



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
July 25, 2021

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

Prelude

My Lord, What a Morning spiritual, arr. Marianne Kim
I've Got Peace Like a River

spiritual, arr. Marvin Gaspard

Introit Blow the Trumpet in Zion John Ness Beck
Blow the trumpet in Zion, call a solemn assembly, gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children; for the day of the Lord is at hand!

****Call to Worship** (responsively)

Leader: We worship God by waking up and opening our eyes to this new day.

People: We worship God by gathering together in this place to give voice to praise.

Leader: We worship God when we call on the name of the Lord. We ask for a word from God.

People: We worship God when we stand before the Lord and claim the joy of being God's people.

Leader: With heart and mind, body and soul, let us open ourselves to praise God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

People: Let us pause and rest in the goodness of God, and allow God's spirit to descend.

****Hymn**

How Great Thou Art

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O Lord My God

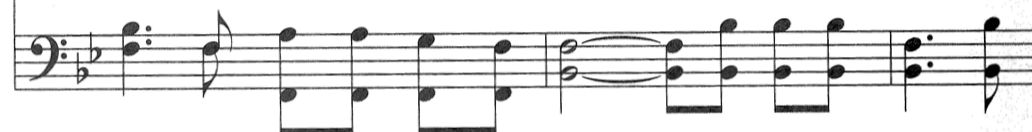
How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
 2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der and hear the
 3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion and take me



all the *worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees, when I look down from
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then *I shall bow in



hear the *roll-ing thun-der, thy power through-out the
 loft-y moun-tain gran-deur and hear the brook and
 bur-den glad-ly bear-ing, he bled and died to
 hum-ble ad-o-ra-tion, and there pro-claim, "My



*Author's original words are "works," "mighty," and "shall I bow."

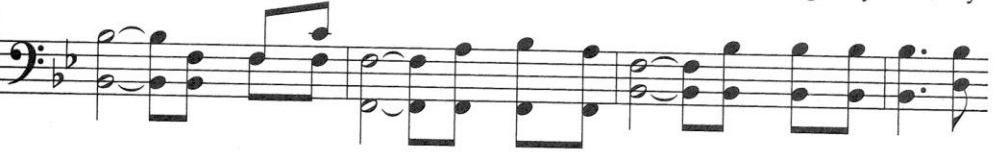
Refrain



u - ni - verse dis - played:
feel the gen - tle breeze: Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to
take a - way my sin: God, how great thou art!"



thee: How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my



Sav - ior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!



Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of grace, you know our every need. We forget that you are God. You know us intimately. We often conceal the pains we carry, and deny our soul's true needs. We are anxious about ourselves, and insensitive and uncaring with others. We turn away from the peace you give and resist the healing you offer.

Strengthen our relationship with you, holy Father. Connect us with those who care for our bodies and souls. Open us up to your sweet, healing grace; that we might be filled with your life and become whole in every dimension of life. Help us become instruments of your healing; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon (responsively) Psalm 103:1-3

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget none of God's benefits.

Leader: Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases:

People: Who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns your days with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle.

Leader: Friends, believe the good news is still good:

People: In Jesus Christ, we have new life.

****Gloria Patri**

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

****Passing of the Peace** (responsively)

Leader: The good news is to all those who are near and far away.

People: The good news is to all who are neighbors and strangers.

Leader: Because Christ loves us, we are members of the household of faith. We are one in the Spirit—we are family.

People: Because Christ calls us, we are citizens of the realm of God. We are living out God's precious kingdom.

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Lesson Jeremiah 8:18 - 9:1

¹⁸ My joy is gone, grief is upon me,
my heart is sick.

¹⁹ Hark, the cry of my poor people
from far and wide in the land:

“Is the LORD not in Zion?
Is her King not in her?”

(“Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?”)

²⁰ “The harvest is past, the summer is ended,

and we are not saved.”

²¹ For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt,
I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

²² Is there no balm in Gilead?

Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people
not been restored?

9 O that my head were a spring of water,
and my eyes a fountain of tears,
so that I might weep day and night

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Scripture Lesson Mark 6:53-56

⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴ When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵ and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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People: Thanks be to God!

Solo

There is a Balm in Gilead
spiritual, arr. Mark Hayes
Vince Wallace, soloist

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole, to heal the sin-sick soul. Sometimes I feel discouraged, and

think my work's in vain; but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. If you can preach like Peter, if you can preach like Paul, go home and tell your neighbor, "He died to save us all."

Sermon "All Who Touched His Cloak Were Healed"
Pastor David Neff, preaching

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

****Hymn** Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether #529

****Affirmation of Faith (unison) The Apostles' Creed**
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.

Welcome and Announcements

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether 529



1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
 2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
 3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -



in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,



you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia! Here we touch your gar - ment's hem.
 lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
 lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer ("debts")
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.

Prayer Response **Hear My Prayer** **Moses Hogan**
O Lord, please hear my prayer, in the morning when I
rise. It's Your servant bound for glory, O dear Lord,
please hear my prayer. O Lord, please hear my prayer,
keep me safe within Your arms. It's your servant bound
for glory, O dear Lord, please hear my prayer. Amen.

We Worship God with Our Gifts and Offerings

Offertory Anthem **Prayer for Healing** **Molly Ijames**
Lord of this barren land swept by the flame, here in my
wilderness I call Your name. Refuge of wounded hearts
bend low to hear. Binder of broken things, Father, draw
near. Friend of the sorrowing, Knower of all my grief.
Tenderly hovering, bringing relief. Be to my weary soul
quiet repose, be in my desert place, blossoming rose.
Come like a gentle wind bringing the rain; come like a
healing touch, and soothe my pain. Fill with Your
presence this desolate waste; Lord of this barren land,
make of these ashes, a beautiful place. Amen.

****Doxology**

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

****Prayer of Dedication**

BEARING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD

****Hymn** Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above #645

****The Charge and the Benediction**

****Benediction** Send Us Now Away John Ness Beck
Send us now away from Thy house, O Lord, refreshed, renewed with Thy blessings of this day. Keep the word of truth in our hearts restored; may we not forget Thee on our homeward way. Amen.

Postlude

Toccata Giocosa

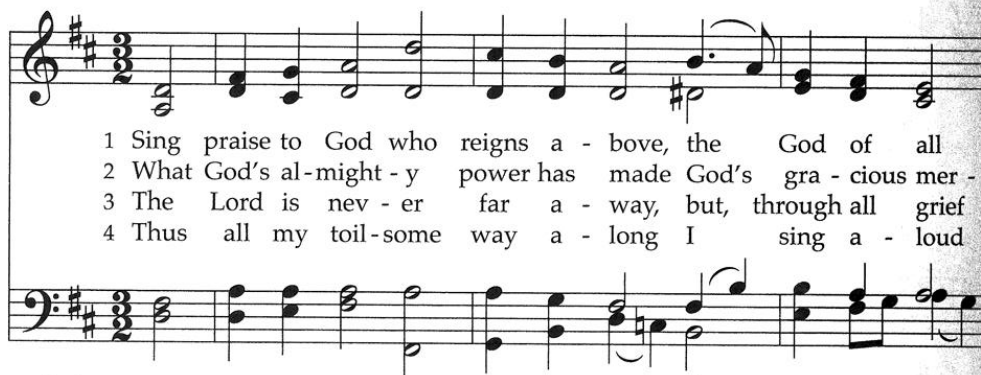
Gilbert Martin

Thanks to Those Assisting in Our Service

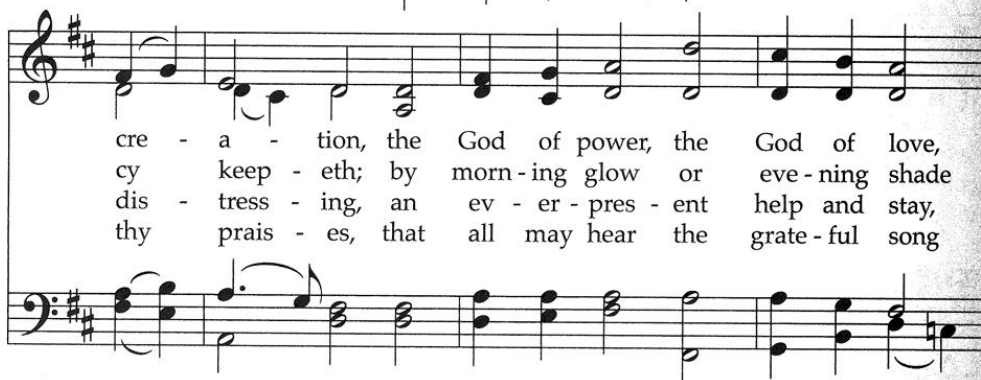
Liturgist: Georgene Acquaah

Livestream Operator: Eric Annafi

645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above



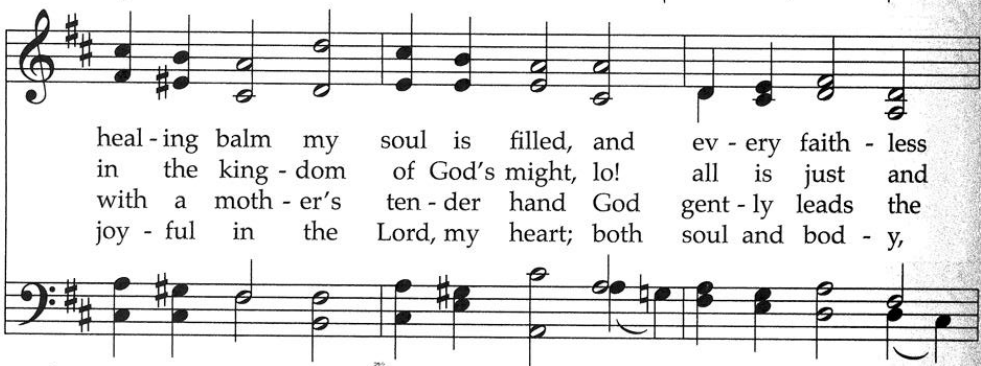
1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
 2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -
 3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
 4 Thus all my toil-some way a - long I sing a - loud



cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,
 cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song



the God of our sal - va - tion. With
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be



heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,



mur - mur stilled:
all is right:
cho - sen band: to God all praise and glo - ry!
take your part:

OUR MISSION AND VISION

Mission Statement

We are a diverse and inclusive community bringing people to Christ through the power of service, education, hospitality and compassion.

Vision Statement

Second Presbyterian Church seeks to be a diverse, vibrant and passionate Christ-centered community of hospitality and outreach actively serving the South Loop, the city of Chicago, and the world. We accomplish this through inspirational worship in our historic sanctuary, educational ministry to all ages, and the power of compassionate service to our neighbors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship

Welcome to Second Presbyterian Church. All are welcome regardless of ethnicity, economic group or sexual orientation to share together in the joy and power of God's love in Jesus Christ.

In-Person: We are open for in-person worship. Join us at 11:00 am for the worship. The sanctuary doors will open at 10:30 am.

Online: Worship is live-streamed on our website **2ndPresbyterian.org** each Sunday morning at 11:00. Please join us live or watch the recorded services at your convenience.

Visiting Guests: If you are new to Second Presbyterian Church, please sign a blue visitor's card and leave your email address as you exit the sanctuary.

Prayers: Second Church is a praying congregation! Please sign a yellow prayer card found in the pews and note any prayer requests so that we may pray with you and for you.

Please **Click Here** to submit your prayer requests online. All prayer requests will go to Pastor Neff and our Office Administrator Ashley McLean. There is an option to mark whether or not your prayer is private.

Today, our guest tenor is Nole Jones.

Cover art is *The Touch* by Aaron and Alan Hicks, The Black Art Depot - Touching The Hem Of His Garment.

The Men Association will be having a Chicago Fire outing on August 8th, 2021 at 5 pm. Please let Eric Annafi know if you would like to attend the game by July 30th. The game will be at Soldier Field. We will meet at 1 pm in Church parking to tailgate before the game.

Please contact Eric at Eannafi@gmail.com or cell at (312) 315-9925.

Bible Studies

We welcome you to join our Sunday morning and Tuesday afternoon Bible Study Classes. If you would like the curriculum, please email the church office at SecondChurch1936@comcast.net. The conference call number: (312) 248-0036. No PIN required.

- **Sunday mornings Bible Study 9:30 am**
- **Tuesday afternoons 1 Timothy 1:30 pm**

Alpha to Omega Bible Discussion Group: We are discussing the New Testament. Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 5 pm Please use this phone number: (312) 248-0036. No pin is required. For more information contact Flea Parker at Flea@Golden2.net or (210) 861-6988.

RIM (Recreation and Interest Ministries) Committee
Book Group: Our next book of discussion is *Bring the War Home: The White Power Movement & Paramilitary America* by Kathleen Belew. Please email Ann Belletire if you would like to join this very lively discussion group at AnnaBelle620e@aol.com.

Time: August 15th 2021 at 9:30 am central time

Join Zoom Meeting: [Click Here](#)

Or Call: (312) 626-6799

Meeting ID: 868 6496 0108

Passcode: 726317

Stretch Class: Deacon Sharon Singer is providing a free Stretch Class on Mondays from 9:30 to 10:15 am in Fellowship Hall. The class will run until August 16th. Come and improve your range of motion and flexibility. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a water bottle. Sharon has instructed fitness classes for over 20 years or more.

Community

The Prairie Avenue District Farmers' Market is every Thursday evening from 4:00 – 8:00 pm. Vendors will offer vegetables, produce, gourmet coffee, bakery, yogurt and cheese, health care products, take-home meals and other items. All are welcome. For more information, please visit their website at

SouthLoopFarmersMarket.com.

Your Support of Our Mission and Ministry

Our work at Second Presbyterian Church is critical year-round and especially crucial in this time of crisis. Our ministry continues to grow in creative and innovative ways. Please **[Click Here](#)** to give your offering online or visit the Second Presbyterian Church website at **2ndPresbyterian.org**. Look for the “**Give Online**” button, scroll down and follow the prompts. Thank you for your faithful giving!

Connect with Us

Dr. Neff's sermons, poetry and reflections on ministry can be found in his blog: **DavidNeff.me**. To obtain copies of sermons, please contact the church office via email at **SecondChurch1936@comcast.net**.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following:

Howard and Jane Tiffen – Graham Walker and family;
Tracy Cargo and family; our church; Seminarian Brian
Louis and family

Michael Brown – my dad, sister and brothers; all who
are ill and mourning

Darlene Pollard – Janie Byas; Cargo family

Patricia Milton-Osborne – Miami and the collapsed
condo building and those who lost their lives

Ozzie Kinnard – Kinnard, Brinson, Steele families;
Tracy Cargo and family; Vivian Randle; Janie Byas

Catherine Soberekon – myself and family

Pastor Neff – the Presbyterian Synod of Cameroon;
congregations, pastors and elders and in a time of
political persecution



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John Concepcion, Tenor

Vince Wallace, Bass



praymaker

Praymaker was started by Paige & Peter Braxton of Second Presbyterian as a way to share the healing power of hope and prayer with others.

Praymaker is a website where people can request a prayer from a spiritual leader of their choice and have it sent to someone in their lives. Our lives are filled with celebration, sorrow, and hope, and in these moments, the right words are sometimes hard to find. *Praymaker* is personalized prayer delivered.



How it works?

- 1) Request a prayer on www.praymaker.com
- 2) Spiritual leader creates a personalized prayer.
- 3) The audio is texted to your loved one.



How to participate?

Praymaker is looking for community members interested in joining Paige & Peter in this ministry. There are many ways to help and support.

To learn more e-mail us at:

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