



# Havenwood Church

Presbyterian Church (USA)

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# The Service of the Lord's Day

## Order of Worship

*\*Please stand if you are able.  
Congregation to recite bolded passages.*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judy Binkley

### PRELUDE

“I Will Arise and Go to Jesus” by Faye Lopez

Valerie Adelung

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Judy Binkley

Come all who have gathered,  
**to taste and see that God is good,**  
to trust and hope in the Holy One:  
**the Holy Creator,**  
the Holy Redeemer,  
**the Holy Midwife in our midst.**  
Because of you, O God, we are not consumed,  
**your compassions never fail.**  
They are new every morning.  
**Great is your faithfulness.**

\*HYMN # 39

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

## INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Judy Binkley

In this moment, let's bring our whole selves before God. Together, let us pray our prayer of confession.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and merciful One, we confess:  
that you are God and we are not,  
that you are infinite and we are limited,  
that you are immortal and we are human,  
that you are wholeness and we are broken,  
that you are our source and we are in need.**

*(Silence is kept)*

**Hear our prayer today and throughout this week.  
We pray through Christ, whom we follow. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Shannon Weston

Hear the good news:  
It is not our perfection, but God's grace;  
Not our strength, but Christ's power;  
Not our wisdom, but the Spirit's guidance that saves us.  
**We are finite, yet embraced by the Infinite.  
We are mortal, yet loved by the Immortal.  
We are broken, yet made whole in God's mercy.**  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new.  
**We are God's beloved children, transformed by love. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI # 581

*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.*

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the Peace of Christ be with you.  
**and also with you.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Judy Binkley

**God of wisdom, shine your light upon these words we're about to hear. May your truth take root in our lives and bear fruit in our actions. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Galatians 4:12-20

Judy Binkley

I plead with you, brothers and sisters, become like me, for I became like you. You did me no wrong. As you know, it was because of an illness that I first preached the gospel to you, and even though my illness was a trial to you, you did not treat me with contempt or scorn. Instead, you welcomed me as if I were an angel of God, as if I were Christ Jesus himself. Where, then, is your blessing of me now? I can testify that, if you could have done so, you would have torn out your eyes and given them to me. Have I now become your enemy by telling you the truth?

Those people are zealous to win you over, but for no good. What they want is to alienate you from us, so that you may have zeal for them. It is fine to be zealous, provided the purpose is good, and to be so always, not just when I am with you. My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you, how I wish I could be with you now and change my tone, because I am perplexed about you!

## SPECIAL MUSIC

“Table of Joy” by Joseph M. Martin

Valerie Adelong

*Come to the table, seekers arise. Jesus is waiting to give you new life.*

*Shake off the dust from the weary road.*

*The doors are flung open to welcome you home!*

*Come to the joy! Let there be grace! Those who are seeking will all find a place.*

*Let the whole earth sing out as one!*

*Come to the wonderful, marvelous table of joy!*

*Come to the table, touch the divine. Jesus is teaching with bread and with wine,*

*Filling each heart with new hope from above*

*and washing the world with the Gospel of love!*

*In Christ there is no East or West, in him no South or North;*

*but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.*

*Join Hands, all people of faith, whate'er your race may be;*

*For ev'ryone who loves the Lord is surely kin to me.*

*All are welcome to the table. Let there be peace!*

*Rest in the promise and find your release.*

*Here in this moment we all are one, and life everlasting has only begun!*

## SCRIPTURE

Exodus 1:8-22

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Then a new king, to whom Joseph meant nothing, came to power in Egypt. “Look,” he said to his people, “the Israelites have become far too numerous for us. Come, we must deal shrewdly with them or they will become even more numerous and, if war breaks out, will join our enemies, fight against us and leave the country.”

So they put slave masters over them to oppress them with forced labor, and they built Pithom and Rameses as store cities for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread; so the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites and worked them ruthlessly. They made their lives bitter with harsh labor in brick and mortar and with all kinds of work in the fields; in all their harsh labor the Egyptians worked them ruthlessly.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, whose names were Shiphrah and Puah, “When you are helping the Hebrew women during childbirth on the delivery stool, if you see that the baby is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, let her live.” The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live. Then the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and asked them, “Why have you done this? Why have you let the boys live?”

So God was kind to the midwives and the people increased and became even more numerous. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families of their own.

Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: “Every Hebrew boy that is born you must throw into the Nile, but let every girl live.”

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*HYMN # 769

“For Everyone Born”

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Rev. Shannon Weston

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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

On this World Communion Sunday, we gather with Christians around the globe. From every nation, tribe, people, and language, we come to your table of grace, united as one body, though we are many. You created the heavens and the earth, filled them with life and beauty, and called us to live together in harmony. But we have failed to live as one, and the world suffers from divisions of race, wealth, and power. Yet, in your great mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to reconcile us, to break down the walls that separate us, and to make peace by the blood of his cross.





Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

## THE BREAKING AND SHARING OF THE BREAD

*Our communion table offers grape juice and gluten-free wafers to welcome all.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Shannon Weston

**Majestic and eternal God, you have fed us with the bread of life and satisfied us with the cup of salvation. Make us instruments of your peace and messengers of your love in thought, word, and deed. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

Rev. Shannon Weston

We are invited to participate in God's global work of healing, justice, and hope. Let us offer our gifts with joyful hearts, trusting that they will be used to make a difference in the world around us.

*Besides donating by placing your donation in the plates by the doors, you may also donate online or mail a check to the church. More information can be found at the back of the bulletin.*

OFFERTORY

“Moments in Prayer” by Anthony Giamanco

Valerie Adelong

\*DOXOLOGY #606

*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, Amen.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Shannon Weston

**Loving God, we dedicate these gifts to your work in the world. May they bring hope, justice, and peace where they are needed most, and may our lives reflect your grace and generosity in all we do. Amen.**

\*HYMN # 65

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Shannon Weston

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you to our liturgist: Judy Binkley

Thank you to our ushers: Judy Yeager, Wende Smith

Thank you Rev. Shannon Weston for leading our congregation in worship today.

The Rev. Shannon Weston (she/her) is a preacher, a teacher, and a lover of all things bright and beautiful. Shannon currently works as a Leadership Coach, Church Consultant, and Coach Trainer for the Coach Approach Skill Training (CAST). Her work with pastors, church leaders, and nonprofits has been recognized as a valid ministry by the Presbytery of Baltimore. Before Coaching, Shannon served two decades as a pastor in the PCUSA, serving churches in Kentucky, New York, and Maryland. Shannon lives with her husband, Derrick, in Lutherville. Together they raise their four children, a dog, a cat, and an insurmountable number of plants.

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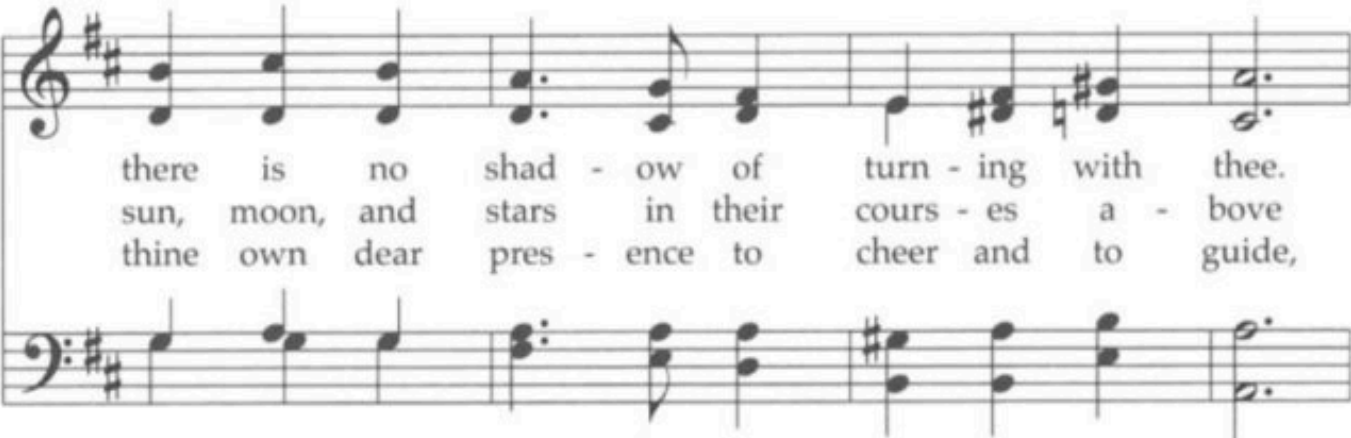
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## 39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 \*Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.  
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,



Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.  
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:



As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!  
 오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.  
 날 마 다 자 비 를 베 푸 시 며

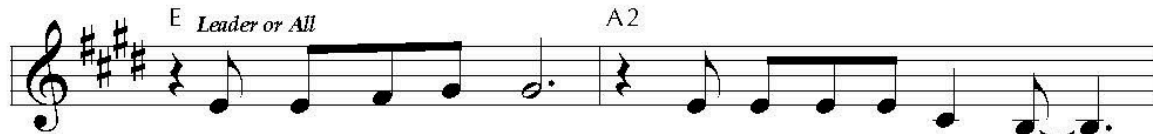
All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.  
 일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!  
 오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

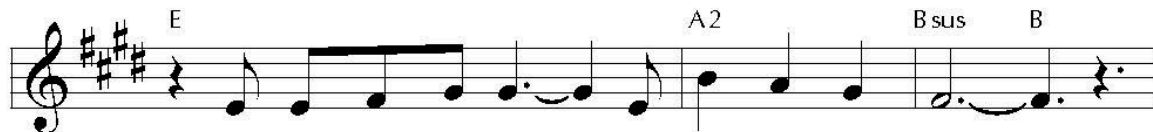
Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22-23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

# 769

# For Everyone Born



1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,  
 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,  
 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,  
 4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,  
 5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,  
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,  
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
 a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,  
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,  
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,  
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,  
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,  
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,  
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,  
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,  
 for just and un - just, a new way to live,  
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

This hymn from a noted New Zealand hymnwriter affirms that God's hospitality transcends the barriers erected by human society and that we who have been created in God's image are called to live in ways that reflect our Creator's values: justice and joy, compassion and peace.

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

Refrain

joy, com-pas - sion and peace: yes,

God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,

jus-tice and joy!



## Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me  
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,  
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.  
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.  
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.