

**Downtown Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship for July 5, 2020
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

Opening Voluntary

Elegie

Gordon Young

Welcome

Call to Worship

Psalm 145:7-14 (CEB, alt.)

We rave in celebration of God's abundant goodness;

We shout joyfully about God's righteousness:

*"The LORD is merciful and compassionate,
very patient, and full of faithful love.*

The LORD is good to everyone and everything;

God's compassion extends to all God's handiwork!"

All that you have made gives thanks to you, LORD;

all your faithful ones bless you!

We speak of the glory of your kingdom;

we talk all about your power,

to inform all human beings about God's power

and the majestic glory of God's kingdom.

Your kingdom is a kingship that lasts forever;

your rule endures for all generations.

The LORD is trustworthy in all that God says,

faithful in all that God does.

The LORD supports all who fall down,

straightens up all who are bent low.

Let us worship God!

Hymn

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

Ryan Norris, cantor

Gathering Prayer

Eternal God:

you sing a song of silence to our noisy hearts,

inviting us to still our fidgeting souls,

and find our peace in your cupped hands which cradle us.

Jesus the Christ, Wanderer of the kingdom:

you are called to reveal God to us and do so in

the tenderness of your touch,

the gentleness of your words,

the goodness of your heart,

the peace of your shared yoke.

Spirit of Rest:

your childlike presence opens our eyes to the wonders of the world.

As we hand you our anger, our hurt, our sin,

may our burdens become our songs of joy.

May we find our rest, our hope, in you.

(Silent prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Announcements

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Song of Songs 2:8-13

Listen! It's my lover: here he comes now,

leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills.

My lover is like a gazelle or a young stag.

Here he stands now, outside our wall,

peering through the windows,

peeking through the lattices.

My lover spoke and said to me,

"Rise up, my dearest, my fairest, and go.

Here, the winter is past; the rains have come and gone.

Blossoms have appeared in the land; the season of singing has arrived,

and the sound of the turtledove is heard in our land.

The green fruit is on the fig tree, and the grapevines in bloom are fragrant.

Rise up, my dearest, my fairest, and go."

Romans 7:16-20

[Paul wrote,] I don't know what I'm doing, because I don't do what I want to do. Instead, I do the thing that I hate. But if I'm doing the thing that I don't want to do, I'm agreeing that the Law is right. But now I'm not the one doing it anymore. Instead, it's sin that lives in me. I know that good doesn't live in me—that is, in my body. The desire to do good is inside of me, but I can't do it. I don't do the good that I want to do, but I do the evil that I don't want to do. But if I do the very thing that I don't want to do, then I'm not the one doing it anymore. Instead, it is sin that lives in me that is doing it.

Matthew 11:16-19

[Jesus said,] "To what will I compare this generation? It is like a child sitting in the marketplaces calling out to others, 'We played the flute for you and you didn't dance. We sang a funeral song and you didn't mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' Yet the Human One came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunk, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is proved to be right by her works."

Sermon

Rev. Mike Wilson

Hymn

"Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling"

Ryan Norris, cantor

Pastoral Prayer & 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.*

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!
You beyond the galaxies, you under the oceans, you inside the leaves,
you pouring down rain, you opening flowers, you feeding the insects,
you giving us your image, you carrying us through the waters, you holding us in the night;

your smile on Sarah and Abraham, your hand with Moses and Miriam,
your words through Deborah and Isaiah,

you lived as Jesus among us, healing, teaching, dying, rising, inviting us all to your feast.*

*Holy God, we remember your Son:
His life with the humble, his death among the wretched, his resurrection for us all;
your wisdom our guide, your justice our strength, your grace our path to rebirth.*

*Holy God, we beg for your Spirit.
Enliven this bread, awake this body, pour us out for each other.
Transfigure our minds, ignite your church, nourish the life of the earth.
Make us, while many, united.
Make us, though broken, whole.
Make us, despite death, alive.*

*You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three,
our Life, our Mercy, our Might,
our Table, our Food, our Server,
our Rainbow, our Ark, our Dove,
our Sovereign, our Water, our Wine,
our Light, our Treasure, our Tree,
our Way, our Truth, our Life,*

*You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!
Praise now, praise tomorrow, praise forever.*

Hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

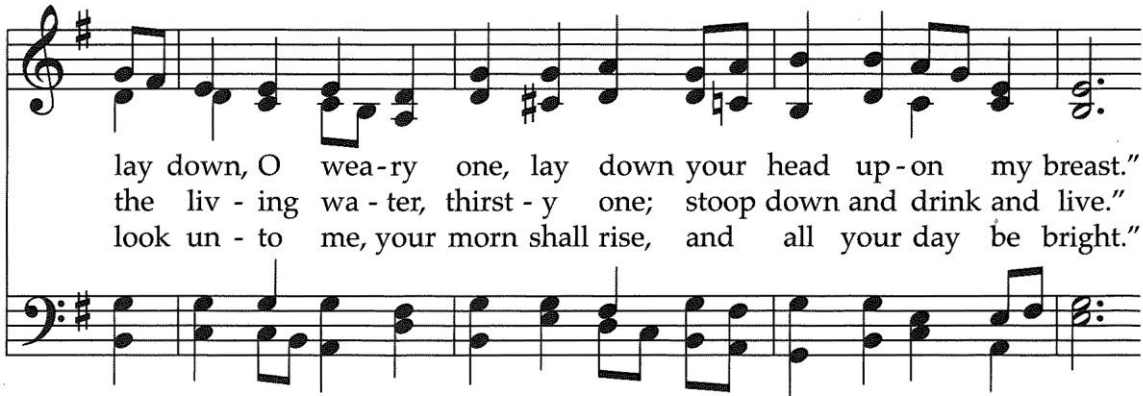
Postlude on *Diademata*
melody used for "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

Gordon Young

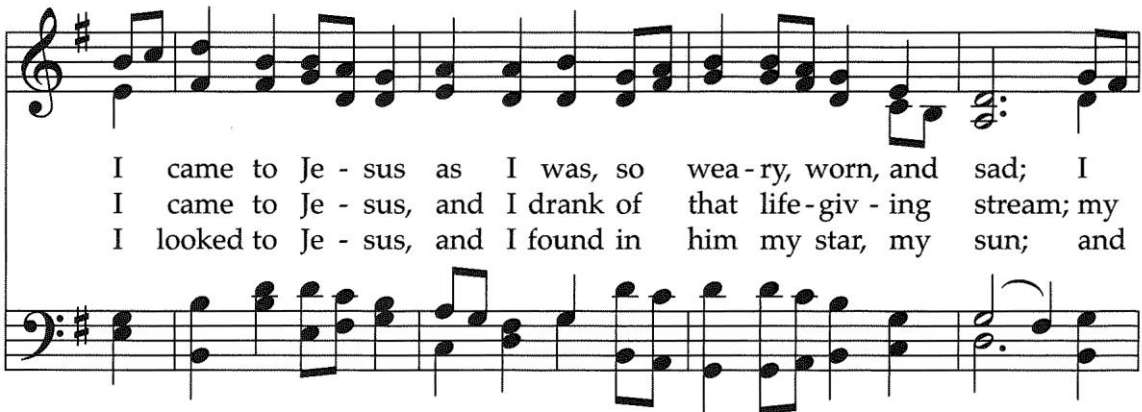
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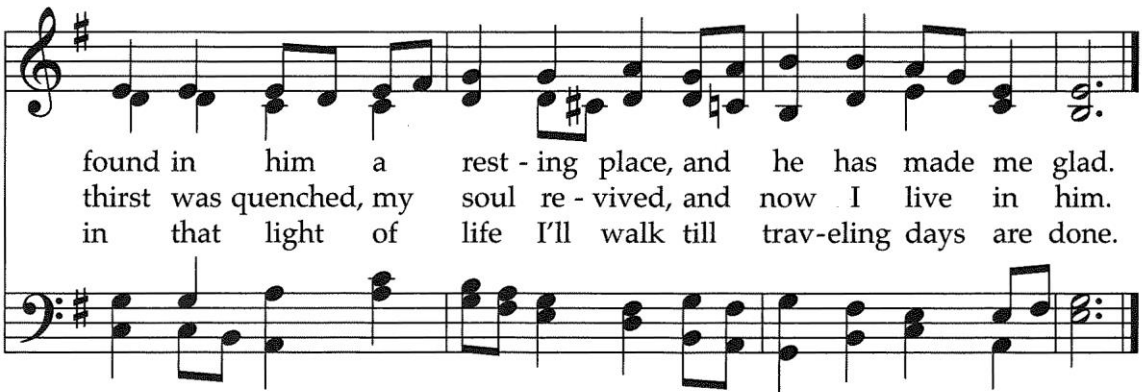
1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad; I
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream; my
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and



found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
in that light of life I'll walk till trav - eling days are done.

Each stanza here pairs an invitation from Jesus with a response from the narrator. These three invitations recall how Jesus welcomed those who were heavy laden (Matthew 11:28), offered living water (John 4:10-14), and identified himself as the light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5).

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1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3 O for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for
 you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,
 watch - ing for you and for me.
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!
 par - don for you and for me. "Come home, come home!
 You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,
 Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

This 19th-century gospel hymn has often been used as a hymn of invitation at evangelistic services. Its imagery is primarily based on Jesus' parable in Luke 15:11-32, commonly called "The Prodigal Son." Each singer thus becomes a wandering child who is urged to return home.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.