Welcome to
Derry Presbyterian Church

We proclaim God's Word, share God's love, and practice God's justice.

May 9, 2021

8 & 10:30 am

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Worship Information

Please silence cell phones as you prepare for worship.
Bold print indicates congregational reading or response. The * indicates when to stand if able.
Please sing quietly with mask on.
Only 2 families per pew and leave space between families.
Please take bulletin with you at the end of the service.

Service for the Lord's Day

PRELUDE *Mother Goose Suite: Pavane, The Fairy Garden* Maurice Ravel
Mary Lemons and Grant Wareham, piano

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Pamela Meilands

CALL TO WORSHIP *(read responsively)*

With what shall we come before the Lord?
What shall we bring into the presence of our God,
as an expression of our worship and praise?

**Shall we bring God all that we own—our finest possessions, our life-savings,
our investments and property? Would God be satisfied if we brought everything we possess?**

No, that's not what God is looking for.
God has told you what is good, and what God expects of you:

**To do justice.
To love mercy.
To walk humbly before the Lord.**

*HYMN 757 *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples* page 4
Hymn leaders: Steven Guenther, Frances Mohler, Natalie Taylor

*CONFESSION OF SIN *(Unison)* Rev. Stephen McKinney-Whitaker

**We give thanks, O God, that you are unchanging, that your concern for justice and righteousness was so strong that you came in human form to share that concern with us in person.
We confess that all too often we hesitate to speak or act when we see people being treated unjustly. Forgive us, O God, for the times when we have been happy to hear the gospel without truly living it. Forgive us for uncaring attitudes when we base our opinion of another person's worth on what they own, or how they look; on what they say, or how they live, rather than accepting them for who they are—people made in your image. Forgive us when our longing to live simply and with humility is defeated by selfish desires—for pursuing profits before seeking your will. Forgive us for placing our hope in other than the Christ-child born in a poor stable. Our hope lies in the promise of your mercy, O God, extending to those who fear you from generation to generation. Heal, restore and bless us, we pray, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord.** *© Moira Laidlaw, Liturgies Online*

(Continue to pray silently)

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

May the God of peace cleanse you through and through. The promise is that our whole being—spirit, soul and body will be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Remember your baptism and believe the Good News:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*CHORUS OF OF PRAISE 70 *What Does the Lord Require of You?*

What does the Lord require of you?
To seek justice and love kindness.
What does the Lord require of you?
Walk humbly with your God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Micah 6:1-8 (OT p. 866)
Luke 1:46-55 (NT p. 57)

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN Pastor Pam

SERMON "Practicing Justice" Rev. Pamela Meilands

ANTHEM *Justice Shall Flourish In His TIme* Stephen DeCesare
Frances Mohler, soloist • Grant Wareham, piano

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Unison)*

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.

*HYMN 100 *My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout* page 5

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *The Love of God* arr. Victor Labenski
Mary Lemons and Grant Wareham, piano

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

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English Country Songs, 1893

H. Kenn Carmichael, 1985 — Arr. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

1. To - day we all are called to be Dis - ci - ples of the Lord,
2. God made the world and at its birth Or - dained our hu - man race
3. Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down As in a might-y stream,
4. May we in ser - vice to our God Act out the liv - ing Word,

To help to set the cap - tive free, Make plow-share out of sword,
To live as stew-ards of the earth, Re - spond-ing to God's grace.
With righ-teous - ness in field and town To cleanse us and re - deem.
And walk the road the saints have trod Till all have seen and heard.

To feed the hun-gry, quench their thirst, Make love and peace our fast,
But we are vain and sad - ly proud, We sow not peace but strife,
For God is long-ing to re - store An earth where con - flicts cease,
As stew-ards of the earth may we Give thanks in one ac - cord

To serve the poor and home-less first, Our ease and com-fort last.
Our dis - cord spreads a dead - ly cloud That threat-ens all of life.
A world that was cre - at - ed for A har - mo-ny of peace.
To God who calls us all to be Dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

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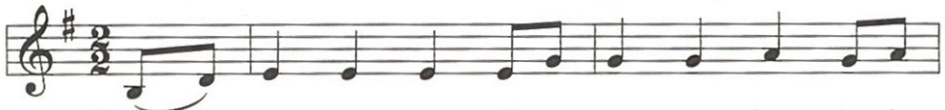
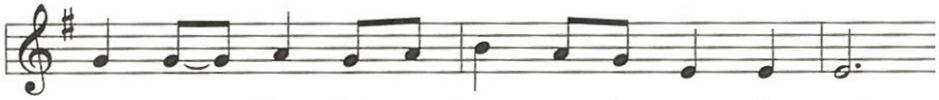
My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you
3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -

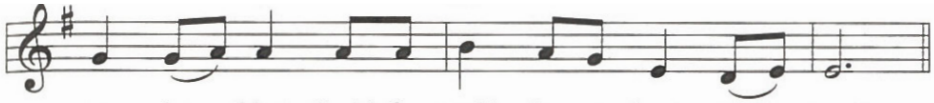
God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.

You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the

weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be

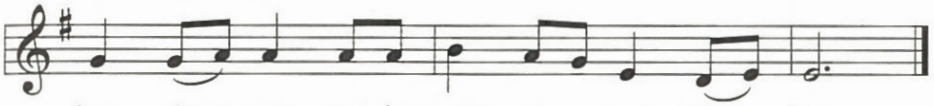


name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the

fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the



dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.