

ORDER OF WORSHIP

ALL SAINTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 4, 2010

Thirteenth Sunday after Easter

For Reflection and Preparation

"The way of Jesus cannot be imposed or mapped — it requires an active participation in following Jesus as he leads us through sometimes strange and unfamiliar territory, in circumstances that become clear only in the hesitations and questionings, in the pauses and reflections where we engage in prayerful conversation with one another and with him."

- Eugene Peterson

"Every careful reader of the Bible is struck by how recurrently odd and unaccommodating it is to what we are used to and expect. The Bible is no easy read."

- Eugene Peterson

"I held back my heart from accepting anything, fearing that I might fall once more, whereas in fact the hanging in suspense was more deadly. I wanted to be as certain of things unseen as that seven and three makes ten."

- St. Augustine

Call to Worship

from Ps 28:7-8

Leader: The LORD is our strength and our shield;
trust in Him and enjoy His help.

People: **Let your hearts leap for joy and
give thanks to Him in song.
For the LORD is the strength of His people,
a fortress of salvation for His chosen ones.**

Opening Hymn

COME, THOU FOUNT

1. Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hi - ther by thy help I'm come;
3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wand - 'ring heart to thee.

Teach me ___ some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by ___ flam - ing tongues a - bove;
Je - sus ___ sought me when a stran - ger, wand - 'ring ___ from the fold of God:
Prone to ___ wan - der, Lord I feel ___ it, prone to ___ leave the God I love:

praise his name, I'm fixed up - on it, name of God's re - deem - ing love.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Leader: Let us pray

Prayers of Adoration

Readings from Isaiah 40

Leader: Surely the nations are like a drop in a bucket;
they are regarded as dust on the scales;
he weighs the islands as though they were fine dust.

**People: Before him all the nations are as nothing;
they are regarded by him as worthless
and less than nothing.**

Leader: Do you not know?
Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood since the earth was founded?

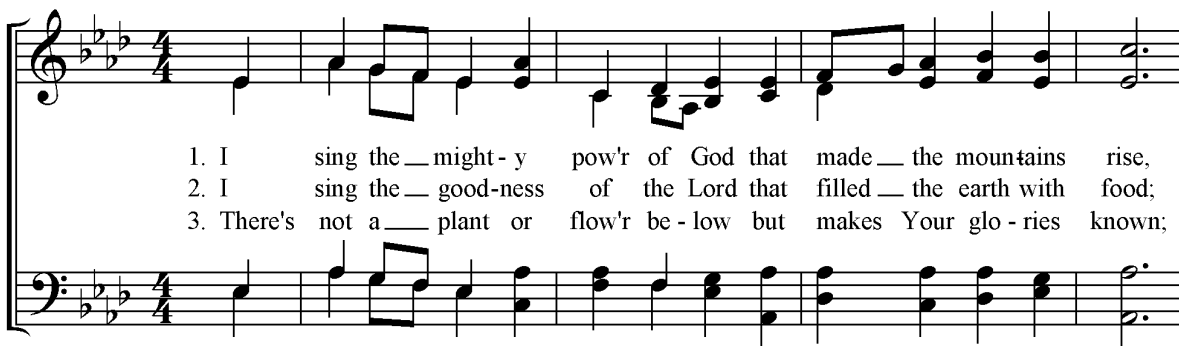
**People: He brings princes to naught
and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing.**

Leader: To whom will you compare me?
Or who is my equal?" says the Holy One.

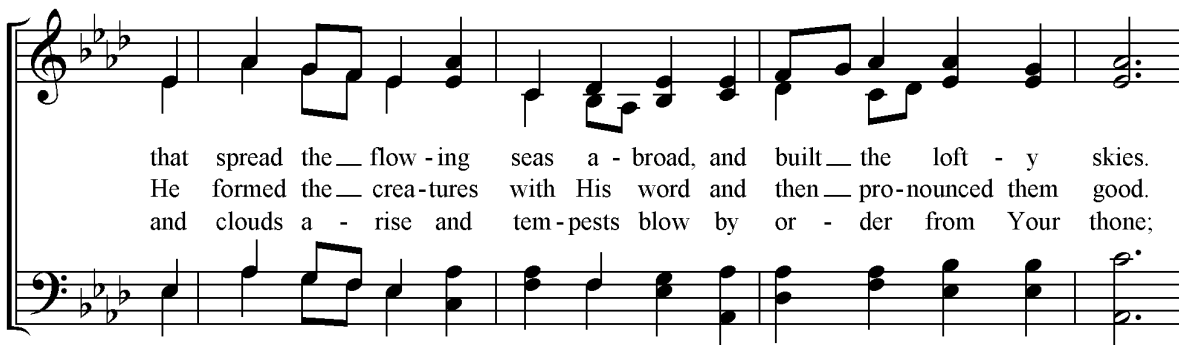
**People: Lift your eyes and look to the heavens:
Who created all these?
He who brings out the starry host one by one,
and calls them each by name.
Because of his great power and mighty strength,
not one of them is missing.**

Hymn

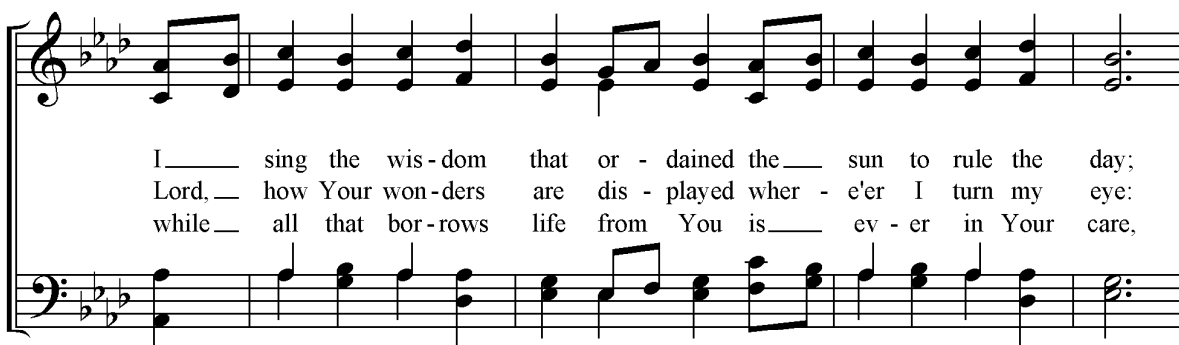
I SING THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD



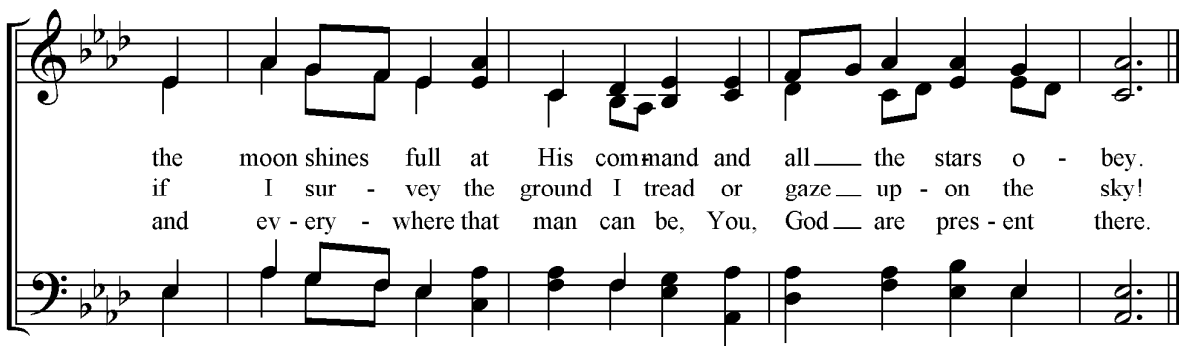
1. I sing the — might - y pow'r of God that made — the mountains rise,
2. I sing the — good-ness of the Lord that filled — the earth with food;
3. There's not a — plant or flow'r be - low but makes Your glo - ries known;



that spread the — flow - ing seas a - broad, and built — the loft - y skies.
He formed the — crea-tures with His word and then — pro-nounced them good.
and clouds a - rise and tem-pests blow by or - der from Your throne;



I — sing the wis-dom that or - dained the — sun to rule the day;
Lord, — how Your won-ders are dis - played wher - e'er I turn my eye:
while — all that bor-rows life from You is — ev - er in Your care,



the moon shines full at His command and all — the stars o - bey.
if I sur - vey the ground I tread or gaze — up - on the sky!
and ev - ery - where that man can be, You, God — are pres - ent there.

Confession of Sin

All: Lord Jesus,

**You have said that, “If you love me, you will obey what I command.”
Forgive us our lukewarm love and our consistent disobedience.**

**Lord, You have said, “Ask for anything in My name.”
Forgive us for our many prayer-less hours spent trying to fix our own problems.**

**Lord, You have said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”
We confess that our lives are often consumed
with worry and anxiety.**

**Lord, You have said, “If you remain in Me and I in you,
you will bear much fruit.” Forgive us our barrenness.**

**Lord, You have said, “You must testify, for you have been with Me.”
We confess, Lord, that we have too often been silent.**

**Lord, you have said, “Love each other as I have loved you.”
In this and in so many other ways,
we confess our failures and shortcomings.**

Have mercy upon us, O Lord. Amen.

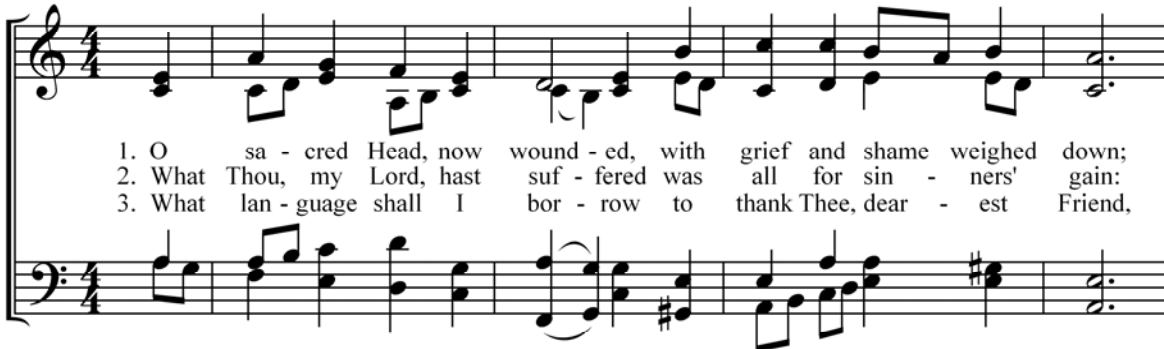
Silent Meditation and Confession

“The gospel...is the wisdom of God because it doesn’t praise our intellects or advertise our strengths. It causes us to fall on our knees and acknowledge our weakness, our dependence, our terrible need. It causes us to look up to God as the great Savior. ‘It is by his doing that we are in Christ Jesus’...The gospel teaches us that our righteousness, our sanctification, our redemption, and our wisdom are all gifts of God. The message of the gospel scuttles human pride because it reminds us that our life did not start with our choosing God but his choosing us. Therefore, all the glory is God’s.”

- Thomas Schreiner, “The Foolishness of the Cross”

Hymn

O SACRED HEAD



1. O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down;
2. What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered was all for sin - ners' gain:
3. What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank Thee, dear - est Friend,



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed, with thorns, Thine on - ly crown;
mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but Thine the dead - ly pain.
for this, Thy dy - ing sor - row, Thy pit - y with - out end?



How pale — Thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;
Lo, here — I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve Thy place;
O make — me Thine for - ev - er; and should I faint - ing be,



How does — that vis - age lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!
look on — me with Thy fav - or, vouch - safe to me Thy grace.
Lord, let — me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to Thee.

Words of Pardon and Peace

Luke 15:20

Leader: So he got up and went to his father.
But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with
compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Hymn

TAKE MY LIFE

1. Take my life and let it be
2. Take my hands and let them move
3. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
4. Take my will and make it Thine;

con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee; take my mo - ments
at the im - pulse of Thy love; take my feet and
at Thy feet its trea - sure store. Take my - self, and
it shall be no long - er mine. Take my heart; it

and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise
let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee,
I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee,
is Thine own, it shall be Thy roy - al throne,

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Prayers for the Church and the World

Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Reading of Scripture

Malachi 1:1-14

¹ An oracle: The word of the LORD to Israel through Malachi.² "I have loved you," says the LORD.

"But you ask, 'How have you loved us?'

"Was not Esau Jacob's brother?" the LORD says. "Yet I have loved Jacob, ³ but Esau I have hated, and I have turned his mountains into a wasteland and left his inheritance to the desert jackals." ⁴ Edom may say, "Though we have been crushed, we will rebuild the ruins."

But this is what the LORD Almighty says: "They may build, but I will demolish. They will be called the Wicked Land, a people always under the wrath of the LORD. ⁵ You will see it with your own eyes and say, 'Great is the LORD -even beyond the borders of Israel!'

⁶ "A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If I am a father, where is the honor due me? If I am a master, where is the respect due me?" says the LORD Almighty. "It is you, O priests, who show contempt for my name.

"But you ask, 'How have we shown contempt for your name?'

⁷ "You place defiled food on my altar.

"But you ask, 'How have we defiled you?'

"By saying that the LORD's table is contemptible. ⁸ When you bring blind animals for sacrifice, is that not wrong? When you sacrifice crippled or diseased animals, is that not wrong? Try offering them to your governor! Would he be pleased with you? Would he accept you?" says the LORD Almighty. ⁹ "Now implore God to be gracious to us. With such offerings from your hands, will he accept you?"-says the LORD Almighty. ¹⁰ "Oh, that one of you would shut the temple doors, so that you would not light useless fires on my altar! I am not pleased with you," says the LORD Almighty, "and I will accept no offering from your hands. ¹¹ My name will be great among the nations, from the rising to the setting of the sun. In every place incense and pure offerings will be brought to my name, because my name will be great among the nations," says the LORD Almighty. ¹² "But you profane it by saying of the Lord's table, 'It is defiled,' and of its food, 'It is contemptible.' ¹³ And you say, 'What a burden!' and you sniff at it contemptuously," says the LORD Almighty.

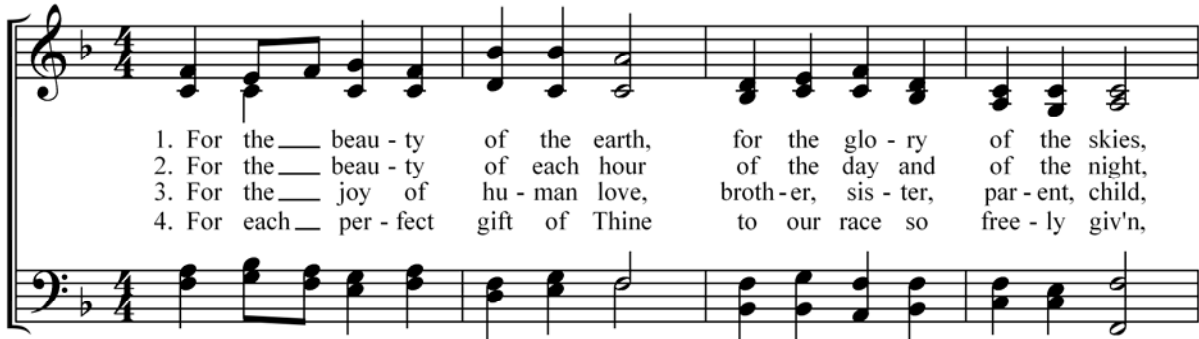
"When you bring injured, crippled or diseased animals and offer them as sacrifices, should I accept them from your hands?" says the LORD. ¹⁴ "Cursed is the cheat who has an acceptable male in his flock and vows to give it, but then sacrifices a blemished animal to the Lord. For I am a great king," says the LORD Almighty, "and my name is to be feared among the nations.

Sermon

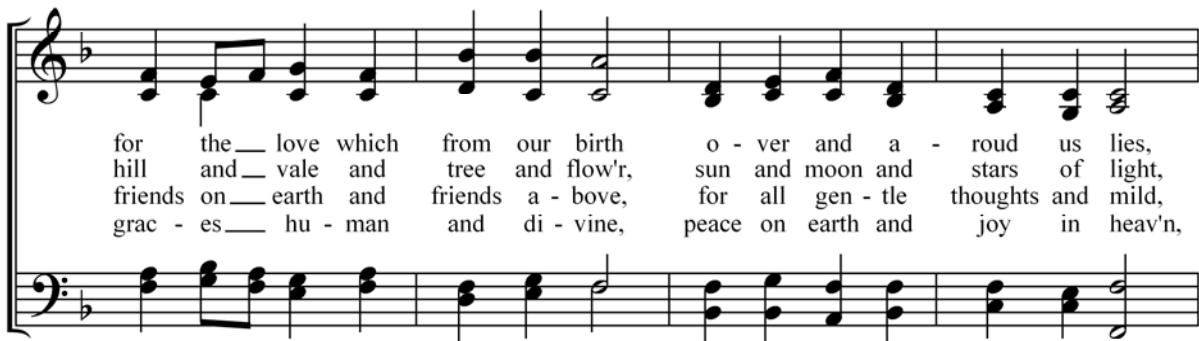
"Tough Questions"
Shelton Woods

Hymn of Response

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH



1. For the___ beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
2. For the___ beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
3. For the___ joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
4. For each___ per - fect gift of Thine to our race so free - ly giv'n,



for the___ love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,
hill and___ vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light,
friends on___ earth and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,
grac - es___ hu - man and di - vine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n,



Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

Benediction

2 Pt 1:2

Leader: Grace and peace be multiplied to you
in the knowledge of God and of Jesus Christ our Lord.