



Havenwood Church

Presbyterian Church (USA)

August 16, 2026



A Song of Ascent, Shaindy Lefkowitz

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

“Moment Musicale” by Franz Schubert

Valerie Adelung

CALL TO WORSHIP

Donna Marshall

How very good and pleasant it is
when God's people live together in unity.
We come from different places,
carrying different stories, needs, and hopes.
Christ meets us with mercy
larger than the boundaries we draw.
So come, children of God.
Come to listen, to be changed, and to be fed by grace.
Let us worship God.

*HYMN # 315

“In the Midst of New Dimensions”

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Donna Marshall

Jesus teaches that what comes from the heart matters. Our words, our assumptions, our silence, and our actions can wound others and separate us from God's way. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Donna Marshall

Merciful God, we confess that we do not always see others as You see them. We draw lines around who belongs, who is worthy, and who deserves our attention. We speak too quickly, listen too slowly, and protect our comfort instead of practicing compassion.

Forgive us, O God. Open our hearts to Your mercy. Teach us to welcome the persistence of faith, to notice the people pushed to the edges, and to live as though Your grace is wide enough for all. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jenn DiFrancesco

Hear the good news: God's mercy is not scarce, and God's love is not fragile. In Jesus Christ, grace reaches us, restores us, and sends us out as people made new.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*CELEBRATION OF FORGIVENESS # 591

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah!

Hallelujah!

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Jenn DiFrancesco

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Donna Marshall

Eternal God, in the reading of Scripture, may Your Word be heard; in the quiet of our hearts, may Your Word be known; and in the living of our days, may Your Word be shown; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 133:1-3

Donna Marshall

How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!
It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.
It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the Lord ordained his blessing,
life forevermore.

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Outside these Walls” by Brent Lamb

Valerie Adelung

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that moment.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Jenn DiFrancesco

Adapted from the Confession of 1967

The Confession of 1967 centers on God's reconciling work in Jesus Christ and the church's call to be a community of reconciliation. Today's affirmation is adapted from its own language, especially its witness that the Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as a community reconciled to God and to one another, sent to proclaim the good news of reconciliation to all.

**We believe that in Jesus Christ,
God is reconciling the world.**

**Christ meets us with truth and mercy,
calling us away from fear, pride, and separation.**

**We believe the Holy Spirit creates and renews the church
as a community reconciled to God and to one another.**

**In this new life,
we know that God loves and accepts us by grace.**

**So we accept ourselves,
love our neighbors,
and seek the healing of all that divides us.**

**By the power of the Spirit,
we are sent to proclaim good news,
practice forgiveness,
and live as Christ's reconciling people. Amen.**

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

God’s grace is wider than we expect and more generous than we can measure.
In gratitude for all we have received, let us offer our gifts for the work of
compassion, welcome, and healing in this community and beyond.

*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

“Chapel Echoes” by Steven Scott

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 use them for Your work of reconciliation and love. May they help widen the welcome, strengthen the weary, feed the hungry, and bring hope where hope is needed. Bless what we give, and bless who we are becoming in You. Amen.

***HYMN # 372**

“O for a World”

***BENEDICTION**

Jenn DiFrancesco

POSTLUDE

“I Will Extol Thee” by Steven Scott

Valerie Adelung

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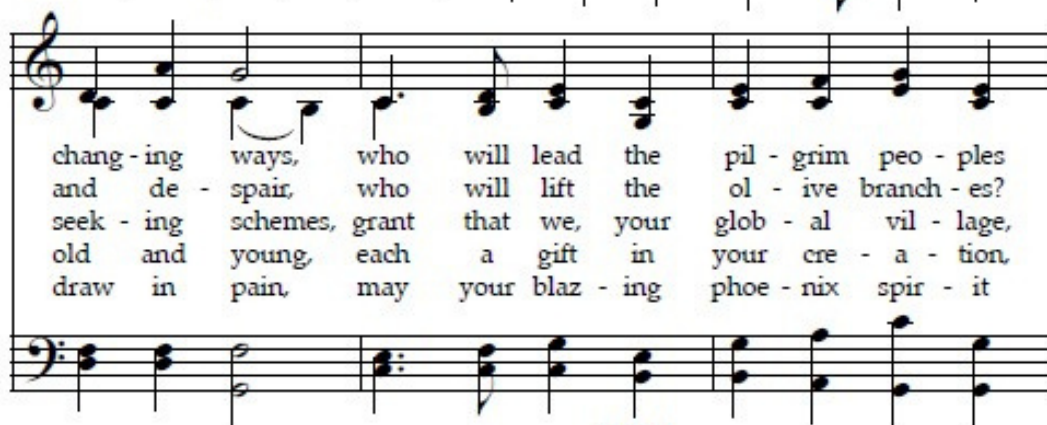
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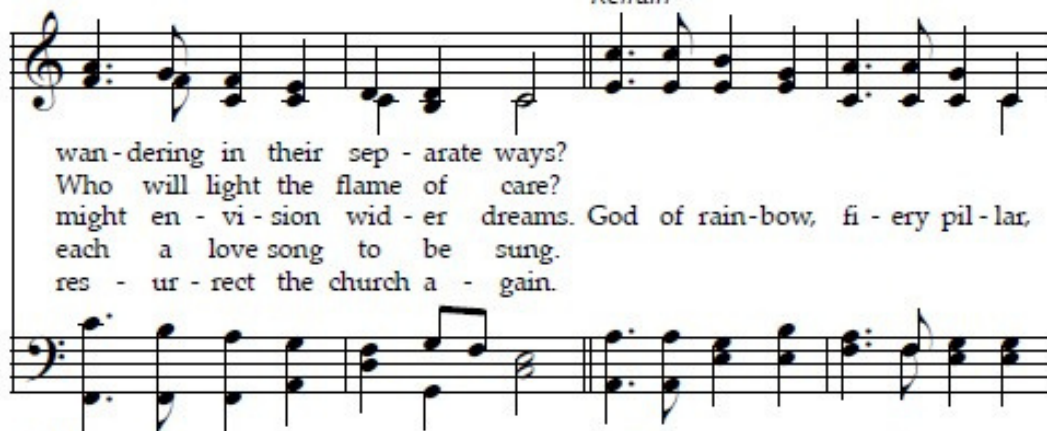


1 In the midst of new di - men - sions, in the face of
 2 Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ple, war - ring fac - tions,
 3 As we stand, a world di - vid - ed by our own self -
 4 We are man and we are wom - an, all per - sua - sions,
 5 Should the threats of dire pre - dic - tions cause us to with -

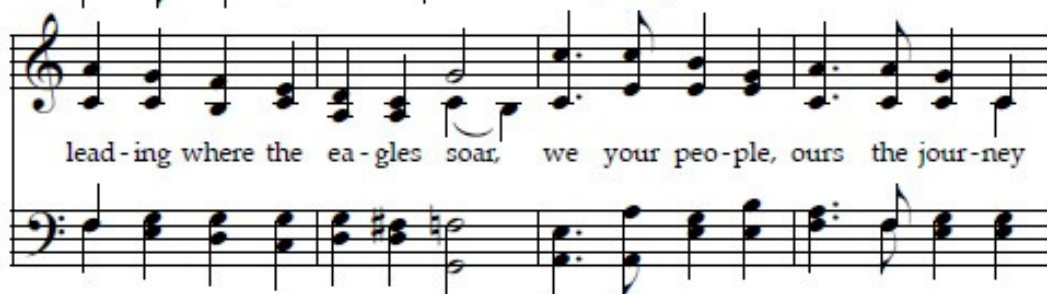


chang - ing ways, who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples
 and de - spair, who will lift the ol - ive branch - es?
 seek - ing schemes, grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage,
 old and young, each a gift in your cre - a - tion,
 draw in pain, may your blaz - ing phoe - nix spir - it

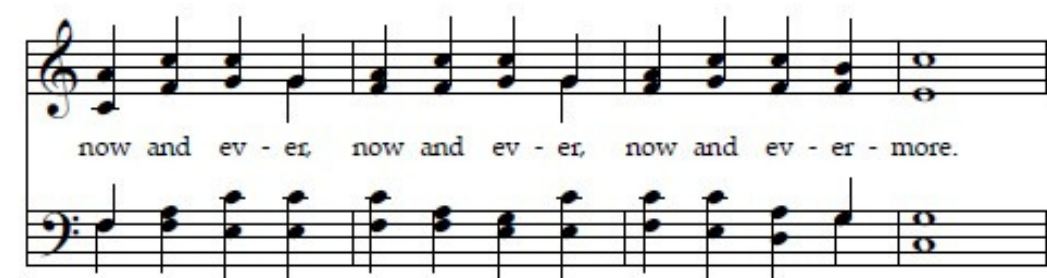
Refrain



wan - dering in their sep - arate ways?
 Who will light the flame of care?
 might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams. God of rain - bow, fi - ery pil - lar,
 each a love song to be sung.
 res - ur - rect the church a - gain.



lead - ing where the ea - gles soar, we your peo - ple, ours the jour - ney



now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

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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,

Refrain



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



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



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



jus-tice and joy!

O for a World

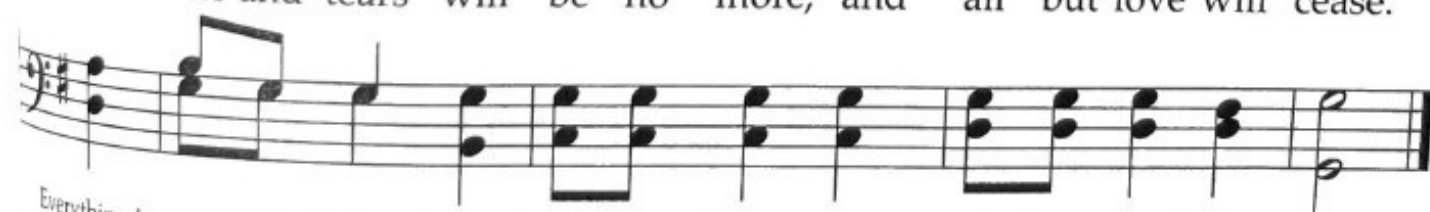
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1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,



where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.



Everything longed for in this text is a reminder of how far our present world is from what God wants. Yet this is not just wishful thinking; it is a call to action, a summons to participate in the fulfillment of God's desire for all earth's people to live in radical *shalom*.