

The Downtown Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship for August 2, 2020
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Opening Voluntary Chorale Prelude on *Schmücke Dich, O Liebe Seele* Johannes Brahms
(Translation: "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"); tune taken from hymn "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"
William Taylor, organist & director of music

Welcome

Call to Worship Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 (CEB, alt.)
led by Doug, Robin, Caroline and Graham Hausken

*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!
The LORD supports all who fall down,
straightens up all who are bent low.
All eyes look to God, hoping,
and God gives us our food right on time, with an open hand,
and satisfying the desires of every living thing.
The LORD is righteous in every way;
faithful in every deed.
The LORD is close to everyone who calls out,
to all who call out sincerely.
God shows favor to those who honor God,
listening our cries for help and saving us.
Our mouths will proclaim the LORD's praise,
and every living thing will bless God's holy name
forever and always.*

Hymn "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"
Amy Finka, cantor

Gathering Prayer

*God of abundance,
in your hands meager offerings become bread to feed a multitude.
Your mercy overflows to fill deserted landscapes with hope and grace.
In you there is always more than enough.
But we often see only scarcity;
too few resources to share with our neighbors,
too little energy to respond to those in need.
We might even ration our compassion and care.
Transform us, we pray.
Open our hands to share freely and generously
and stretch our hearts to new expressions of love.*

(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

Isaiah 55:1-5 (NRSV, alt.)

*Ho! everyone who thirsts, come to the waters
and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for God has glorified you.*

Sermon

Rev. Mike Wilson

Special Music

"You Thirsty Once, Come"
Amy Finka, soprano

*You thirsty ones! come to the spring!
Have you no money? Come,
buy wine and milk! Come, buy and eat,
without a price or sum.*

*Why do you work and earn and spend
on that which is not bread?
Oh listen now and come to me;
eat what is good instead.*

*This food delights and satisfies,
the food your God can give;
incline your ear and come to me;
oh hear that you may live.*

*Return while God may still be found
and call while God will hear;
now let the wicked quit their ways,
while yet the Lord is near.*

*My word like heaven's snow descends;
it falls like heaven's rain;
it waters all the thirsty earth
and shall not go in vain.*

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

based on Matthew 14:13-21

led by Joshua Finka, Henry Butler and Suzie Lane

Compassionate God, you are good to everyone.

Help us to trust in you and to share what we have with a hungry world.

We pray for your entire church, that our relations with other religions, may be respectful and abounding in your love. Help us to join with people of all faiths to work for the well-being of all your children.

***Jesus said, "There's no need to send them away;
you give them something to eat."***

We pray for the earth and all the creatures who look to you for their food.

May we do our part in restoring the earth and keeping it healthy.

And help us to follow Jesus in ministries that feed and serve others.

***Jesus said, "There's no need to send them away;
you give them something to eat."***

We pray for all the people of the world, in every country.

*And we pray for leaders, so that wars and violence will end, and that the hungry will be fed,
and that refugees might return home in safety and peace.*

***Jesus said, "There's no need to send them away;
you give them something to eat."***

We pray for all those who sick in their bodies or their minds or their spirits.

May they find their truth without money and peace without cost.

***Jesus said, "There's no need to send them away;
you give them something to eat."***

Gracious and abounding in infinite love,

*we join our voices with everything that you have made in speaking your praises and blessing your name, for, with
Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, you are good and kind in all your doings.*

And hear us now, God, as we pray Jesus'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

(using the bread and beverage of your choice)

Hymn

"Go, My Children, With My Blessing"

Amy Finka, cantor

Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Chorale Prelude on *Schmücke Dich, O Liebe Seele*

Johann Gottfried Walther

(Translation: "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness."); tune taken from hymn "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man-na is our bread.
2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.

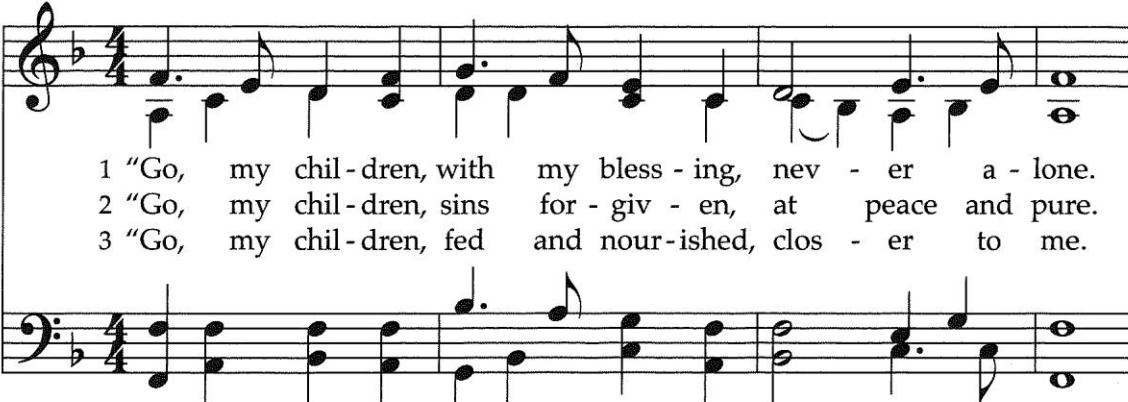
Come from wil-der-ness and wan-dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.

You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a-round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.

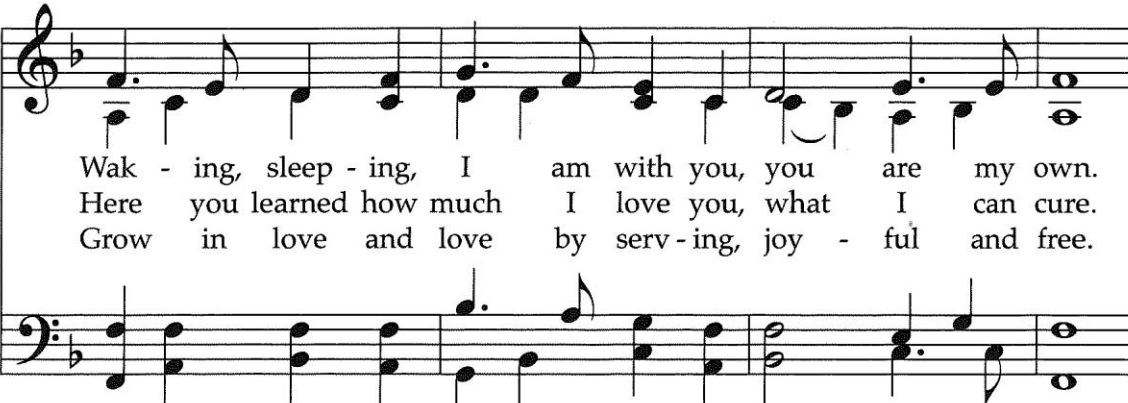
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

The United Church of Canada minister who wrote this text was introduced to shape note tunes at the 1990 Hymn Society conference in Charleston, South Carolina. Afterwards she vacationed with friends nearby and worked out this text while humming this tune as she walked up and down the beach.

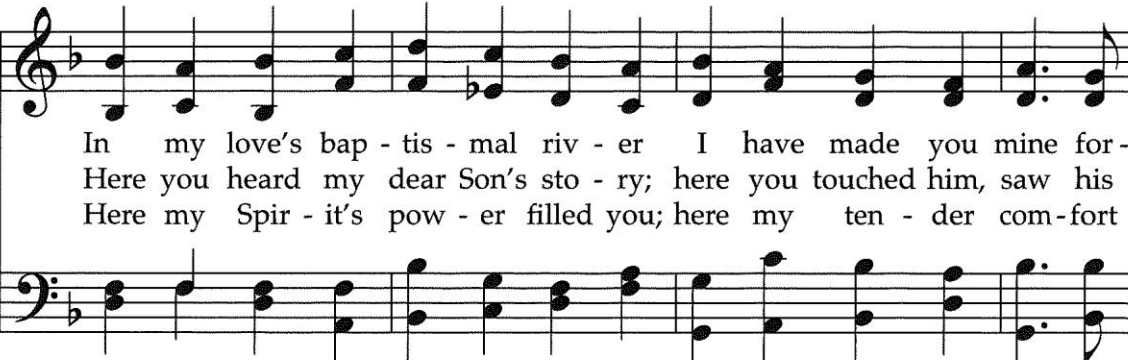
Go, My Children, with My Blessing



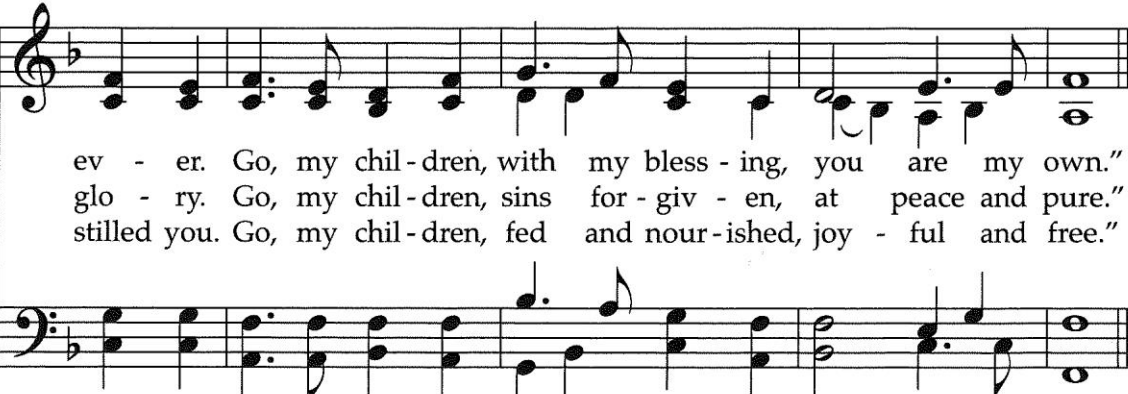
1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.
 2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his
 Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here my ten-der com-fort



ev-er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."
 glo-ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure."
 stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free."

Because this Welsh melody usually sets evening texts, the author was asked to create one for use in daytime. His recasting of the Aaronic blessing in Numbers 6:22-27 imagines that passage as a benediction that might be spoken by God at the conclusion of a worship service.