



Havenwood Church

Presbyterian Church (USA)

May 3, 2026



My Lord and My God, Ronald Raab

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

“Petite Allemande” by Garrett Parker

Valerie Adelung

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jenn DiFrancesco

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

When the road is hard and the cost feels high,

We come to the One who is the way, the truth, and the life.

When fear presses in and courage feels thin,

We come to the risen Christ, who does not leave us alone.

When the world resists mercy, justice, and truth,

We come to worship the God who strengthens the faithful.

Christ is our hope and our path.

Christ is our peace and our courage.

Let us worship God.

*HYMN # 410

“God is Calling through the Whisper”

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Geoff Miller

Jesus says, “Do not let your hearts be troubled.” And still, our hearts do get troubled. We get afraid. We pull back. We look for easier roads. We want discipleship without cost, witness without risk, faith without surrender. But Christ keeps calling us forward in truth and mercy. So let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Geoff Miller

Risen Christ, You call us to trust You, but we often trust what feels easier, safer, and more manageable. You call us to follow, but we hesitate when the path grows costly. You call us to bear witness, but we grow quiet when speaking truth might cost us something. You call us to love boldly, but we hold back when love asks more of us than we want to give.

Forgive us for the ways we confuse comfort with faithfulness. Forgive us for the ways we avoid risk, protect ourselves, and choose silence when courage is needed. When our hearts are troubled, steady us. When our faith feels thin, strengthen us. When the road ahead feels uncertain, remind us that You are the way.

Give us courage like Stephen, not to seek suffering, but to stand in trust, to endure with hope, and to keep our eyes fixed on You. In Your mercy, we pray. Amen.

(Silent Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jenn DiFrancesco

Hear the good news: The risen Christ does not abandon troubled hearts. He comes with promise. He comes with peace. He comes with mercy stronger than our fear.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. In Jesus Christ, we are held fast. In Jesus Christ, we are given courage for the road ahead. Thanks be to God.

***CELEBRATION OF FORGIVENESS # 582**

“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
Amen.*

*World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
Amen.*

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Jenn DiFrancesco

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Geoff Miller

Living Christ, our hearts are often troubled, our minds distracted, our courage uneven. So open us now to Your Word. Help us hear Your promise clearly. Help us trust You more deeply. Help us follow You more faithfully. By Your Spirit, give us courage for costly discipleship and hope strong enough to endure. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

John 14:1-14

Geoff Miller

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.”

Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

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

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Eat this Bread” by Mark Barnard

Chancel Choir

*Eat this bread, drink this cup,
and proclaim the death of the Lord, till he comes.
Come now to the feast which is made for you
in the presence of our Lord.
As we come we sing praises to our King.
Through this bread and wine we now live.
May we celebrate our eternal hope
In this holy gift that we share.*

SCRIPTURE

Acts 7:55-60

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But filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A Faith that Costs

Jenn DiFrancesco

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostles' Creed

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**I believe in God, and the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontious Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;**

he descended into hell;

the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

**and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;**

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen**

*HYMN # 749

“We are Called”

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jenn DiFrancesco

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Jenn DiFrancesco

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 truly right and our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise, O God of resurrection and promise. You are the One who makes a way where there seems to be no way. You do not abandon Your people in fear, sorrow, or suffering. You remain faithful. You speak hope. You keep calling us forward.

When the powers of this world threaten to crush truth and mercy, You do not turn away.

You strengthen Your people to endure. You hold fast to those who bear witness. You open before us the promise of life that death cannot destroy.

And so we praise You, joining our voices with the faithful in every time and place, who have trusted You through trial, who have clung to You in hope, and who forever sing to the glory of Your name:

**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.**

Holy are You, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Your Son, our risen Lord. He came among us not with domination, but with love. Not with easy answers, but with truth. Not with promises of comfort alone, but with the call to follow.

He told His friends, “Do not let your hearts be troubled.” He made room for their fear, their confusion, and their questions. He showed them the way by giving Himself fully. Even when that way led to the cross, He did not turn back.

And in resurrection, You vindicated His life, His love, and His witness. You showed that death does not get the last word. You showed that love is stronger. You showed that the way of Christ, though costly, is the way of life.

Remembering His life, His death, His resurrection, and His ascension, we take this bread and this cup and offer ourselves to You with gratitude and praise.

Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and cup, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be for us the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

Make us one with Christ, one with one another, and one in ministry to all the world. Give us courage for costly discipleship. Give us hope that endures. Give us strength to bear witness with mercy, truth, and love.

Until that day when every tear is wiped away, every wound is healed, and all
Your people gather at Your table in joy.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, we pray
together saying,

**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

Following Jesus is not just something we say with our mouths. It takes shape in what we do, what we share, and how we keep showing up. Our offering is one small but real part of that witness. So let us give with gratitude, trusting that God can use what we place in these plates for courage, mercy, and good news.

During this time of offering, we can share our financial gifts by placing them in the offering plates as you leave, or giving online.

OFFERTORY

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

Valerie Adelung

*DOXOLOGY # 710

“We Lift Our Voices”

*We lift our voices; we lift our hands;
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands;
Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices; we lift our hands;
we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering; we are an offering.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jenn DiFrancesco

Generous God, receive these gifts and use them for Your purposes. Use them to strengthen the weary, encourage the faithful, care for those in need, and bear witness to the risen Christ. Take what we offer, and take our lives as well. Make us people who trust You, follow You, and serve You with courage. In Jesus' name. Amen.

*HYMN # 295

“Go to the World!”

*BENEDICTION

Jenn DiFrancesco

POSTLUDE

“Everlasting Victory” by Humphrey Turner

Valerie Adelung

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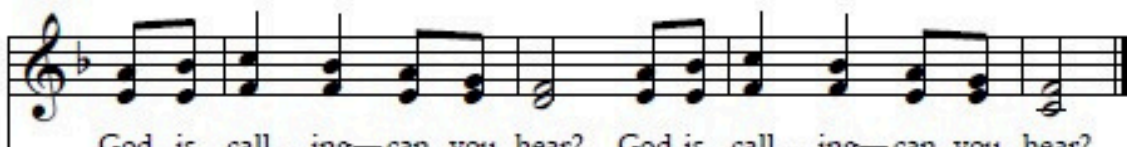
1 God is call-ing through the whis-per of the Spir - it's deep-est sighs,
 2 God is call-ing through the voic-es of our neigh-bors' ur-gent prayers,
 3 God is call-ing through the mu-sic of sub-lime and hu-man arts,



through the thrill of sud-den beau-ties that can catch us by sur-prise.
 through their long-ing for re-demp-tion and for res-cue from de-spair.
 through the hymns of earth and an-gels, and the car-ols of our hearts.



Flash of light-ning, crash of thun-der; hush of still-ness, rush of won-der:
 Place of hurt or face of need-ing; stri-dent cry or si-lent plead-ing:
 Lift of joy and gift of sing-ing; days and nights our prais-es bring-ing:



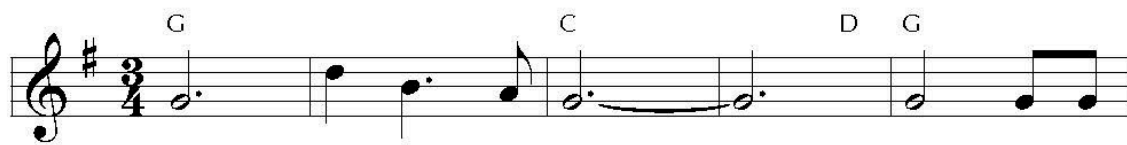
God is call - ing—can you hear? God is call - ing—can you hear?
 God is call - ing—can you hear? God is call - ing—can you hear?
 God is call - ing—and we hear! God is call - ing—and we hear!



This wide-ranging text reminds us of the many surprising and urgent ways God calls to us, both to draw us near and to send us forth. In the third line of music it is especially effective at harnessing the momentum of the phrases that are each a note higher than the one before.

749 Come! Live in the Light!

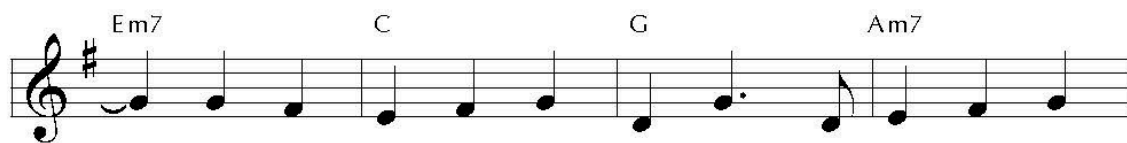
We Are Called



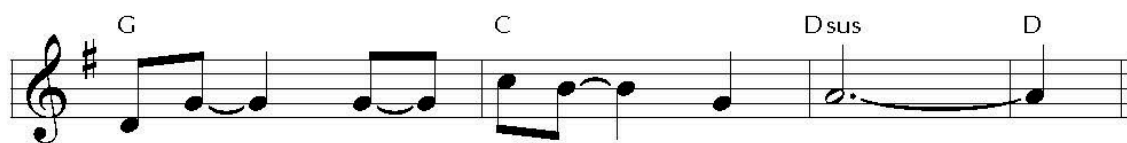
1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that



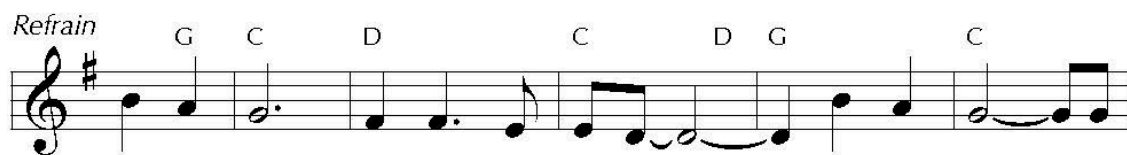
joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,



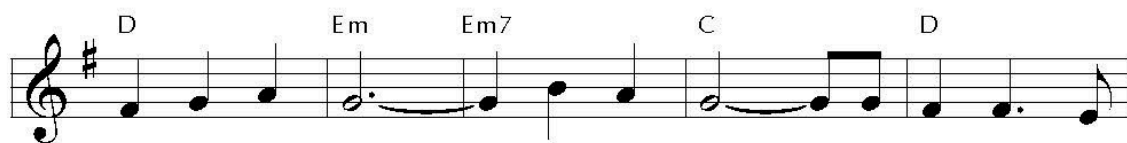
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 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and



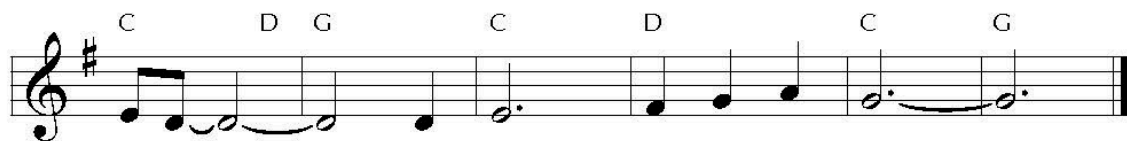
free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.



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



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

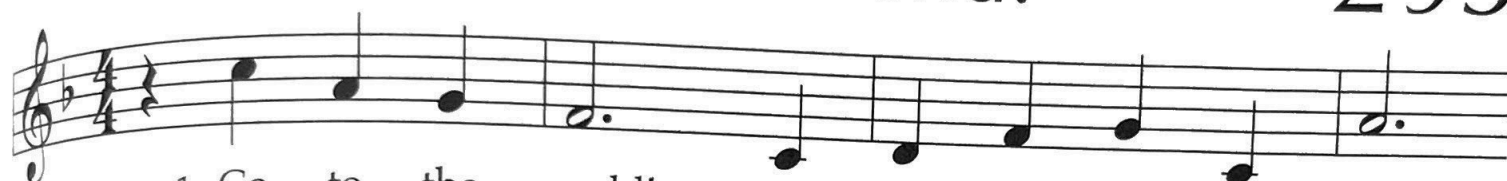


oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

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 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

Go to the World!

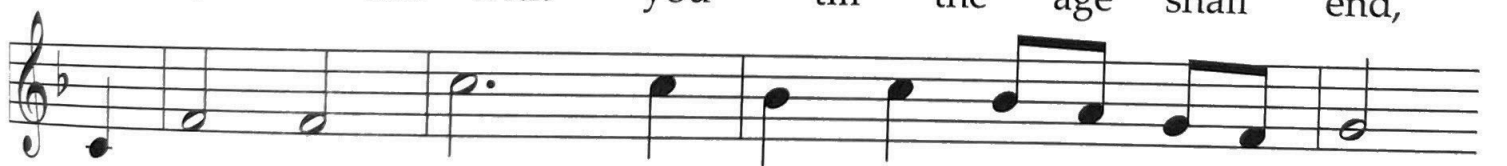
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1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
 for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19-20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians.

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