

We welcome you to worship with us this morning! Out of consideration for the people around you, please ensure that your mobile devices are set to silent mode.

Regular Print: Leader

Bold: Congregation

**Asterisk: Please stand if able*

“Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!” (Psalm 95:1-3 and 6)

✝ WE GATHER AROUND GOD’S WORD ✝

Welcome & Announcements

Minute for Mission: Fairview/Fairmont Board

Ross Feltz

Choral Introit: *O Have You Not Heard*

Sabbath School Gems, 1864

O have you not heard of that beautiful stream that flows through the promised land?
Its waters gleam bright in the heavenly light, and ripple o’er golden sand.
O seek that beautiful stream! O seek that beautiful stream!
Its waters, so free, are flowing for thee: O seek that beautiful stream!

Call to Worship: (Psalm 150:1-6)

Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens!
Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!
Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!
Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!
Praise him with the clash of cymbals, with resounding cymbals.
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Prayer of Adoration

*Opening Hymn: #67

My Song Forever Shall Record

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*Prayer of Confession:

Most 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, pray continuously and sing praises to the glory of your name. Amen.

*Silent Prayer of Confession/Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the gospels. **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

*Sung Response

music: Taizé Community

Glo - ri - a, Glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!
Glo - ri - a, Glo - ri - a, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

✝ WE LISTEN AS THE SCRIPTURES ARE PROCLAIMED ✝

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, and 9:20-22

Pew Bible p. 554-555, and 557

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Choral Anthem: *Bow Down Low*

Shaker song, 19th century, arranged by David Bridges

Bow down low and bend your head, for I’ve come to sweep this house, for to sweep the Lord’s house clean.
Yes I’ve come to wash and clean from this floor the stains of sin: for lo, I’ve come again, and I’ve not come in vain.
Sweep high, sweep low, sweep clean as you go.
Bow down low and bend your head, for to sweep the Lord’s house clean.

Epistle Lesson: James 5:13-20

Pew Bible p. 281

Sermon: The Joy of Praise and Prayer

Mr. Ross Feltz, Deacon

✝ WE RESPOND IN FAITH AND GRATITUDE ✝

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional)

I believe in God 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 Pontius 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.

Offertory Interlude: *Abundance* Anne Marie Cotter David (United States, b.1962)
(Your prayer requests may be written on the blue prayer cards and placed in the offering plate.)

*Hymn of Thanksgiving: #328 Praise God, All You Nations DA N'ASE

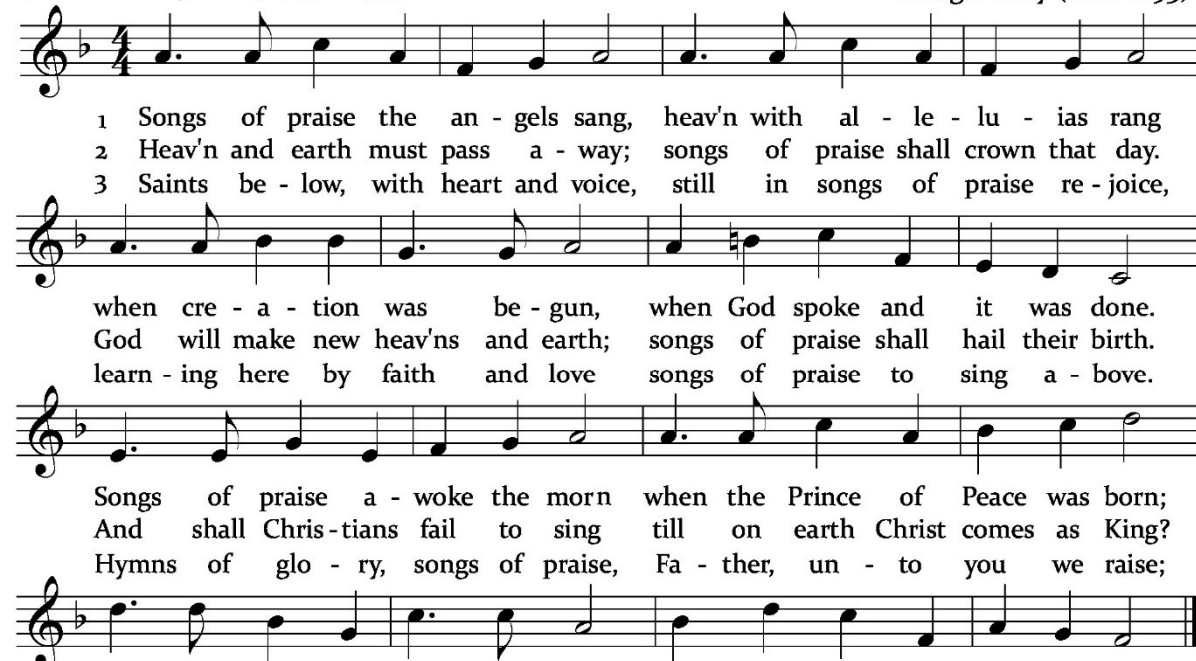
Pastoral Prayer (after the words 'Lord, in Your Mercy', all respond with "*Hear our prayer*".)

The Lord's 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.

✠ WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD ✠

*Closing Hymn: Songs of Praise the Angels Sang ST GEORGE'S WINDSOR
James Montgomery (1771-1854) George Elvey (1816-1893)



1 Songs of praise the an - gels sang, heav'n with al - le - lu - ias rang
2 Heav'n and earth must pass a - way; songs of praise shall crown that day.
3 Saints be - low, with heart and voice, still in songs of praise re - joice,

when cre - a - tion was be - gun, when God spoke and it was done.
God will make new heav'ns and earth; songs of praise shall hail their birth.
learn - ing here by faith and love songs of praise to sing a - bove.

Songs of praise a - woke the morn when the Prince of Peace was born;
And shall Chris - tians fail to sing till on earth Christ comes as King?
Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to you we raise;

songs of praise a - rose when he cap - tive led cap - ti - vi - ty.
No, the church de - lights to raise psalms and hymns and songs of praise.
Je - sus, Sav - ior, liv - ing Word, with the Spi - rit be a - dored.

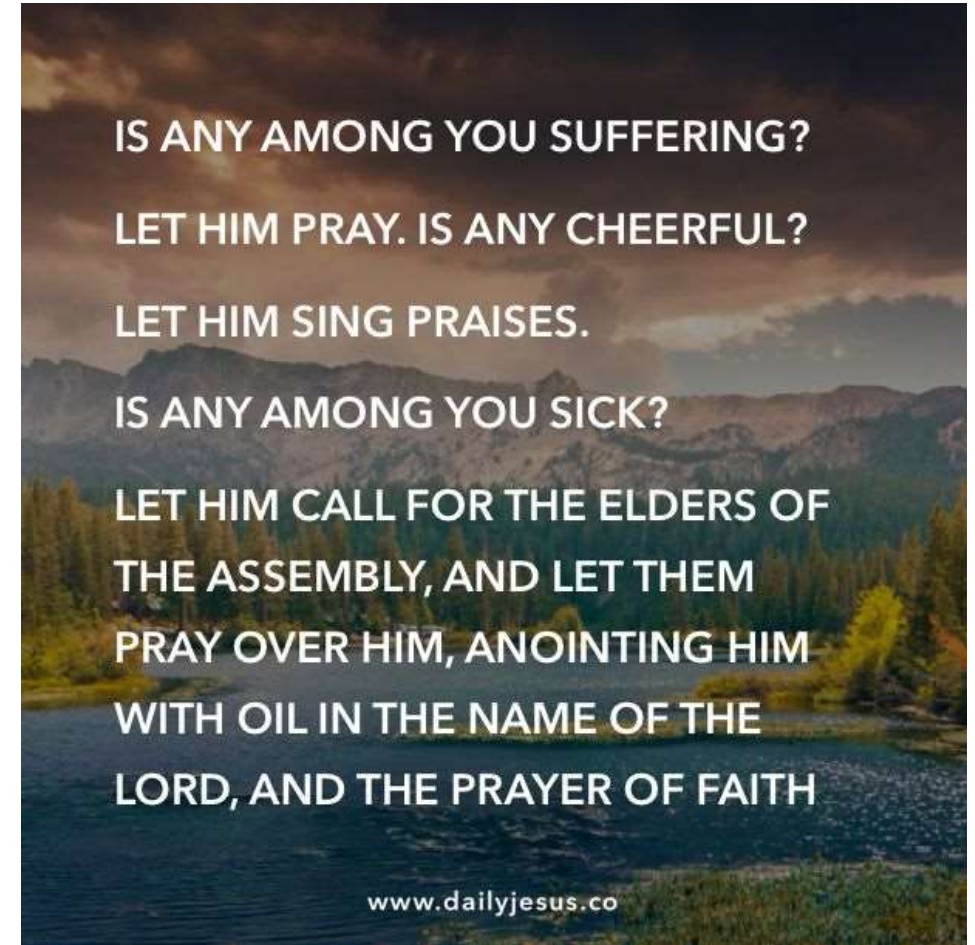
Postlude: *Postlude in A* Horatio Parker (United States, 1863-1919)



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