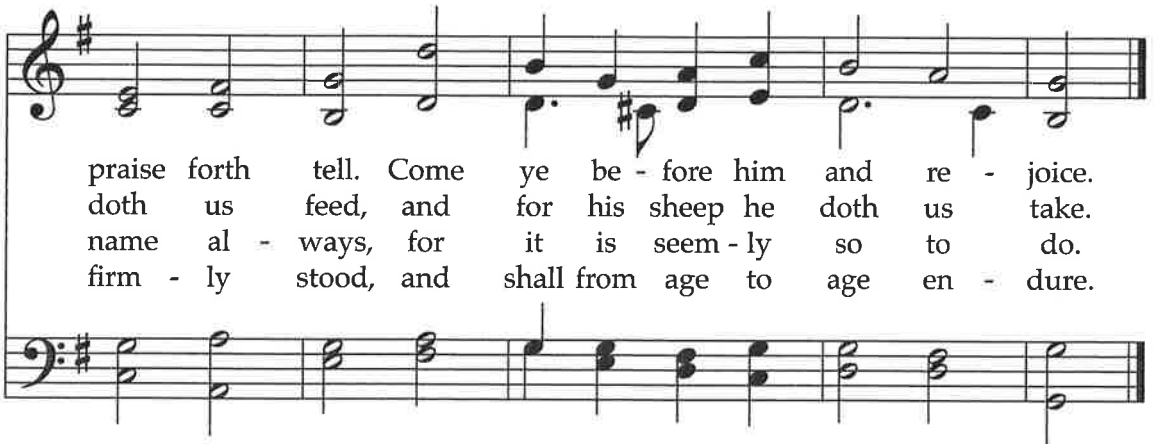
(Psalm 100)



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our
 3 O en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with
 4 For why? The Lord our God is good; his mer - cy



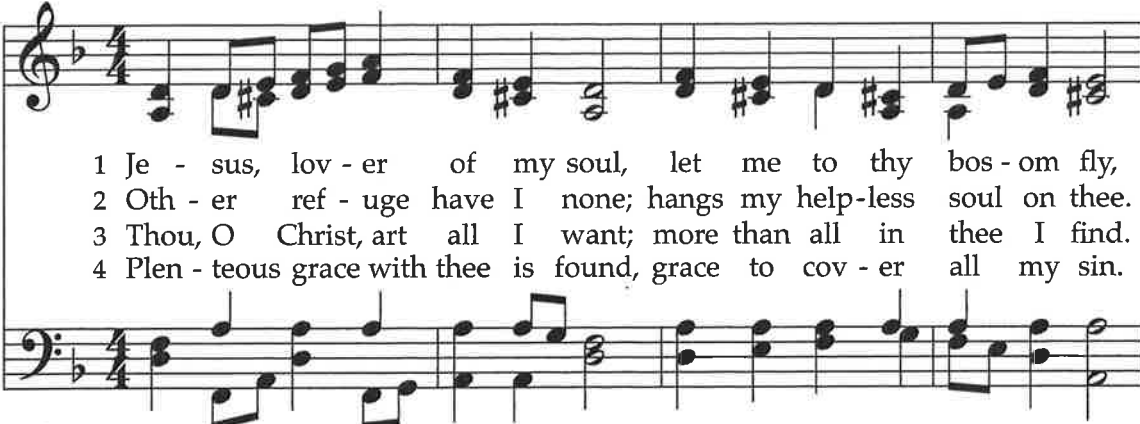
Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his
 aid he did us make; we are his folk; he
 joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
 is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times



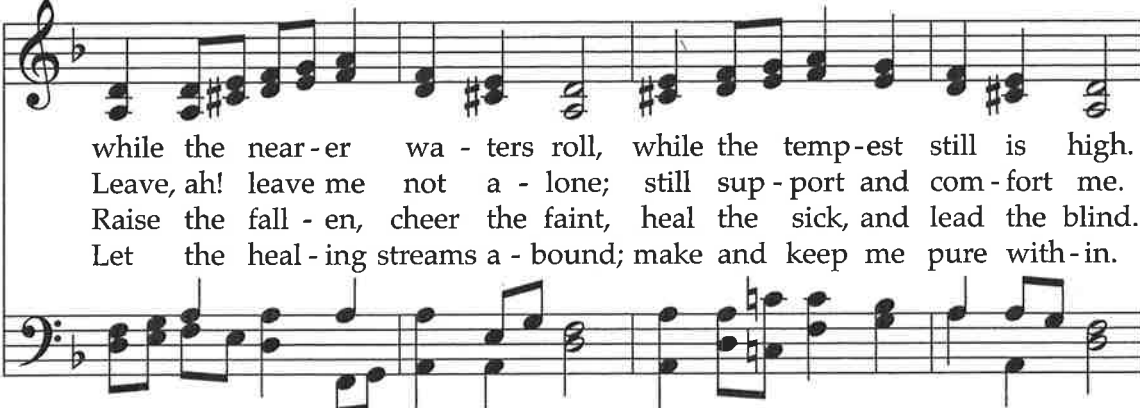
praise forth tell. Come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
 doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
 name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
 firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

In a pairing that began in 1561, this paraphrase of Psalm 100 by a Scot is set to a tune that a French composer originally created for Psalm 134 in the Genevan Psalter of 1551. They have appeared together in nearly every comprehensive English-language hymnal since then.

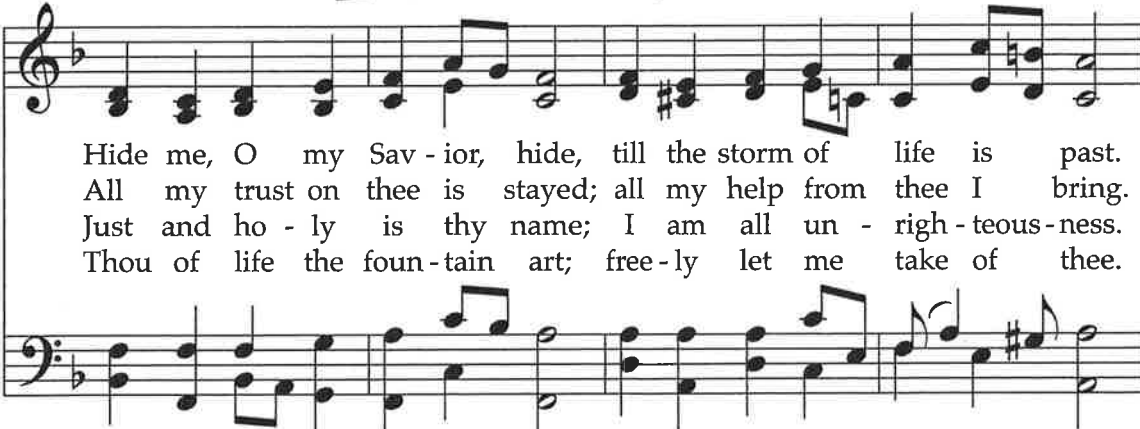
440 Jesus, Lover of My Soul



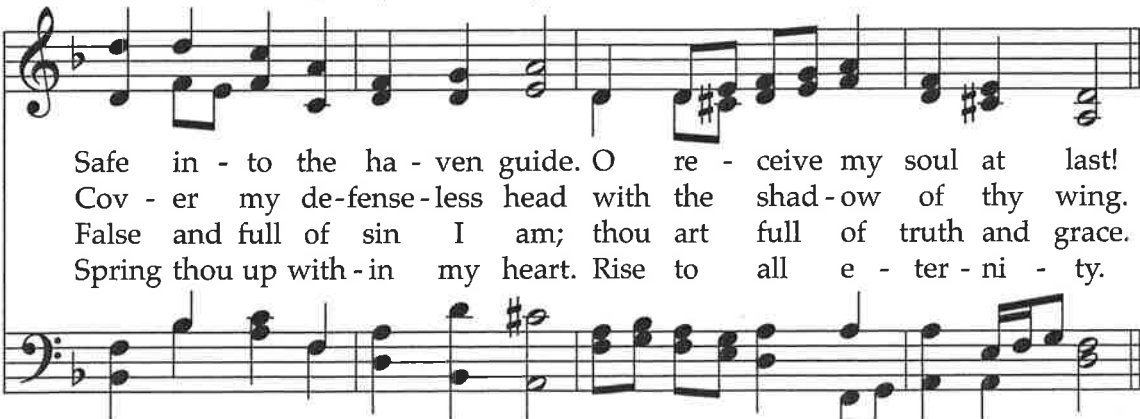
1 Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bos - om fly,
 2 Oth - er ref - uge have I none; hangs my help - less soul on thee.
 3 Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find.
 4 Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to cov - er all my sin.



while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the temp - est still is high.
 Leave, ah! leave me not a - lone; still sup - port and com - fort me.
 Raise the fall - en, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
 Let the heal - ing streams a - bound; make and keep me pure with - in.



Hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide, till the storm of life is past.
 All my trust on thee is stayed; all my help from thee I bring.
 Just and ho - ly is thy name; I am all un - righ - teous - ness.
 Thou of life the foun - tain art; free - ly let me take of thee.



Safe in - to the ha - ven guide. O re - ceive my soul at last!
 Cov - er my de - fense - less head with the shad - ow of thy wing.
 False and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.
 Spring thou up with - in my heart. Rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

Originally titled "In Temptation," these four stanzas (of five) call to mind how a spiritual and emotional tempest can move from turmoil to tranquility. This tune was first used with this text in a cantata by the composer in 1910, and since then has become the standard one.