

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



July 26, 2020

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

8th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

July 26, 2020

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*Responsive*) (Source- *Nancy Schreck and Maureen Leach*)

Alleluia! Give thanks to the LORD!

Praise God's name and make known God's deeds to the nations!

Sing to God! Sing praise and tell of all God's wonderful works.

Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts that seek the LORD rejoice!

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

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

See Insert

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession (Source- *Book of Common Worship*)

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

Silence is observed

Assurance of Pardon (*Responsive*) (Source- *Romans 5:5*)

Hear the good news! Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism.

Believe this good news and give thanks: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Amen.

Anthem

"Ashokan Farewell"

~ Unger ~

Jennifer Miller, Violin

Prayer for Illumination

³¹ He told another parable to them: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and planted in his field. ³² It's the smallest of all seeds. But when it's grown, it's the largest of all vegetable plants. It becomes a tree so that the birds in the sky come and nest in its branches." ³³ He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast, which a woman took and hid in a bushel of wheat flour until the yeast had worked its way through all the dough." ³⁴ Jesus said all these things to the crowds in parables, and he spoke to them only in parables. ³⁵ This was to fulfill what the prophet spoke: *I'll speak in parables; I'll declare what has been hidden since the beginning of the world.* ³⁶ Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." ³⁷ Jesus replied, "The one who plants the good seed is the Human One. ³⁸ The field is the world. And the good seeds are the followers of the kingdom. But the weeds are the followers of the evil one. ³⁹ The enemy who planted them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the present age. The harvesters are the angels. ⁴⁰ Just as people gather weeds and burn them in the fire, so it will be at the end of the present age. ⁴¹ The Human One will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that cause people to fall away and all people who sin. ⁴² He will throw them into a burning furnace. People there will be weeping and grinding their teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in their Father's kingdom. Those who have ears should hear." ⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure that somebody hid in a field, which someone else found and covered up. Full of joy, the finder sold everything and bought that field. ⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls. ⁴⁶ When he found one very precious pearl, he went and sold all that he owned and bought it. ⁴⁷ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that people threw into the lake and gathered all kinds of fish. ⁴⁸ When it was full, they pulled it to the shore, where they sat down and put the good fish together into containers. But the bad fish they threw away. ⁴⁹ That's the way it will be at the end of the present age. The angels will go out and separate the evil people from the righteous people, ⁵⁰ and will throw the evil ones into a burning furnace. People there will be weeping and grinding their teeth. ⁵¹ "Have you understood all these things?" Jesus asked. They said to him, "Yes." ⁵² Then he said to them, "Therefore, every legal expert who has been trained as a disciple for the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings old and new things out of their treasure chest."

Sermon

"The Kingdom of Heaven"

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Rev. Thomas Wesley Moore, IV

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

*Affirmation of Faith

*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.

*Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation to God's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

Words of Institution

Communion

Prayer after Communion

*Closing Hymn

“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

See Insert

*Charge and Benediction

*Please rise in body or spirit
Bold: Congregation Speaks

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~ Communion will be observed during today's Worship Service ~

~ Stated Session Meeting at 5 pm Sunday, August 2nd ~



For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:



Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11 45b or Psalm 128; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Daily Readings for July 26 – August 1 use the following web link:

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



Prayer List Additions as of 7/26/2020

Jean Bender, Brook Stone Living Center, Linda Gardiner, Cliff Griswold, April Bender McKeel & The Family of Johnny McKeel, Edna Smith, Jane Sobotor & family, Chris Taylor, Sharon Tew (upcoming kidney surgery) ~ Continue praying for all our brothers and sisters all over the world!

2 Come, Thou Almighty King

1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful,
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred
 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal

name to sing; help us to praise:
 might - y Lord, our prayer at - tend.
 wit - ness bear in this glad hour.
 prais - es be, hence ev - er - more!

Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
 Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy word suc - cess;
 Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in ev - ery heart,
 Thy sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,

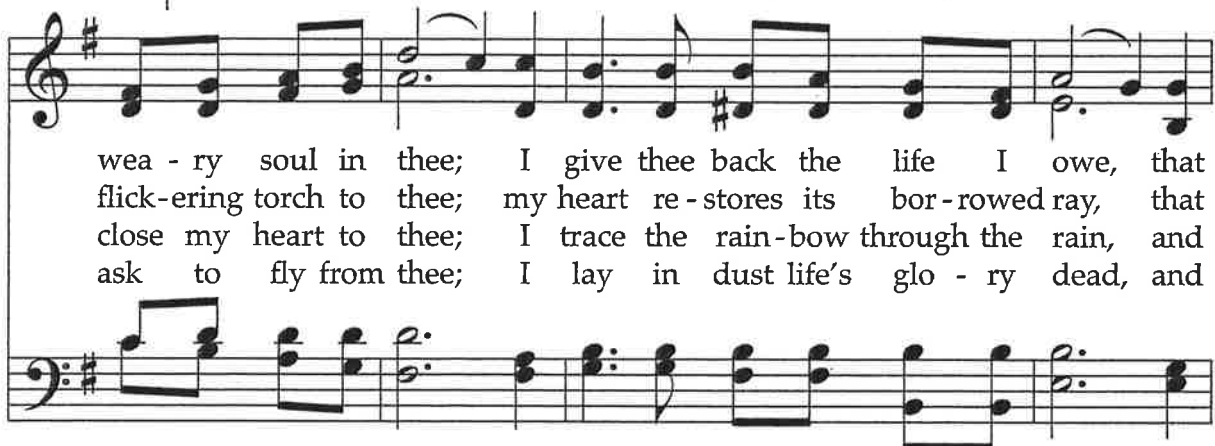
come, and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.
 and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power.
 and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

The author of this Trinitarian text is unknown, but this hymn has proved popular since the middle of the 18th century, partly because of its effective use of biblical metaphors, but also because of the strength of this tune, which was composed especially for these words.

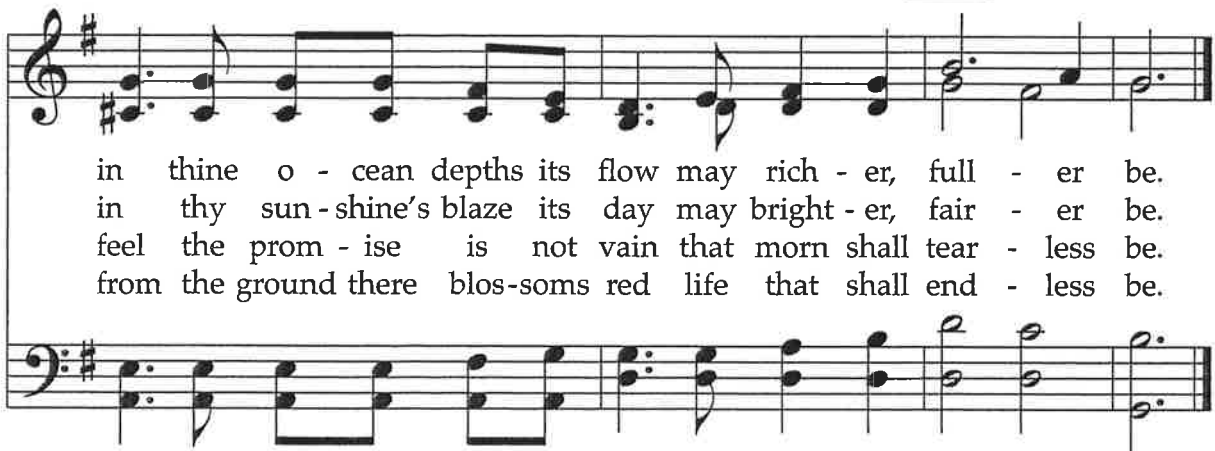
O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go 833



1 O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my
2 O Light that fol-lowest all my way, I yield my
3 O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I can - not
4 O Cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not



wea - ry soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that
flick - ering torch to thee; my heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, that
close my heart to thee; I trace the rain - bow through the rain, and
ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, and



in thine o - cean depths its flow may rich - er, full - er be.
in thy sun - shine's blaze its day may bright - er, fair - er be.
feel the prom - ise is not vain that morn shall tear - less be.
from the ground there blos - soms red life that shall end - less be.

This intense hymn of commitment to God (addressed as Love, Light, and Joy) closes with an invocation of the ultimate testimony to those attributes (the Cross). The composer, a Scotsman, named this specially-composed tune for the 11th-century patroness of Scotland.