



DOWNTOWN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Grace When You Know/Grace When You Don't Know

Celebration of Worship

March 23, 2025, 11:00 AM

Third Sunday in Lent

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*If you have a joy or concern you would like to have lifted in prayer today, please complete a **Prayer Request Card**, including the name of the person (and pronunciation) or event, and additional information you'd like to share. Prayer Requests will be collected in baskets during the hymn following the sermon to share with the pastor and/or Deacons.*

Prelude Meditation on Peace Like a River

Words of Welcome

Rev. Phil Davis

Announcements

Chime

Introit

Day By Day

Martin How

"Day by day, dear God of thee three things I pray.

"To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day."

Text: Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester

Time with Our Children and Youth

*Call to Worship Nancy Simpson

Leader: You who are thirsty:

People: Come to receive living water.

Leader: You who are hungry:

People: Taste the bread that satisfies.

Leader: You who long for connection:

People: Receive the fellowship of this community, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

Leader: You who search for love:

People: Experience the love of Jesus expressed in music, prayer, community, word and action.

Leader: May this time of worship fill and refresh you.

People: Let us worship God together!

*Invocation (Unison)

Holy One, draw us into community and connection. Let us receive you and our companions in worship. Keep us open to the unexpected, so that we may perceive your work in the world, and your work in us. Amen.

*Hymn When Morning Gilds the Skies LAUDES DOMINI

(Verses 1-3, Music may be found on page 6.)

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

All: Gracious God, sometimes we are disappointed by other people, too ready to dismiss or discard them. Help us to see in others what you see in them: their growth, the fruits that they offer. Forgive us when we too quickly judge others. Forgive us also, when we doubt that we can be worthy followers of you. May we be inspired to nurture your people and ourselves. Amen.

Words of Grace

Leader: God's ways are not our ways. Where we would condemn Ourselves or others, God forgives. In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

Scripture

Isaiah 55:1-9

Music for Reflection

Living Water

Tom Trenney

*"Spirit of God, come dwell within me. Open my heart, oh, come set me free.
Fill me with love for Jesus, my Lord, come, fill me with living water.
Lord, how I thirst, my Lord, I am weak. Lord, come to me, You alone I seek.
Jesus is living, Jesus is here. Jesus, my Lord, come closer to me.
Lord, You are life and hope and love, come fill me with living water.
Jesus is living, Jesus is here. Jesus, my Lord, come closer to me.
Stretch out Your hand, bring comfort to me. Come, fill me with living water."*

Text: Helen Kennedy

Scripture

Luke 13:6-9

Sermon

Grace When You Know/Grace When You Don't Know

*Hymn

Only What You Do for Christ Will Last LASTING TREASURES
(Verses 1-3, Music may be found on page 8.)

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

+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.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music

Hear My Prayer, O Lord

Henry Purcell

"Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my crying come unto thee."

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Let songs rise up from earth below;
Let stars and galaxies enthrone;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One! Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

I've Got Peace Like a River
(Music may be found on page 7.)

PEACE LIKE A RIVER

*Benediction

Postlude

Canzona

Girolamo Frescobaldi

*Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

Thank you to. . .

Liturgist: Nancy Simpson
Chancel Choir Members

Soprano: Nicole Knickerbocker, Lindsey Puc, Carolina Sullivan,
Joan Sussman

Alto: Cecelia Allchin, Isabella Apodaca, Leah Rosenman

Tenor: Olivia Anderson, Jason Cloen, Mark Darling, Evan McMahon

Bass: Rob Brown, John DeHority, Elijah Gebers,
Alan Jones, Stephen Lloyd, Sumner Tessier

Live Stream Team: Don Fairman, David McDowell, Jim Parks, Sally Allison

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667 When Morning Gilds the Skies

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing
 2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I
 3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re -
 4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di -

cries: may Je - sus Christ be praised! A -
 find: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Or
 sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let
 vine: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be

like at work and prayer to Je - sus I re -
 fades my earth - ly bliss? My com - fort still is
 air and sea and sky from depth to height re -
 this the e - ter - nal song through all the a - ges

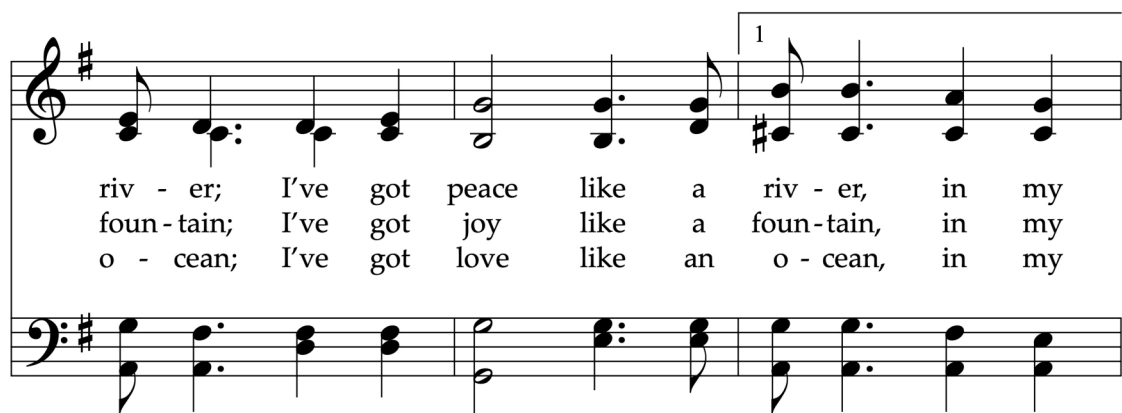
pair: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 this: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 ply: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

This is not just a morning hymn, though this excerpt from an English translation of an early 19th-century German text may not convey how thoroughly the original deals with different kinds of time throughout the day. The tune was composed as a setting for this English text.

623 I've Got Peace like a River



1 I've got peace like a riv - er; I've got peace like a
2 I've got joy like a foun-tain; I've got joy like a
3 I've got love like an o - cean; I've got love like an



riv - er; I've got peace like a riv - er, in my
foun-tain; I've got joy like a foun-tain, in my
o - cean; I've got love like an o - cean, in my



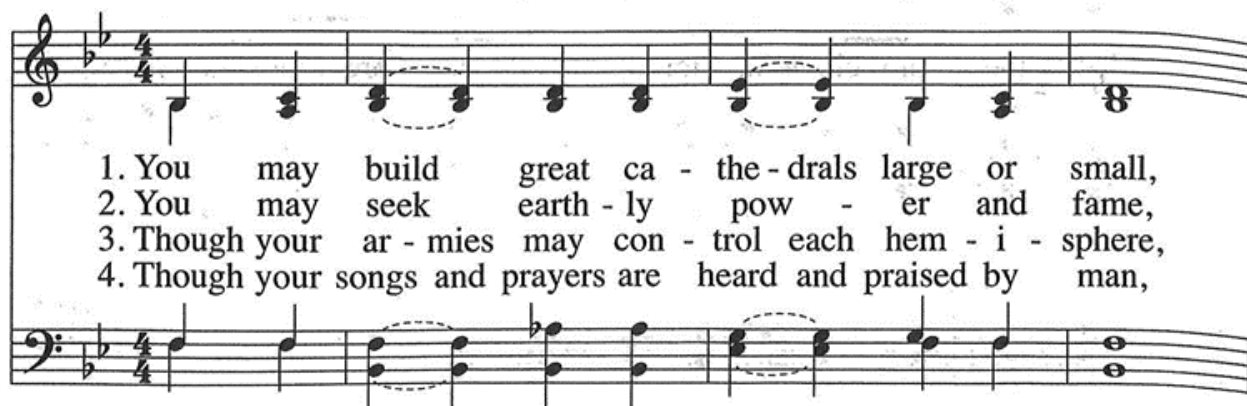
soul. I've got riv - er, in my soul.
soul. I've got foun-tain, in my soul.
soul. I've got o - cean, in my soul.

In the King James Version, the promise of "peace like a river" is twice mentioned in Isaiah (48:18; 66:12) as a blessing that comes from doing God's will. The water imagery of this African American spiritual also provides reminders of Christians' baptismal identity.

548 ONLY WHAT YOU DO FOR CHRIST WILL LAST

...store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes...

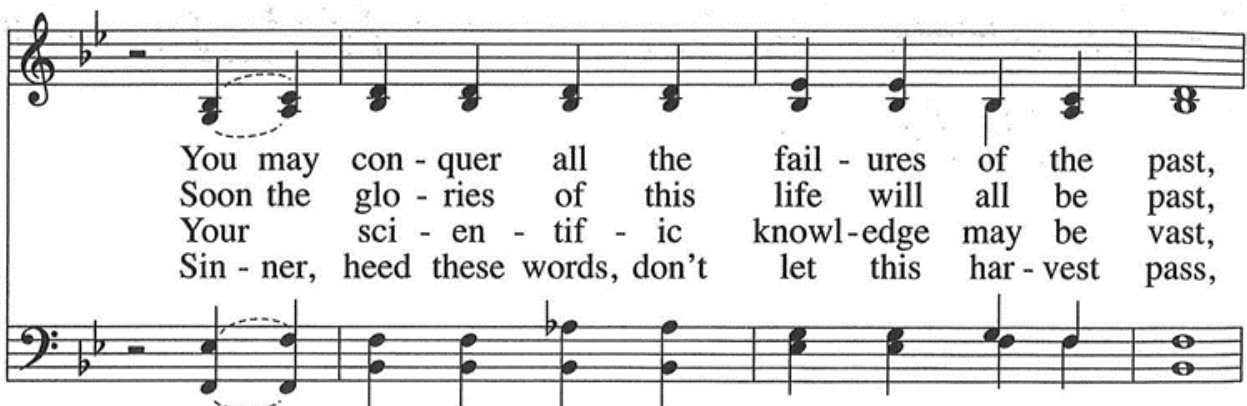
Matthew 6:19-20



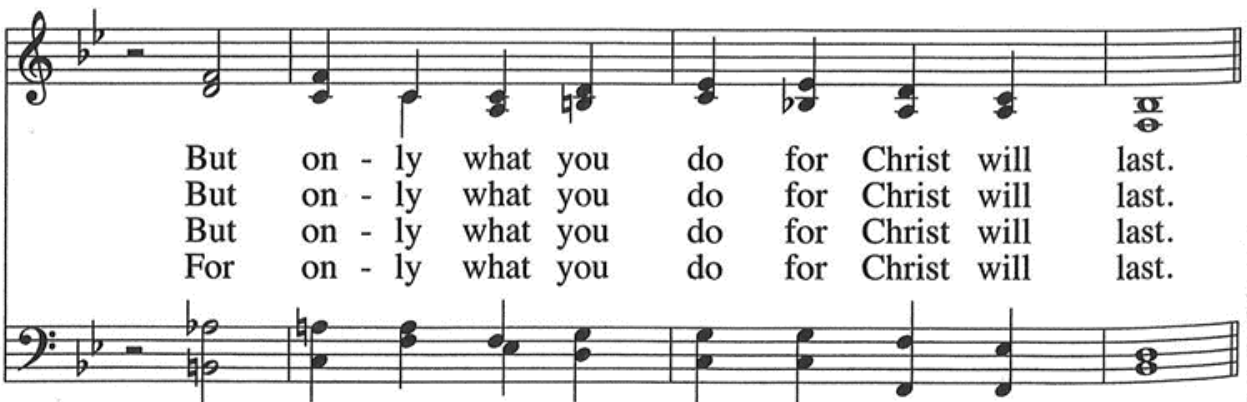
1. You may build great ca - the - drals large or small,
 2. You may seek earth - ly pow - er and fame,
 3. Though your ar - mies may con - trol each hem - i - sphere,
 4. Though your songs and prayers are heard and praised by man,



You can build sky - scrap - ers grand and tall,
 The world might be im - pressed by your great name,
 And your or - bits out in space cause men to cheer,
 They've no mean - ing un - less you've been born a - gain,



You may con - quer all the fail - ures of the past,
 Soon the glo - ries of this life will all be past,
 Your sci - en - tif - ic knowl - edge may be vast,
 Sin - ner, heed these words, don't let this har - vest pass,



But on - ly what you do for Christ will last.
 But on - ly what you do for Christ will last.
 But on - ly what you do for Christ will last.
 For on - ly what you do for Christ will last.

Re-mem-ber on - ly what you do for Christ will last.

Re-mem-ber on - ly what you do for Christ will last.

On-ly what you do for Him will be count-ed at the

end; on - ly what you do for Christ will last!

Text: Raymond Rasberry

Tune: LASTING TREASURES, 10 10 10 10 with refrain; Raymond Rasberry; arr. by Valeria A. Foster

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Sunday, March 23

9:45AM Sunday Forum-ESWA
- Here Til Poverty Isn't
10:00AM Choir Warm-up
10:45AM Nursery
11:00AM Worship -Music Sunday
11:15AM Sunday School
12:00PM Refreshments in Sanctuary

Tuesday, March 25

10:30AM Bible Study via Zoom

Wednesday, March 26

7:00PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 28

3:00PM Space Use Mtg. via Zoom

Sunday, March 30

9:45AM Sunday Forum-The Telesca
Center for Justice
10:00AM Choir Warm-up
10:45AM Nursery
11:00AM Worship - Pastor Phil
11:15AM Sunday School
12:00PM Reception for Pastor Phil



Welcome Visitors!

Nursery Care for children up to 2nd Grade is available in the Library

Children not in nursery care will be invited forward during the “Time with Our Children and Youth” for a brief time with the pastor, and then will be taken up to their Sunday School room by their teacher. Parents are welcome to come up with their kids if they would like.

You may place your offering in the offering plates as they are passed. If you would like to donate online you can use the QR code to the right to make your contribution to the church.



+We seek to use diverse images and liberating language about divine presence in our services of worship. Please feel free to adapt the words in hymns and prayers as needed so that they express your faith.

This is a Hearing Loop equipped sanctuary – please switch your hearing aid to the “T” (telephone) position.

*** An asterisk indicates** “please rise in body or spirit.”

We hope you will join us after worship for conversations and refreshments! Cookies and drinks are available in the front of the sanctuary.

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