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Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 & 10:30 AM

The Lord's Prayer: Tempted by What?

"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil..."

If you are a guest, thank you for worshiping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.

We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance! We pray God's blessing upon you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE & OPENING PRAYER *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* by Bradbury

ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Temptation surrounds us at every turn, inviting us to take just a little more:

P: More food, more money, more power, more life!

L: "What could it hurt?" we hear, on television, from friends, in our own souls:

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

P: More suffering, more hunger, more need, more fear, more anger.

L: So we gather today in worship to hear the consequences of “more”:

P: And to celebrate that we do not need “more” when we have everything in Christ.

L: Let us drink deeply from the wellspring of God’s Spirit, which has all we need to live fully, love deeply, and serve faithfully.

P: Thanks be to God!

***OPENING HYMN NO. 423** (black hymnal)

Great Is Your Faithfulness

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

L: God did not say, “You shall not be tempted; you shall not be troubled; you shall not be distressed.” God did say, “You shall not be overcome.”

P: Sheltering God, Guiding God, as you were present with Jesus in his wilderness experience, so you are present with us. You have urged us to trust you saying, “Love me and call upon me, and I will answer you...”

L: We have felt discouraged, and at times even abandoned and betrayed by you, O God, when all manner of things have not gone well with us.

P: Lord, have mercy.

P: Instead of following where you lead, O God, at times we follow a tempter who shows us a vision of the world that is a mere counterfeit of what you desire for us.

P: At times, O God, we are deceived and enticed by imitations of love, abundance, and joy. Christ, have mercy.

L: O God, when you have not answered in the ways or in the time we desire, we have been tempted to lean on our own understanding and not acknowledge you in all ways.

P: We so often have sought to control our lives and order our own steps, often ignoring your wisdom and pushing your guidance aside. Lord, have mercy.

L: Help us to trust you to journey with us and to guide us.

P: Help us to rest in your promise to never leave or forsake us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

ALL SING: Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach, everywhere we share his peace is only by his grace. Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away, every sorrow turned to praise is only by his grace. Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown he will provide. Christ in us our Cornerstone; we will go forth in grace alone.

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

SCRIPTURE

Romans 7: 15-25

Proverbs 3: 5-6

MESSAGE

HYMN NO. 469 (black hymnal)

O Grant Us Light

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER¹

ALL: Mother of us all, who dwells within and beyond, Sacred is your name. May your holy vision for collective flourishing come to fruition among us. May your dreams of justice, love, compassion, and connection be enfolded on earth. Provide us today with what we need to be nourished in body, soul, and heart. Forgive us for the harm we cause as we seek to forgive those who have harmed us. Lead us away from everything that destroys and liberate us from the hands of evil. For you are the ultimate source of hope. Your power-with exceeds all power-over. Your presence incites eternal wonder. All praise to you, our comfort and strength. Amen.

(8:00 AM) **SPECIAL MUSIC** (sung by Caitlin Damon) *Lord Be Glorified* by Kilpatrick

(10:30 AM) **WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM** *Create in Me a Clean Heart* by Patterson

OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

(8 AM) OFFERTORY

Take My Life and Let It Be

by Malan

(10:30 AM) OFFERTORY (sung by Caitlin Damon) *Lord Be Glorified* by Kilpatrick

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*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 2185 (FWS, see p. 6) *For One Great Peace*

ALL SING: This thread I weave, this step I dance, this stone I carve,
this ball I bounce, this nail I drive, this pearl I string, this flag I wave,
this note I sing.

This pot I shape, this fire I light, this fence I leap, this bone I knit,
this seed I nurse, this rift I mend, this child I raise, this earth I tend.
This check I write, this march I join, this faith I state, this truth I sign,
this is small part, in one small place, of one heart's beat for one great
Peace.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 2218 (FWS, see p. 7)

You Are Mine

*BENEDICTION


*POSTLUDE


Postlude

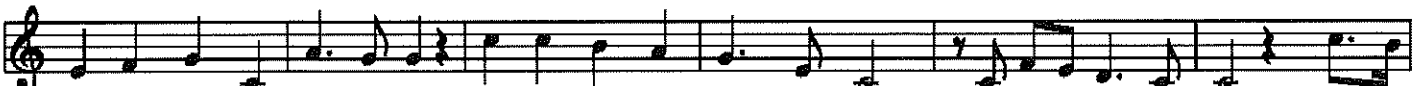
by Bruckner

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

Grace Alone

Grand Piano 
Ev - ery soul we long to reach, ev - ery heart we hope to teach,

5 
ev - ery - where we share his peace is on - ly by his grace. Ev - ery lov - ing word we say,

11 
ev - ery tear we wipe a - way, ev - ery sor - row turned to praise is on - ly by his grace. Grace a -

17 
- lone which God sup - plies, strength unknown he will pro - vide. Christ in us, our Cor - ner -

22 
- stone; we will go forth in grace a - lone.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

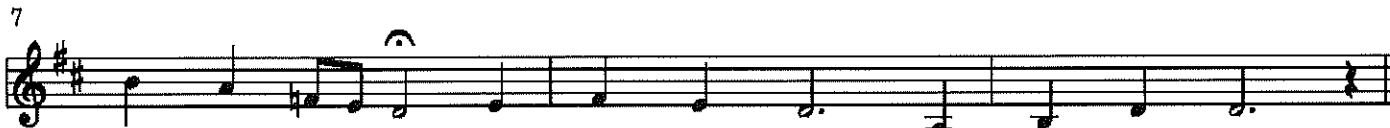
For One Great Peace

Piano 

1. This thread I weave, this step I dance, this
2. This pot I shape, this fire I light, this
3. This check I write, this march I join, this

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stone I carve, this ball I bounce, this nail I drive, this
fence I leap, this bone I knit, this seed I nurse, this
faith I state, this truth I sign, this is small part, in

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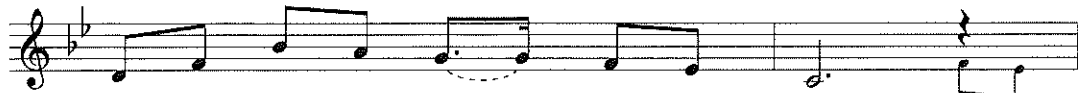
pearl I str-i-ng. this flag I wave, this note I sing,
rift I m-e-nd, this child I raise, this earth I tend,
one small pl-a-ce, of one heart's beat for one great Peace.

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You Are Mine



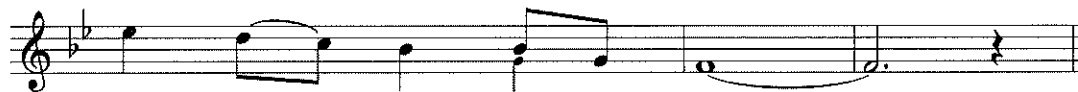
1. I will come to you in the si - lence,
 2. I am hope for all who are hope - less,
 3. I am strength for all the des - pair - ing,
 4. am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I



I will lift you from all your fear.
 I am eyes for all who long to see. In the
 heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
 am the peace the world can - not give.



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, be
 shad - ows of the night, I will be your light,
 All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain, stand



still and know I am here. *(To verse 2)*
 come and rest in me. *(To refrain)*
 all will know my name. *(To refrain)*
 up, now walk, and live! *(To refrain)*

Refrain



Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you



each by name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you



home; I love you and you are mine.

4. I

Text: David Haas, b.1957
 Tune: David Haas, b.1957
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One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of Justin Neal's birthday by Nanny and Pappy Kinard (Nancy & Dan Kinard).

One vase of altar flowers is presented in memory of Gordon H. Snyder, Sr. & Roberta Snyder by Lana Fritz and family.

The bulletins are presented in honor of the tech team & all they do to enhance worship for everyone by the Bevivinos.

Thank you to Caitlin Damon for providing special music at both services, to Ava Sastre for playing cello at the 10:30 AM service, and to the worship choir for participating in the 10:30 AM service.

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

8 AM Worship Tech: Connie Wolfe

8 AM Welcome Team: The Dallam family

8 AM Sound Tech: Denny Daugherty

8 AM Video Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty

8 AM Hall Monitor: Coordinated by Pam Minnich

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Lana Fritz

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Jesse & Nancy Smith, Teal Morcos, & Tammy Gordon

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Mary Jane Snyder

10:30 AM Video Tech: Denny Daugherty

10:30 AM Camera Tech: John Schriver

10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Bob Katherman

10:30 AM Nursery: Alan Neff & Jess Crowell

WOW Kids: Kelly Grimm & Kathy Sweeney

¹<https://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/year-a/le/lent-service-prayers-4.html>

²The prayer of confession was posted on the United Church of Christ's Worship Ways Archive.

<http://www.ucc.org/>

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⁴<https://enfleshed.com/pages/the-disciples-prayer>

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Lam. 3:22-23

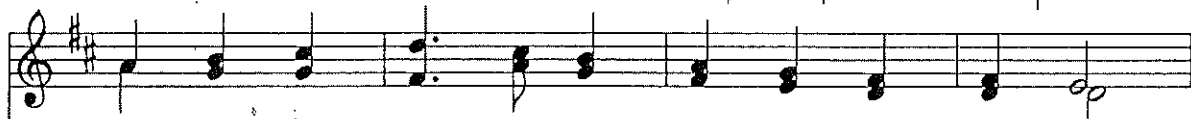
Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923; alt.



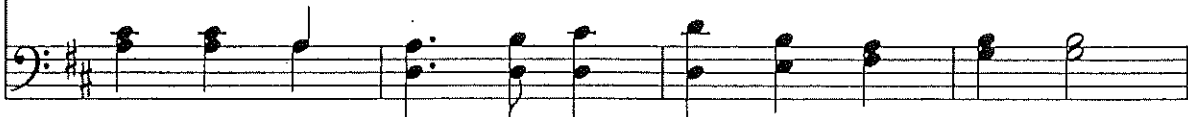
1 Great is your faith - ful - ness, O God, Cre - a - tor,*
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest;
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace so en - dur - ing,



with you no shad - ow of turn - ing we see.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
 your own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide.



You do not change, your com - pas - sions they fail not;
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



all of your good - ness for - ev - er will be.
 to your great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine with ten thou - sand be - side.

*Refrain*

Great is your faith - ful - ness! Great is your faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



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HYMN NO. 423 GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS continued

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have need-ed your
hand has pro-vid-ed, Great is your faith-ful-ness, God, un-to me!

*originally "my Father"

This hymn was one of a number sent by poet Thomas O. Chisholm to composer William M. Runyan for musical settings. It became a favorite of Will Houghton, president of Moody Bible Institute, whose enthusiasm helped establish its popularity.

Tune: FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10, with refrain
William M. Runyan, 1923

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O Grant Us Light

Ps. 43:3

Lawrence Tuttielt, 1864; alt.

1 O grant us light, that we may know wis-dom that you a -
 2 O grant us light that we may find where er - ror lurks in
 3 O grant us light, that we may learn how dead is life from
 4 O grant us light, when soon or late, all earth-ly scenes shall

lone can give, That truth may guide us as we go,
 hu - man lore, And turn to you our seek - ing minds,
 you a - part, How sure is joy for all who turn
 pass a - way, In you to find the o - pen gate,

and vir - tue bless the lives we live.
 and love your ho - ly Word the more.
 to you an un - di - vid - ed heart.
 to death - less home and end - less day.

Ordained a priest of the Church of England, Lawrence Tuttielt served a parish at Warwickshire. His last two appointments were in Scotland. Henry W. Baker, an important English hymnal editor, wrote this tune while an undergraduate at Oxford.

Tune: HESPERUS L.M.
 (QUEBEC)
 Henry W. Baker, 1854