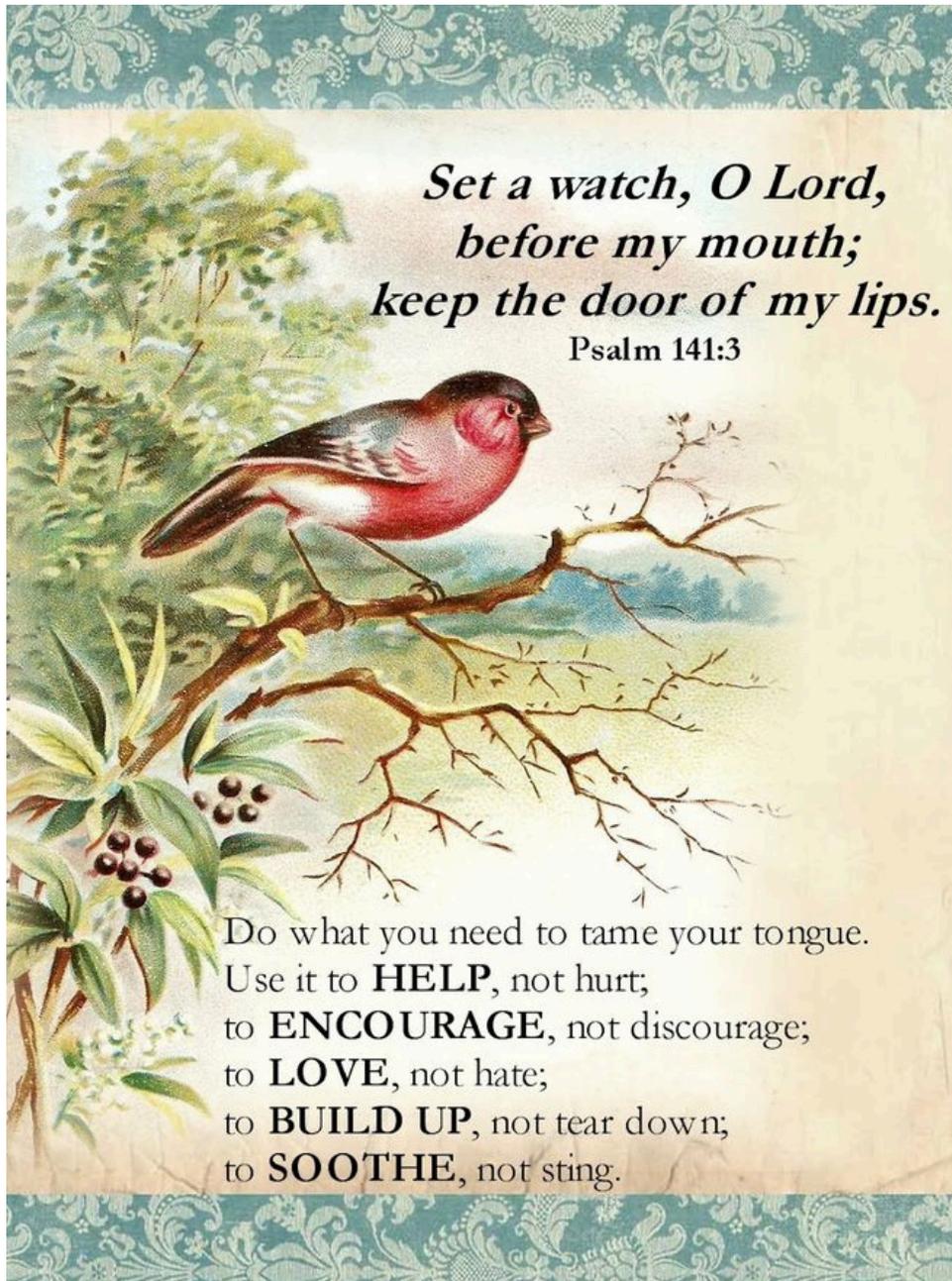




Havenwood Church

Presbyterian Church (USA)

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*Set a watch, O Lord,
before my mouth;
keep the door of my lips.*

Psalm 141:3

Do what you need to tame your tongue.
Use it to **HELP**, not hurt;
to **ENCOURAGE**, not discourage;
to **LOVE**, not hate;
to **BUILD UP**, not tear down;
to **SOOTHE**, not sting.

Little Birdie Blessings, unknown

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

“Invitation of Renewal” by Patti Drennan

Valerie Adelung

CALL TO WORSHIP

Grace McDowell

We wonder what God will say to us today.

Speak, Lord, Your servants are listening.

We wonder what parts of our lives need re-ordering.

Shape us by Your Word, not by our habits

We wonder which voices we have trusted.

Teach us to listen for what leads to life.

We wonder what hope is for in a world like this.

Root us in Christ, and keep us steady.

Let us worship God.

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN # 187

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Grace McDowell

Friends, Lent invites us to return. Not to perform, not to prove, not to clean ourselves up first. We come as we are, trusting that God's mercy meets us before we have the right words. So let us confess our sin and tell the truth in God's presence.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Grace McDowell

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have relied on our own understanding and turned from Your ways.

This week, we confess: we have not always tested the voices we trust. We have been too quick to believe what stirs fear, too careless with our words, and too willing to let our desires be shaped by what does not lead to life. Forgive us, guard our mouths, and turn our hearts toward what is good.

(Silent Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Grace McDowell

Hear the good news: God does not turn away from those who return. In Jesus Christ, mercy comes first, and grace holds. This week we remember: Christ knows how easily we are misled. Still, He does not leave us there. He teaches us to listen with care, speak with wisdom, and follow what leads to life.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, and we are being made new. Thanks be to God.

*CELEBRATION OF FORGIVENESS # 581

“Glory Be to the Father”

*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**

Jenn DiFrancesco

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Grace McDowell

God of Light and Truth, as we open Your Word, open us. Quiet the noise that keeps us from hearing. Re-order what is tangled in us. Give us courage to receive what challenges us, and freedom to live what You show us. By Your Spirit, make Christ clear to us in these scriptures so that our lives might look more like His. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 141:1–4

Grace McDowell

I call upon you, O Lord; come quickly to me;
give ear to my voice when I call to you.
Let my prayer be counted as incense before you
and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice.
Set a guard over my mouth, O Lord;
keep watch over the door of my lips.
Do not turn my heart to any evil,
to busy myself with wicked deeds
in company with those who work iniquity;
do not let me eat of their delicacies.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)”
by Matt Crocker

Valerie Adelung

SCRIPTURE

Mark 13:21–23

Jenn DiFrancesco

And if anyone says to you at that time, ‘Look! Here is the Messiah!’ or ‘Look! There he is!’—do not believe it. False messiahs and false prophets will appear and produce signs and wonders, to lead astray, if possible, the elect. But be alert; I have already told you everything.

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

I Wonder Which Voices I Trust

Jenn DiFrancesco

*HYMN # 286

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Jenn DiFrancesco

After “God, in Your mercy,” the congregation responds, “Hear our 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.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Jenn DiFrancesco

In a world full of voices asking us to protect ourselves, promote ourselves, and cling to what we have, we follow the voice of Christ, who teaches us another way. So we give, not out of fear, but out of trust.

During this time of offering, we can share our financial gifts by placing them in the offering plates at the end of worship or giving online.

OFFERTORY

“There is a Fountain” by James F. Sennett

Valerie Adelung

*DOXOLOGY # 606

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings 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

Jenn DiFrancesco

Generous God, receive these gifts and receive our lives. Use what we offer to speak hope where fear is loud, truth where distortion spreads, and love where people have forgotten their worth. Shape us into a people whose words and actions bear witness to Christ. In His name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN # 65

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

*BENEDICTION

Jenn DiFrancesco

POSTLUDE

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”
by Jason W. Krug

Valerie Adelung

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Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us 187



1 Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.
 2 We are yours: in love be - friend us; be the guard-ian of our way.
 3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor; ear - ly let us do your will.



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us; for our use your fold pre-pare.
 Keep your flock: from sin de - fend us; seek us when we go a - stray.
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.
 Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us: we are yours.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
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This unattributed hymn, like many that are now meaningful to adults, was written for children and develops shepherd imagery from Psalm 23 and John 10:1-18. The tune, composed for these words, was originally named for the text but has come to be known by the composer's name.

Breathe on Me, Breath of God 286

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The treble staff contains the vocal melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: 1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new, 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure, 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine, 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff contains the vocal melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do. un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure. un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine. but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

In both Hebrew and Greek, the words for "spirit" can equally well be translated as "breath" or "wind," so it is very appropriate to address the Holy Spirit as the "Breath of God." This tune by an English organist has become the customary one in North American hymnals.

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.