



Havenwood Church

Presbyterian Church (USA)

February 23, 2025



Love Your Enemies, Jennifer Flanders

The Service of the Lord's Day

Order of Worship

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jenn DiFrancesco

PRELUDE

“Since Jesus Came into My Heart”
by R. Kevin Boesiger

Valerie Adelung

CALL TO WORSHIP

Donna Marshall

Trust in the Lord and do good;
we will dwell in the land and feed on God's faithfulness.
Delight yourself in the Lord,
and God will give us the desires of our hearts.
Commit your way to the Lord;
we will trust in God, who will make our righteousness shine like the dawn.
Let us worship the God of justice and mercy.

*HYMN # 307

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Donna Marshall

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus challenges us to love our enemies and do good to those who hate us. How often have we fallen short of this calling? Let us bring our shortcomings before God, trusting in divine mercy and grace to transform our hearts.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Donna Marshall

Merciful God, we confess that we have failed to live as your children. Jesus commands us to love our enemies, but we have nurtured grudges and resentment. We are called to give generously, but we have held tightly to our possessions and privileges. We are asked to bless those who curse us, but we have spoken words of judgment and spite. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to trust in your provision, that we might live with open hearts and generous spirits. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

(Silence is kept)

SUNG PRAYER OF CONFESSION #551

“Lord, Have Mercy”

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;

Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jenn DiFrancesco

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

As God has been merciful to us,
we are called to be merciful to others.

Trust in God's unfailing love.

Thanks be to God! Amen

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Jenn DiFrancesco

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Donna Marshall

Living God, as we hear your Word read and proclaimed, quiet all voices within us except your own. Help us to hear with open hearts, to understand with transformed minds, and to respond with willing spirits, that we might live as your disciples. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Do not fret because of those who are evil
or be envious of those who do wrong;
for like the grass they will soon wither,
like green plants they will soon die away.

Trust in the Lord and do good;
dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.
Take delight in the Lord,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him and he will do this:
He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn,
your vindication like the noonday sun.

Be still before the Lord
and wait patiently for him;
do not fret when people succeed in their ways,
when they carry out their wicked schemes.

Refrain from anger and turn from wrath;
do not fret—it leads only to evil.
For those who are evil will be destroyed,
but those who hope in the Lord will inherit the land.

A little while, and the wicked will be no more;
though you look for them, they will not be found.
But the meek will inherit the land
and enjoy peace and prosperity.

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

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Who you say I am”
by Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan

Valerie Adelong

SCRIPTURE

Luke 6:27-38

Jenn DiFrancesco

“But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Jenn DiFrancesco

*HYMN # 754

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Jenn DiFrancesco

**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.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Jenn DiFrancesco

Jesus teaches us that the measure we give will be the measure we receive. As we have freely received God's grace and mercy, let us freely give, supporting the ministry and mission of Christ's church in the world.

During this time of offering, you may place your gift in the plate as it is passed, or give in any of the other ways listed in your bulletin's announcement page.

OFFERTORY

Reflection on "Kelvingrove"
by Tracy Craig McKibben

Valerie Adelung

*DOXOLOGY #608 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy ghost*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jenn DiFrancesco

Generous God, you have given us so much. In gratitude, we return a portion of what we have received. Use these gifts and our lives to create your kingdom of mercy and justice. May our offering reflect the generosity you have shown us in Christ. Make us instruments of your peace and channels of your grace. Amen.

*HYMN # 749

"We Are Called"

*BENEDICTION

Jenn DiFrancesco

POSTLUDE

“The Solid Rock” by Tracey Craig McKibben

Valerie Adelung

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307 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

Help Us Accept Each Other 754



1 Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;
 2 Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
 3 Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved
 4 Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,



teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.
 we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.
 in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;
 who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for jus - tice and for bread,



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,
 to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance un - til we know by heart
 we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:



we are our - selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.
 to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.
 the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
 re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us; make us one!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The scriptural basis of this text is Romans 15:7, recast as a prayer in the opening two lines of the first stanza. The many implications of living as people who have been accepted by Christ fill the remaining stanzas. This tune was composed for the first publication of this text.

749 Come! Live in the Light!

We Are Called

G C D G

1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that

C D Em

joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,

Em7 C G Am7

to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and

G C Dsus D

free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain G C D C D G C

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to

D Em Em7 C D

love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -

C D G C D C G

oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:3, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"