

<sup>11</sup> The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup> For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

*Romans 10:11-13*



## **Abington Presbyterian Church**

August 9, 2020

10:00 A.M. Celebration Worship

10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost August 9, 2020**

**GATHERING**

*The people gather wherever they may in response to God's call, offering praise in words of scripture, prayer, and song. The people acknowledge their sinfulness and receive the good news of God's forgiveness.*

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP**

*A time for quiet preparation before worship*

Lord God, your ways are higher than ours and your laws cover every aspect of our lives. Help us to remember what you require: to do justice, love mercy, walk humbly, and love our neighbors. Write this on our hearts so that we might truly know what it means to be disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**PRELUDE**

'Largo' from Sonata No. 2, BWV 526

*J.S. Bach*

**LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH**

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Give thanks to the Lord and make God's deeds known among the peoples!

**We remember the wonderful works of God's hands.**

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

**Just as the Lord restored Joseph when evil was intended, so do we have faith in God's plan to restore us and all of creation.**

Give thanks and praise to God's Holy Name.

**We come to worship God and put our trust in the Lord.**

**\* HYMN 14**

For the Beauty of the Earth

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**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Lord, we have created a system for ourselves that benefits few and oppresses many. We see the evidence of our sinful ways and yet we continue to seek power and wealth. We acknowledge the suffering of others and yet we continue to ignore their cries. Forgive us, O God. Inspire in us not only a spirit of contrition but also a sense of urgency to act. It is not enough that we confess with our mouths. We must also demonstrate a change of heart that can only come through the renewing of our spirit. Help us to accomplish this through the zeal of the Lord. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Who is there to condemn us? Only Christ, who instead bids us come and see the gift of God's mercy and love.

**Sisters and brothers, hear and believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**\* RESPONSE**

Glory Be To the Father

*Hymn 581*

**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.**

## WORD

*God's Word is read and its message is proclaimed in scripture, music and interpretation.*

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 10:5-15

*Bible NT Pg. 160*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### BELL VOLUNTARY

For the Beauty of the Earth

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

*Bible OT Pg. 34*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON

*Just. Not. Good. Enough.*

*The Rev. Aaron Twitchell*

#### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Taken from the Belhar Confession,

**We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end;**

**We believe that unity in Christ must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted;**

**We believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another;**

**We reject any doctrine which... sanctions in the name of the gospel or of the will of God the forced separation of people on the grounds of race and color and thereby in advance obstructs and weakens the ministry and experience of reconciliation in Christ.**

**We reject any ideology which would legitimate forms of injustice and any doctrine which is unwilling to resist such an ideology in the name of the gospel.**

**We believe that, in obedience to Jesus Christ, its only head, the church is called to confess and to do all these things, even though the authorities and human laws might forbid them and punishment and suffering be the consequence. Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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**

## THANKSGIVING & SENDING

*After the proclamation of God's Word, we respond with gratitude prepared to go into the world where we are called to live according to God's will.*

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

\* HYMN 634                                      To God Be the Glory                                      TO GOD BE THE GLORY

### \* BENEDICTION

\* THE PEACE OF CHRIST                                      *Greet one another with the sign of peace.*  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

\* POSTLUDE                                      'Allegro maestoso' from Sonata No. 5                                      *Felix Mendelssohn*

[service hymns and some announcements follow]

*In 2016 the Presbyterian Church (USA) approved the addition of the Belhar Confession to our Book of Confessions upon the recommendation of the Special Committee on the Confession of Belhar. It was recommended thus because of its "clarity of witness to unity, reconciliation, and justice" in the midst of apartheid.*

### Worship Leaders:

**Preacher:** The Rev. Aaron Twitchell

**Liturgist:** The Rev. Dr. Jade King Bass

**Children's Message:** Ruth Sall

**Organist:** Sean Burns

**Bell & Piano Duo:** Janet Tebbel and Jody Bohr

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**In need of special prayers this week:** Lynne Waite, Ned Leiby, Linda Gustafson, Len Browna, Roy Castor, Michael Kemp, Frankie Ryan (friend of Cindi Willis), Laura Lockhart, Sylvia Weed (mother of Kathryn Jablokow), Lauren Frazer (sister of Jeanne Hyczko), Sophia Southerling (friend of Amy Baker), Barbara LaNore (sister of Lynda Smyth), Bruce D. Meissner (son of Judy and Bud Meissner), Sylvia Jolly, MM Harris, Herb Harris, Debbie Garrettmeyer (niece of Marlyn Whyte), Gary Lynch (son of Doug Lynch), Wayne Wilkerson (father of Amy Baker), Chris Popescu (aunt of Joanne Bates), Herb Ewald (husband of Lynda Ewald), Marty Bell (cousin of Alice Price), Elizabeth Cole (granddaughter of Nancy Webb Cole), Doris Boerner, Victor V. Johnson (brother of Pete Johnson), Helen Porter (mother of Joe Porter), Janet Wells (mother of Gwen Bihn), Suzy Paravla (daughter of Susan Davis), Linda Maisenhelder, Pat Slimmer and Rosie (friends of Anne and Ray Rife), Marian Kupper, Christine Kim (wife of Stephen Kim), Will Pompilli (son of Teresa Pompilli).


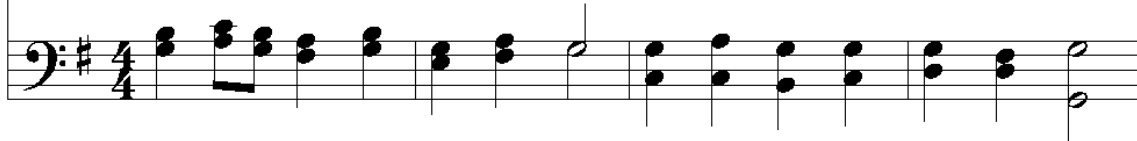
**For Pastoral Care:** To notify the church of an illness, hospitalization, death, or to request prayer, contact a minister or call your Deacon or the Church Office at (215) 887-4530.

# For the Beauty of the Earth


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1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,  
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:  
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:



## Refrain



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.



In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

ADORATION

# 634 To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!  
 2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
 and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,  
 but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.  
 our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.

ADORATION

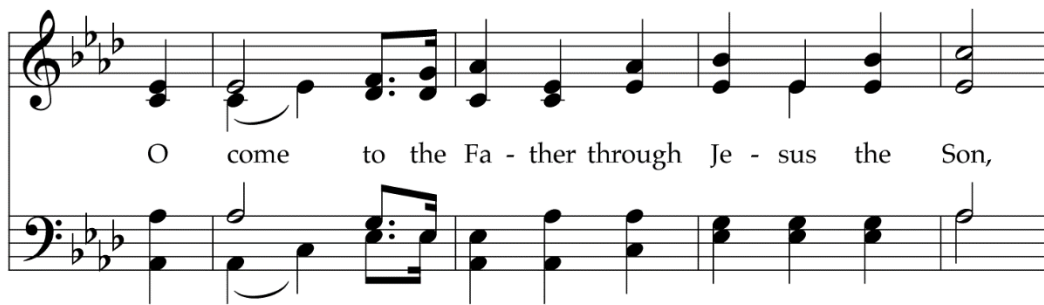
Refrain



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!



O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,



and give him the glory: great things he has done!