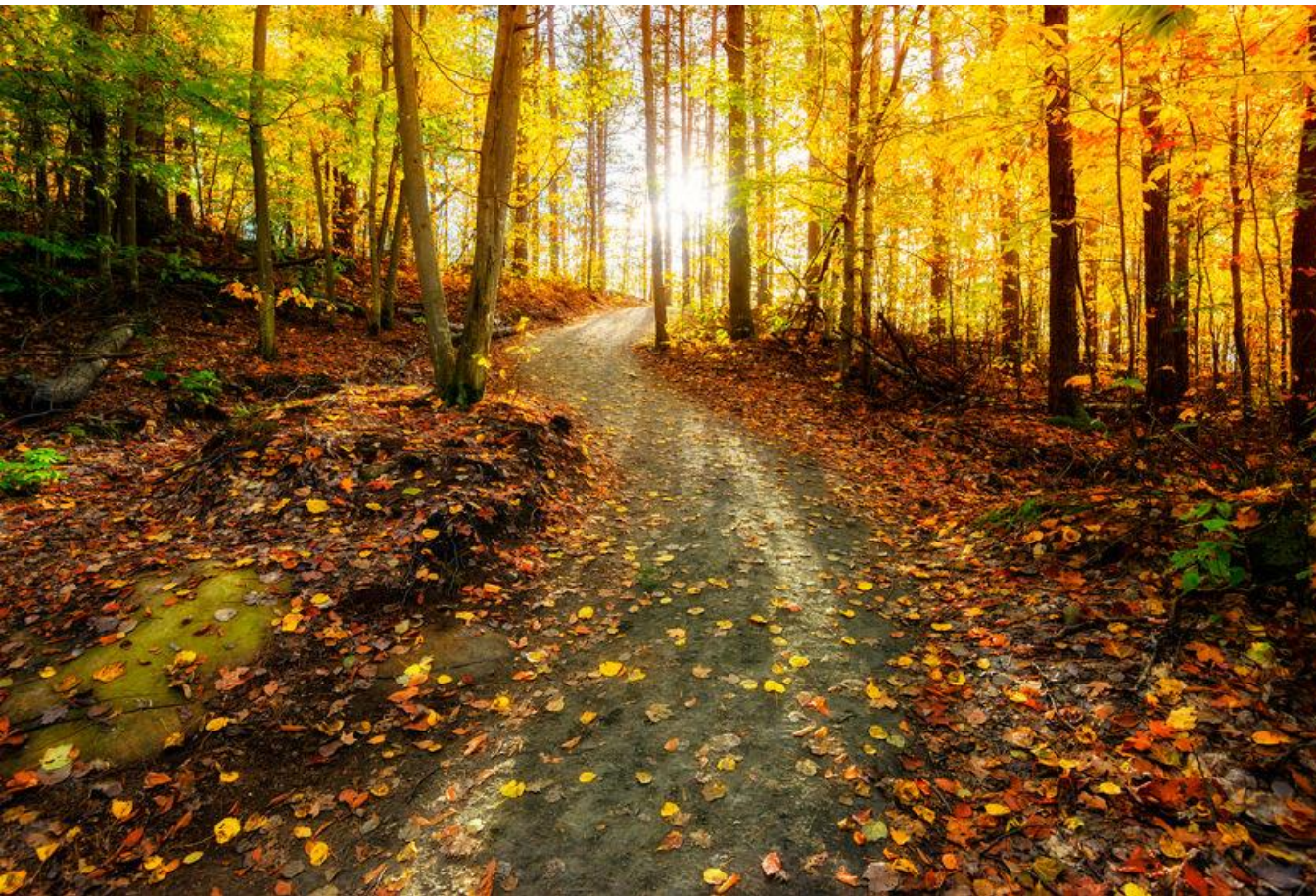


# **DOWNTOWN**

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

***"GOD LEADS THE WAY***



***AND MAKES OUR FOOTSTEPS SURE."***

Celebration of Worship  
Sunday, October 18, 2020  
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Prelude Meditation on Two Spirituals

Words of Welcome Rev. Deb Swift

Chime Introit Guide My Feet Negro Spiritual

Please join in singing!

**"Guide my feet – while I run this race (3X)  
For I don't want to run this race in vain (race in vain).  
I'm your child. . .  
Hold my hand. . .  
Stand by me. . .  
Guide my feet. . ."**

Call to Worship (adapted from MinistryMatters.com) Pat Tweet

One: Come, let us enter the land that God has prepared for us,

**Many: God leads the way and makes our footsteps sure.**

One: Our days of wandering in the desert are not at an end.

**Many: God leads the way and makes our footsteps sure.**

One: As in the waters of our baptism, we will cross over the Jordan.

**Many: God leads the way and makes our footsteps sure.**

One: The harvest is bountiful.

**Many: We dwell in the land God has prepared for us.**

Hymn The Spacious Firmament on High CREATION  
Music on the next page

*Unison or harmony*

1 The spa - cious fir - - ma - ment on high,  
 2 Soon as the eve - ning shades pre - veil,  
 3 What though in sol - emn si - lence all

with all the blue e - ther - eal sky,  
 the moon takes up the won - drous tale,  
 move round the dark ter - res - trial ball?

and span - gled heavens, a shin - ing frame,  
 and night - ly to the lis - tening earth  
 What though no re - - al voice nor sound

their great O - rig - i - nal pro - claim.  
 re - peats the sto - ry of her birth:  
 a - mid their ra - diant orbs be found?

The un - wea - ried sun from day to day  
 whilst all the stars that round her burn,  
 In rea - son's ear they all re - joice,

does his Cre - a - - tor's power dis - play;  
 and all the plan - ets in their turn,  
 and ut - ter forth a glo - rious voice;

and pub - lish - es to ev - ery land  
 con - firm the ti - dings, as they roll  
 for ev - er sing - ing as they shine,

the work of an al - might - y hand.  
 and spread the truth from pole to pole.  
 "The hand that made us is di - vine."

Words: Joseph Addison (1672-1719); para. of Psalm 19:1-6  
 Music: *Creation*, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809);  
 adapt. *Dulcimer, or New York Collection of Sacred Music*, 1850, alt.

Centering Prayer (unison)

God, our guide and our protector, as we gather today in your holy house, open our minds, souls, and hearts, that we may be inclined to hear the gentle direction of your spirit in our lives. Help us follow you as you lead us to the land you have created for us, where we may dwell with you and in you. Amen.

First Reading

Matthew 22:15-22  
From *The Message* translation

Pat Tweet

Music for Reflection

Psalm 96

Lee Wright

Please join in singing the antiphon each time it occurs.

**Antiphon: O sing to the Cosmos a new song; sing to the Beloved, all the earth!**

- 1. Sing to the Creator, and bless the Name above all names;  
sing praises to the Glorious One from day to day.*
- 2. Declare the splendor of the Radiant One to all nations,  
the marvelous works of Love to all peoples!*
- 3. For great is the Beloved, and greatly to be praised;  
reverence Love above all else. (Antiphon)*
- 4. For where your thoughts are, reveals that which you treasure;  
seek only the true Treasure.*
- 5. Truth and integrity live with Love;  
strength and beauty dwell with the Beloved. (Antiphon)*
- 6. Yield to Love, O families of the earth,  
yield to Love's glory and strength!*
- 7. Yield to Love and learn of justice;  
make of yourselves an offering and be guided by Love!*
- 8. Bow down in adoration and holiness;  
for worthy is the Beloved to be praised in all the earth! (Antiphon)*

*9. The Creator of the Cosmos reigns!  
Yes, the world has been created, gift to all generations;*

*10. let truth and justice give birth to peace and harmony.  
Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;*

*11. let the seas laugh, and all that fills them;  
let the fields exult, and everything in them! (Antiphon)*

From *Psalms for Praying: An Invitation to Wholeness* by Nan C. Merrill  
Sung by Alan Jones, Deb Swift, and Lee Wright

Second Reading      "Fishing on the Susquehanna in July"  
By Billy Collins

Meditation                      "What's in Your Wallet?"                      Rev. Swift

Music for Reflection      From my Heart Springs a Song                      Joel Martinson

*"From my heart springs a song.  
I will sing and give praise to the God of my birth in whose love I rejoice,  
in whose love I rejoice and will live all my days.  
Alleluia, alleluia for blessings abundant from birth.  
Alleluia, alleluia for banquet of fam'ly and friends.  
Alleluia, alleluia for bud of beginning and beauty full bloom.  
Forever sing alleluia, alleluia!"*  
Text: Delores Dufner, OSB

Prayers of Healing and Transformation                      Rev. Swift

*" Send your Healing Spirit to me  
Source of Wonder, Source of Life.  
Breathe your healing breath right through me,  
Make me whole within your Light.  
Wrap me in your robe of laughter,*

*Wash me with your gentle rain.  
Clothe me in your Love, hereafter  
Take away my hurt and pain.  
Guide my path along my journey.  
Give me strength to carry on.  
Grant me rest and calm assurance  
'Til the cold and fear is gone.*

*Holy Birther of tomorrow,  
You who light the stars at night.  
Hold me in my times of sorrow,  
Make my burdened dreams take flight.  
Rock me gently in your moonlight.  
Hold me close 'til break of day.  
Help each moment to be sacred.  
Help me walk your Holy Way.  
Help each moment to be sacred.  
Help me walk your Holy Way."*

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### Prayer of Jesus

**Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Spirit 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 Spirit, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

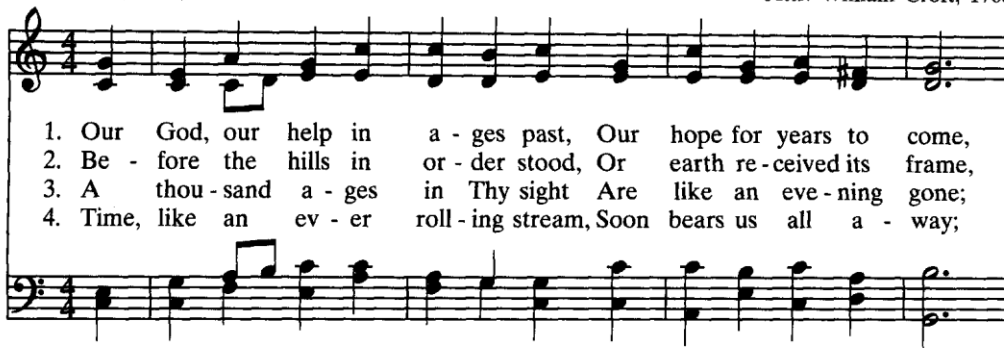
## PSALM 90:1-5

## Our God, Our Help in Ages Past 210

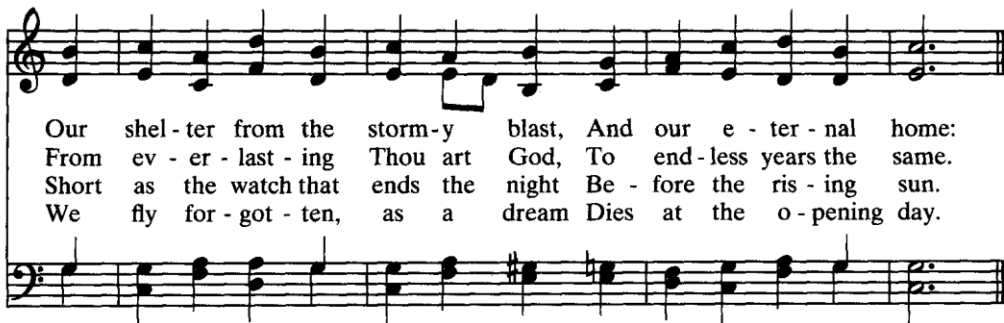
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Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

Attr. William Croft, 1708



1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,  
 2. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, Or earth re - ceived its frame,  
 3. A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone;  
 4. Time, like an ev - er roll - ing stream, Soon bears us all a - way;



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:  
 From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.  
 Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
 We fly for - got - ten, as a dream Dies at the o - pening day.

5. Our God, our help in ages past,  
 Our hope for years to come,  
 Be Thou our guard while life shall last,  
 And our eternal home.



Postlude

River in Judea

Jack Feldman & Linda Marcus

Arr. John Leavitt

*" Oftentimes I dream of music, Of the river that freely flows.  
And it sings a song sweeter than honey, One everybody knows.  
Late at night, I hear it singing. Then again when I wake at dawn.  
And it fills me up with hope and goodwill, The will to go on, Go on.*

*(Refrain) There is a river in Judea that I heard of long ago.  
And it's a singing, ringing river that my soul cries out to know.*

*I believe it keeps on trav'lin' but it rests on the Sabbath day.  
And the time when it pauses in stillness, I almost hear it pray.  
When I'm weary and downhearted, how I long for the song it sings,  
For the calm within its gentle blue, the peace that it brings, it brings. (Ref.)*

*May the time not be too distant when we meet by the river shore.  
'Til then dream of that wonderful day as we sing once more, once more: (Ref.)  
Hallelujah!!!"*

Thank you to . . .

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