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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“GPS Is
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Celebration of Worship

Sunday, May, 30, 2021

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Prelude

Largo

G.F. Handel

Lee Wright, violin, Jeffrey Thompson, piano

Words of Welcome

The Rev. Deborah Fae Swift

Chime

Introit

Lead Me, Guide Me

Doris Akers

Please join in the refrain:

Arr. Richard Smallwood

“Lead me, guide me, along the way.

For if you lead me, I will not stray.

Oh, let me walk each day with thee.

Lead me, O Jesus, lead me.”

Call to Worship

Eileen Smith

You invite us into new life, O Holy One.

Birth in us a new understanding of our place in your Plan.

You gather us to you as a mother hen gathers her chicks.

We know that we see you reflected in our community,

in our values and in ourselves.

Lead us to grow deeper into you as we come together
to worship you, Jesus.

Send your Spirit to challenge our assumptions

and lift us to our feet when we can't go on.

Come. Be with us here and now, we ask,

That we might sing your praise and worship you,

the Living God of all creation.

Hymn Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise ST. DENIO
(Verses 1,2, and 4 - Music may be found at the end of the bulletin)

Morning Prayer (unison)

Holy Source of all goodness: you gave your Son for the life of the world
and sent your Spirit that your love might abide within us.

We want to be in sync with you, God, but too often our own ideas get out ahead of us
and we think we know the best way to do things.

Help us to recognize when we are not where you want us to be,
when we say or do things as a country or a church that don't reflect your values,
when we get so lost in *how* to do things that we overlook the *why* we are doing them.
And then, when we recognize those, help us to honor your role in re-organizing,
re-prioritizing, re-centering, and realigning our lives with You.

Teach us how to love each other and still love ourselves this day,
that we may have life, and have it abundantly,
with you, in Christ, and through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Scripture Reading John 3:1-6, 9-12 Eileen Smith
Adapted from *The Message* translation

Music for Reflection Down in the River to Pray J. David Moore
American Negro Spiritual

Reflection "GPS is Factory-Installed" Rev. Swift

Hymn This Is My Song TUNE NAME
(Music may be found at the end of the bulletin)

Invitation to the Offering*

Offertory Anthem Beati Quorum Via C.V. Stanford
*"You're blessed when you stay on course,
walking steadily on the road revealed by God."*
Psalm 119:1, sung in Latin, translation from *The Message*

Doxology

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah
"Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah!"

Trad. Caribbean

Prayers for Healing and Transformation

Rev. Swift

Prayer of Jesus

Blessed One, our source and support, holy is your name. May your love be enacted in the world. May your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For all that we do in your love, and all that your love brings to birth, and the fullness of love that will be are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy!
(Verses 1,2, and 4 - Music may be found at the end of the bulletin)

NICEA

Benediction

And let the church cry out: **Alleluia! Amen!**

Rev. Swift

Postlude

Prelude in G Major
Lee Wright, organ

J.S. Bach

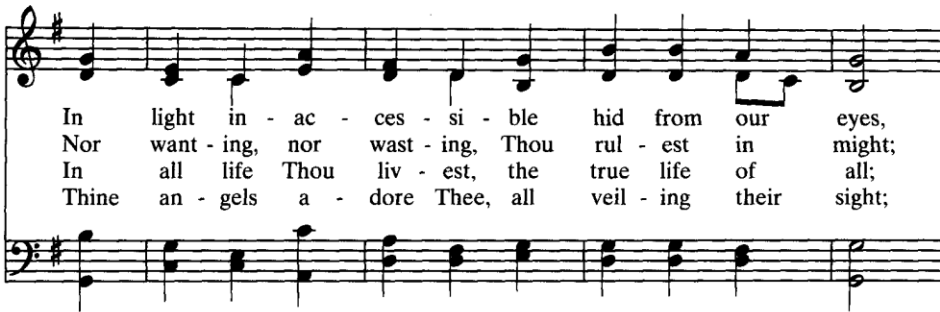
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Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867; alt. 1987

Welsh folk melody
Adapted in *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839

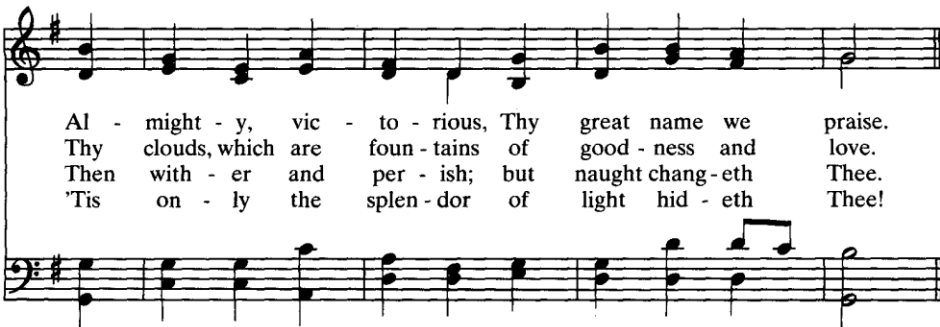

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3. To all, life Thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4. Thou reign - est in glo - ry, Thou rul - est in light,



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;
In all life Thou liv - est, the true life of all;
Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see



Al - mighty, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
Thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
Then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth Thee.
'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth Thee!

This Is My Song

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
 3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
 thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
 and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

The first two stanzas of this hymn were written between the 20th century's two world wars and focus on the theme of international peace. The third stanza, by another author and added later, uses the language of the Lord's Prayer to voice a distinctly Christian perspective.

THE LIFE OF THE NATIONS

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

1. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!

1. Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:
 2. Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 3. Though the eye made blind by sin thy glo - ry may not see,
 4. All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

1. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 2. Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 3. On - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 4. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

1. God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.
 2. Which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 3. Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
 4. God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Thank you to . . .

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