

Pultneyville Reformed Church

August 7, 2022 ❖ Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Preparing Our Hearts For Worship: “Lord Be Glorified” (*Heart – Church – Life*)

Life of the Congregation/Joys and Concerns

Our Approach to God

Call to Worship – *Psalm 121*

L: I lift my eyes to the hills; where does my help come from?

P: **My help comes from the Lord, maker of heaven and earth!**

Opening Prayer

L: Let us pray. . .

* Opening Hymn: “Morning Has Broken”

Call to Confession – *based on Romans 5:8, Hebrews 4:16, John 1:8*

L: The proof of God’s amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence, trusting that God will forgive our sin and cleanse us from every kind of wrong. Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

Prayer of Confession – *based on Psalm 51:10-12*

L: Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.

P: **Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison -- *spoken*

Lord have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon – *John 3:16-17*

L: “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

P: **Thanks be to God.**

Summary of the Law – *Philippians 4:4-9*

L: We respond to God's forgiveness by living our thanks according to God's Word. Hear now God's will for our lives:

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

P: Amen.

* Gloria Patri -- *sung*

**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.**

Our Morning Psalm – *Psalms 139*

L: O Lord, you have searched me;

P: and you know me thoroughly.

L: You know whether I sit down or stand up;

P: you can discern my thoughts from afar.

L: You watch where I walk and lie down,

P: and are familiar with all my ways.

L: There is not a word on my lips,

P: but you, Lord, know it already.

L: You surround me behind and before;

P: Your hand is ever laid upon me.

L: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,

P: so high that I cannot reach it.

L: Where shall I escape from your spirit?

P: Where can I flee from your presence?

L: If I climb up to heaven, you are there;

P: you are there if my bed be in the underworld.

L: If I take wing to the dawning sun,

P: or dwell at the limits of the sea,

L: even there will your hand lead me,

P: and your right hand will hold onto me.

L: If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me,

P: and the night will cover me round about,"

L: Yet darkness is not dark for you,

P: for the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike.

L: You have created my inmost being,

P: and formed me in my mother's womb.

L: I praise you in awe for make me;

P: your work is wondrous, and I know it well.

L: My body was not hidden from you

P: when molded secretly in the depths

L: In your book you wrote of me unformed,

P: and of my deeds that should come to pass.

L: How unsearchable are your thoughts, O God!

P: How without limits is the sum of them!

L: To count them would be more than the grains of sand;

P: were I to finish, you would still be there.

L: Search me, O God, and know my heart;

P: test me and know my thoughts.

L: Watch lest I walk in any evil way,

P: and lead me to the way everlasting.

* Hymn "Seek Ye First"

The Word of God in Proclamation and Sacrament

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Lessons: Hebrews 11:1-6

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

Isaiah 55:6-11

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "Psalm 139 . . . Unpacked"

Prayer For Blessing

The Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

Special Music: "Open Book" *based on Psalm 139*

Meaning of the Sacrament

Invitation

Communion Prayer

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts!

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

P: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Sanctus

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Mystery of the Faith

Christ has died!

Christ is risen!

Christ will come again!

Communion Hymn: "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving -- *From Psalm 103, with additions*

L: Brothers and sisters, since the Lord has now fed us at his Table, let us praise God's holy name with heartfelt thanksgiving! Bless the Lord, O my soul,

P: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

L: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

P: and do not forget all his benefits—

L: who forgives all your iniquity,

P: who heals all your diseases,

L: who redeems your life from the Pit,

P: who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

L: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

P: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

L: He does not deal with us according to our sins,

P: nor repay us according to our iniquities.

L: For as the heavens are high above the earth,

P: so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

L: as far as the east is from the west,

P: so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

L: As a father has compassion for his children,

P: so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him,

**L: who did not spare his own Son,
but gave him up for us all,
and will also give us all things with him.**

**P: Therefore shall my mouth and heart show forth the praise of the Lord, from this time forth
forevermore.**

U: Amen.

Our Response to God's Grace

Offering

* Doxology -- "Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow"

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* Prayer of Dedication

**In the name and in the spirit of Jesus, we bring our gifts to you, O God. Help us to give with them a
ready mind, a willing spirit, and a joyful heart. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

* Closing Hymn: "Here I Am, Lord"

* Benediction – *Irish Blessing*

Welcome to the Pultneyville Reformed Church

"A community of faith seeking to express, in all of life, the mind of Christ"

Everything you need to participate fully in worship is found in the bulletin. Please rise at the places indicated by an (*) if you are able.

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Mark Lagoner (2023)
Carolyn Youngs (2024)

Deacons

Chip Bailey (2023)
Craig DeNagel (2023)
Chelsea Manahan (2024)
Donna Reuter (2024)

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Romania

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OUR SUNDAY TO SUNDAY CALENDAR

Sunday – August 7th

9:00 Worship with Mark Lagoner

Thursday – August 11th

7:00 Oasis Croatia Meeting

Saturday – August 13th

9:00 Caring Hands

Sunday – August 14th

9:00 Worship with Rev. Andrew Schep

Worship Leader: Mark Lagoner

Special Music: Mark Lagoner

Liturgist: Amy Burdett

Elder: Amy Burdett

This morning we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. A communion offering will be taken along with our regular offering for our own Caring Hands Ministry.

The deadline for the September issue of our newsletter, PRC Connections is Sunday, August 21st. Please email your submissions to Editor Sara Scileppi to scileppi@aol.com.

Deacon's Note: The balance of the Operating Fund is - \$23,884.

Morning Has Broken

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Eleanor Farjeon, 1931

Gaelic melody
Arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985

C Am Dm G Dm G C

1. Morn-ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing, Black-bird has
 2. Sweet the rain's new fall Sun - lit from heav - en, Like the first
 3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing Born of the

Em Am Em F G C Am F C

spo - ken Like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall On the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness Of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, Praise ev - ery

Am G C G Am Dm G7 C

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing Fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, Sprung in com - plete - ness Where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion Of the new day!

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Seek Ye First

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al -

D F#m G D G

1 Seek ye — first the king - dom of God and his
 2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and
 3 We do not live by bread — a - lone, but by

le - lu - ia, al - le -

D Em7 A7 D F#m

right - eous - ness, and all these things shall be
 you shall find; knock and the door shall be
 ev - ery word that pro - ceeds from the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

G D G D Em7 A D

add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
 o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
 mouth — of — God. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

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Let Us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD 10.10 with refrain

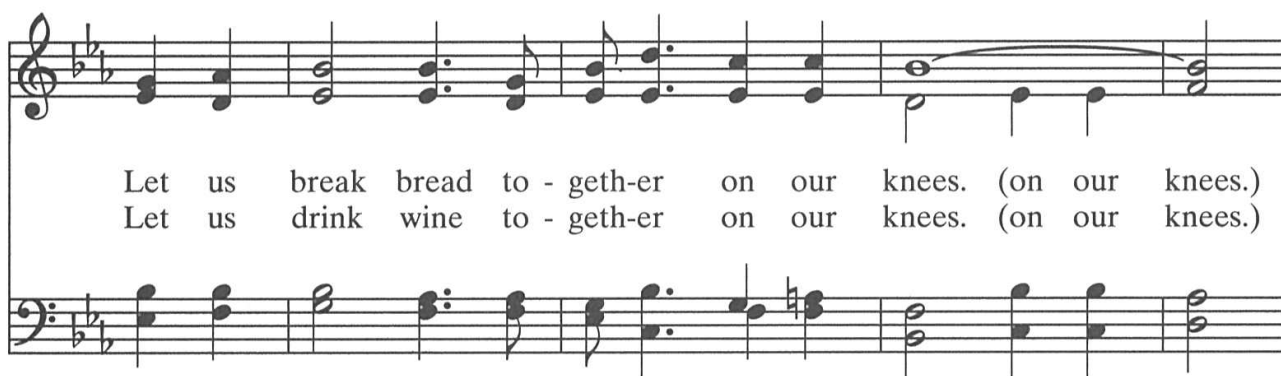
African-American spiritual

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Arr. Melva Wilson Costen, 1988



1. Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; (on our knees;)
2. Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; (on our knees;)

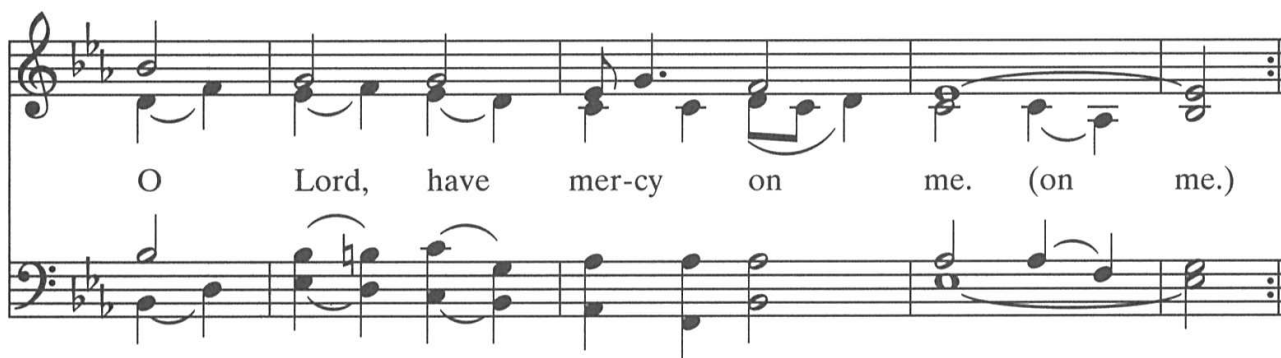


Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees. (on our knees.)
Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees. (on our knees.)

Refrain



When I fall on my knees, With my face to the ris - ing sun,



O Lord, have mer-cy on me. (on me.)

3. Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; (on our knees;)

knees

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Refrain

When I fall on my knees, With my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer-cy on me. (on me.)

Here I Am, Lord

G C/G G C/G G D

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em Am7 C Am Am7/G D/F# D7/C

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

G C/G G C/G G D

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em Am7 C Am G/B C D

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain D G Gsus G C/G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

G Am7 G/B Am/C

I have heard you call - ing in the night.

D G Gsus G C/E

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

G Am7 D7 G Gsus G

I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Optional prayer of blessing for commissioning

God of all grace,
 we bless and thank you for the call
 you have given to your servant(s) [names].
 We bless and thank you for
 prompting of your Spirit
 which equips *them* to respond in faith.
 Continue to pour out your Spirit upon *them*.
 Bring forth in and through *them* the fruit of
 love, joy, and peace; patience, kindness, and

goodness; faithfulness, gentleness,
 and self-control.

**May this harvest of righteousness
 be multiplied
 in every ministry,
 every prayer,
 every opportunity
 for service to which you lead *them*.
 In Jesus name, Amen.**