



*Sacral* by C.R. Prawitt

**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
AUGUST 15, 2021  
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## 2021 CPC Sanctuary Sound & Lighting Campaign

In the apostle Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, he is trying to take up a collection for the work of the church. He writes to folks who had already heard his appeal some months prior, to see if he can move them to action. He remembers how they initially responded when they heard of the need — responding with a generosity of heart and a desire to help. Now, as he approaches the end of the campaign he makes a second appeal. He says:

*“... it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something - now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have.” Second Corinthians 8:10-12*

This week marks the sixth week of our “Can You Hear Me Now?” campaign. As in week three, we are giving you more details about the equipment which will be purchased and the problems that equipment will help us solve. In short, we know that we still have many parishioners at Cary Presbyterian who need us to continue to provide worship online. Now with the uncertainty caused by the Delta and Lambda variants of the COVID virus, it may be even longer before we can return to “normal” levels of activity in the church.

In addition to the ministry to those we already know and hold dear, our online worship and programming reach others in our community and world who may never be able to come to worship, but who are blessed by our ministry.

I am writing now to ask that if you have been considering a donation to the Can You Hear Me Now? campaign and have yet to actually do it . . . to paraphrase the apostle — it is good for you who intended to make a gift, and who even desired to make a gift, that you finish by making the gift. Your gift, whatever it is, will be joyfully received and will be used to help share the good news of the gospel.

We are already over 60% of the way to our goal (\$32,370 of \$50,000). Won't you help us finish this campaign? The installation of the new equipment is going to begin soon and we would love to have the campaign wrapped up soon too!

**Pastor Paul**

### **Our upgraded Lighting, sound, and video improvements will include:**

- † two permanently mounted HD video cameras
- † A touch screen monitor for the video production
- † a new soundboard
- † iPad controllers
- † microphone upgrades
- † new chancel lighting fixtures
- † new lighting dimmer to eliminate the noise of the current dimmer

**Current Campaign Status: \$32,370 of our \$50,000 Goal.**

**Thank you for your gifts!**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP – 10:00 A.M.

## Gathering

### Gathering Chime

### Prelude

*Sheep May Safely Graze*  
All Strung Out String Quartet

Bach

### Welcome and Announcements

### Introit

*Alleluia! Laud and Blessing (v.1)*

No. 755

***Alleluia! Laud and blessing to our God, whose Word is sure;  
by whose grace we find redemption, in whose love we live secure.  
Righteousness and rich compassion shall attend us all our days;  
may God's promise to be faithful echo through our songs of praise!***

### Call to Worship

The God of wisdom sent Jesus Christ,  
the bread of life,  
to teach us his ways, feed us with his  
flesh and blood,  
and fill us with the Holy Spirit.

**Thanks be to God!**



Psalm 111 Verse 10 by Mindy Newman



1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a  
 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of  
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,  
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing,  
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing,

pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.  
 bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.  
 look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

## Refrain

This is my sto - ry; this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior

all the day long; this is my sto - ry; this is my

song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**All-knowing God, we are your children,  
but we have turned away from your wisdom  
and walked in our own ways.  
We have lived carelessly and squandered time.  
We have been foolish and failed to understand  
your will.**

**We have been drunk with the wine of this world  
and debauched in our own desires.**

**Purge us from evil and fill us with your Spirit.  
Clear our minds from clutter  
that we may discern what is right  
and walk in your ways. Amen.**

*Silent Confession*

### Assurance of Pardon

## Word

### Prayer for Illumination

**First Reading**

Ephesians 5:15-20

One: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Musical Offering**

*Amazing Grace*

Traditional/Arr. Ward

All Strung Out String Quartet

**Second Reading**

Psalm 111

**The Message**

*The Beginning of Wisdom*

Paul Lang

**Hymn**

*A Grateful Heart*

No. 652

1 A grate - ful heart is what I bring, a song of  
 2 Your name is known in all the lands. You feed the  
 3 With sav - ing love you set us free, and still you

praise, my of - fer - ing. A - mong the saints I  
 poor with gen - tle hands. Your word is true, your  
 dwell in mys - ter - y with wis - dom none can

lift my voice: in you, O God, I will re - joice.  
 works are just; in you, O God, the faith - ful trust.  
 com - pre - hend. Your praise, O God, will nev - er end.

**Affirmation of Faith** *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**In life and in death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the Church.  
The same Spirit  
who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.  
In a broken and fearful world  
the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"  
With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

**Joys and Concerns of the Congregation**

*Lord in your goodness: Hear our praise; Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer.*

**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**

**Responding**

**Offering**



*Manos insaciables* by Oswaldo Guayasamin



## Sending

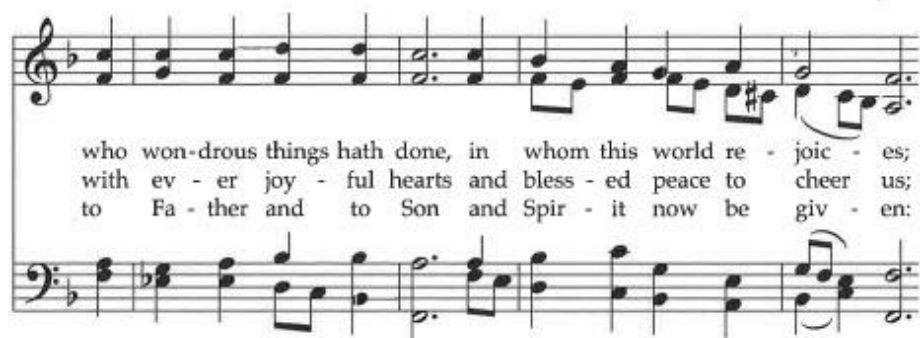
Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God

No. 643



1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,



who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:



who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way  
and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

## Blessing and Charge

## Sharing the Peace of Christ

*You are invited to share Christ's peace with those around you.*

## Postlude

*Sarabande from 'Cello Suite No. 6'*  
All Strung Out String Quartet

Bach

### Today's Worship Service Participants

Minister: Rev. Dr. Paul Lang, Rev. Alan Bancroft

Music Director: Ed Yasick

Special Music: All Strung Out String Quartet

1st Violin: Ashley Reher; 2nd Violin: Regan Renee;

Viola: Douglass Payne; Cello: Alan Ward

Time With Our Children: Jen Pierce

Ushers: Leah Burton, LeNelle Patrick

Tech: Troy Burton, Alan Burton

CCLI No.: 3015474

### *This Week's Floral Dedication*

*Flowers in the Sanctuary  
are given to the glory of God  
by Penny Burke  
in memory of George Burke.*



### Generosity Devotions for Summer from Pastor Paul

This Summer, Pastor Paul is producing a series of occasional devotions on the theme of abundance & generosity. You may access them at <https://tinyurl.com/jn3fba3v>

# Faith CARY Presbyterian Church FORMATION



## Faith Formation Fall Kickoff

Save the date! On September 12 at 9:30 a.m., join us for the annual Faith Formation kickoff. Get information about the fall schedule and classes for all ages-children through adults. Regular classes begin Sept. 19: note that there will be mid-week virtual and in-person options as well as Sunday morning classes.



## Blessing OF THE Backpacks

### Annual Blessing of the Backpacks

On Sunday August 22, the children of the church are invited to bring their back-packs or devices to worship for our annual back-to-school Blessing of the Back-Packs. Those not able to join us in-person will receive a token in the mail.



## Stephen Ministry Support

Efforts to avoid the spread of COVID-19 have caused both physical and emotional isolation for many people. To learn how you or someone you know can receive care, please speak with a pastor or one of our Stephen Leader Referral Coordinators, Len Clark (919) 612-4302 or Linda Oglesby (919) 270-5980.

Find out more about the types of Stephen Ministry available by reading the descriptions at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/225mst9a>.



## COVID-19 VACCINATION TRANSPORTATION

We want to be sure that everyone who needs the vaccine has access to receive it, so if you need help with transportation to and from a vaccination appointment, please contact us at this email address: [covid19rides@carypresbyterian.org](mailto:covid19rides@carypresbyterian.org), and we will help with transportation.

## THIS WEEK AT CARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Website and Online Member Directory: [www.carypresbyterian.org](http://www.carypresbyterian.org)

<b>Sunday, August 15</b>	<b>8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Lauds Prayer Service</b> <b>Online Worship Service</b> Worship Service streamed live on Cary Presbyterian Church Facebook page.
<b>Monday, August 16</b>		
<b>Tuesday, August 17</b>		<b>We have resumed limited gatherings on church grounds in accordance with state guidelines,</b>
<b>Wednesday, August 18</b>		<b>Check Events on the CPC app, E-Link, and the CPC website for updates, SignUpGenius links, and Zoom meeting info as provided to the office.</b>
<b>Thursday, August 19</b>		
<b>Friday, August 20</b>		
<b>Saturday, August 21</b>		
<b>Sunday, August 22</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Online Worship Service</b> Worship Service streamed live on Cary Presbyterian Church Facebook page.



### The Church Library is Temporarily Closed

Due to a water leak and mold issue, the CPC Library  
is temporarily closed. Our Buildings and Grounds folks  
are working on it and we expect to reopen in several weeks.



## Be The Hands: Saturday, Nov. 6 Save the Date!

**Put this amazing day  
of service on your calendar!**

**If you'd like to help plan this event,  
or if you have ideas for projects,  
please contact Alan Bancroft.**