



The Confession of St. Peter by Alexei Pismenny

WORSHIP SERVICE
14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 3, 2023
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ORDER OF WORSHIP – 10:30 A.M.

Gathering

(* Please stand as you are able.)

Gathering Chime

Prelude

Larghetto

Bottigliero

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

The God of our ancestors calls us to worship.

Praise the Lord!

Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Let us worship God!

*Hymn

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

No. 310

1 I love thy king - dom, Lord, the house of thine a - bode,
2 I love thy church, O God. Her walls be - fore thee stand,
3 For her my tears shall fall; for her my prayers as - cend;
4 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize her heaven - ly ways:
5 Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zi - on shall be given

the church our blest Re - deem - er saved with his own pre - cious blood.
dear as the ap - ple of thine eye, and grav - en on thy hand.
to her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.
her sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, her hymns of love and praise.
the bright - est glo - ries earth can yield, and bright - er bliss of heaven.

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

**God of mercy,
we confess that, like the disciples,
we set our minds not on divine things
but on human things.
Doubting your loving care, we grab for
more than we need.
Doubting your loving purposes, we shrink
from living as your followers.
Doubting your loving plan, we become
stumbling blocks in your creation.
Forgive us that we may gain new life in you,
for it is in Jesus' forgiving name we pray. Amen.**

Silent Confession

***Kyrie**

You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!

No. 437

Em D Em Am Em D Em
You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!

Am D C D Em C Em
You are the Christ, giv-er of mer-cy!

Em D G Am Em D E
You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response**

Glory Be to the Father

No. 581

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

The first system of musical notation for the song. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in 4/4 time and B-flat major. The treble staff contains the vocal melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff contains a harmonic accompaniment of chords.

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

The second system of musical notation, continuing the melody and accompaniment from the first system.

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

The third system of musical notation, continuing the melody and accompaniment.

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

The fourth and final system of musical notation for this piece, ending with a double bar line.

Prayer for Illumination

Scott Gibbs

Scripture Reading

Matthew 16:1-28

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Reading

Romans 12:9-21

The Message

Overcoming Evil With Good

Paul Lang

*Hymn

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

No. 727

1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you shall
5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall

be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the
geth - er on the road. We are here to help each
night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out
laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and
find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -

grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.
(repeat stanza 1)

***Affirmation of Faith** *The Nicene Creed*

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Responding

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Come to the Table
Open Chancel Choir

Pote

Prayer of Dedication

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 in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

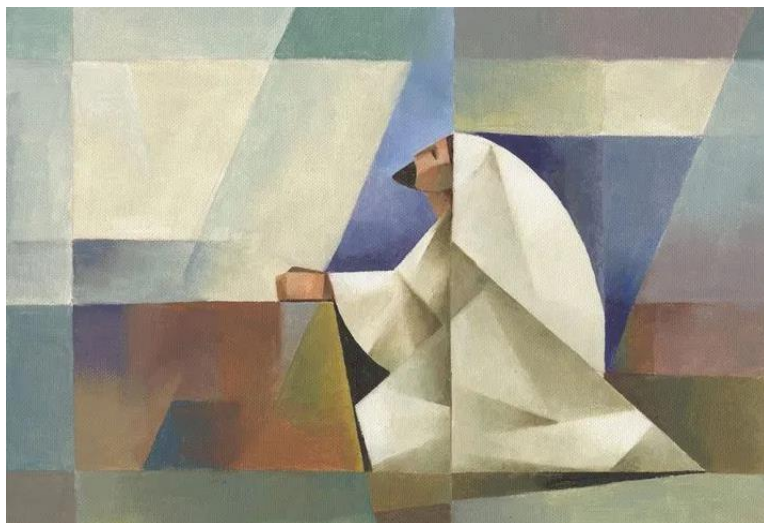
Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**



The Lord's Prayer in the Desert by Jorge Cocco

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

(All bread is gluten-free. The congregation is invited to come forward to receive the elements, returning to your seats to partake. The elements may be brought to any who choose to remain seated in the pews.)

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

May the Table-setting God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift your hungry hearts to our God.

We offer them to the One who feeds us with grace.

God gives us all we need in every moment.

Our mouths will sing God's praise in these moments.

When the hour was late,
you spoke, Steadfast Love,
and creation sprang forth in newness:
 tadpoles stretching into bullfrogs;
 caterpillars crystallizing into butterflies;
 raindrops plopping on broad leaves;
 thunder rolling through the valleys,
and you shaped us in your image.
If we had listened to you,
we would have feasted on Eden's delights,
 but we hungered for sin's moldy bread,
 and drank death's sour wine.
With great love and unceasing hope,
you sent the prophets to us,
 but we sent them away for
 the hour was too early to follow you.
Then, in overwhelming compassion,
you sent Jesus to us.

With those who have been fed by your love,
with those who drink deeply of your joy,
we lift our songs of thanksgiving to you:

Capo 3: (Em) (D) (C) (D) (Em) (Am)
 Gm F E^b F Gm Cm

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

(Em) (Am6) (B7) (Em) (D)
 Gm Cm6 D7 Gm F

pow - er, God of might, heav - en and earth are

(C) (D) (Em) (Am) (D)
 E^b F Gm Cm F

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

(Em) (D) (Em) (D) (C)
 Gm F Gm F E^b

high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the

(D) (A) (Am) (D)
 F C Cm F

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

(Em) (Am) (D) (Bm7) (E)
 Gm Cm F Dm7 G

high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

You are gracious and merciful, Holy God,
 and Jesus Christ is your heart made flesh.
 He, who had everything,
 came to fill those who had nothing.
 He, who lived in glory,
 came to the deserted places
 of our hearts to love us.
 He, who is over all,
 came to submit to death's power,
 being cut off from you, until
 you raised him to new life.

We need not go away empty,
 but are fed at the Table,
 where we speak the truth in Christ:

Capo 3: (Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (B) (C) (D) (A)
 Gm F B^b Cm Gm D E^b F C

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

(Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (B) (C) (D) (Bm7) (E)
 Gm F B^b Cm Gm D E^b F Dm7 G

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

Here at this Table, God of abundance,
 you feed us with that grace and peace
 which is offered at no cost to us.
 The Holy Spirit blesses the bread,
 breaks it, and gives it to us
 so we might have the strength
 to hold those whose knees wobble
 from fear and despair.

The Holy Spirit blesses the cup,
 pours it, and gives it to us
 so we can go to lift up
 the hopes which the world
 has dashed to the ground.

The Holy Spirit will gather up
 the broken people to create
 a community of wholeness.
 And when the final hour is now,
 when we are gathered with
 our sisters and brothers of every time and place,
 we will eat and be filled at the Lamb's Supper,
 and rejoice with one voice
 as we praise you forever and ever,
 God in Community, Holy in One. **Amen.**

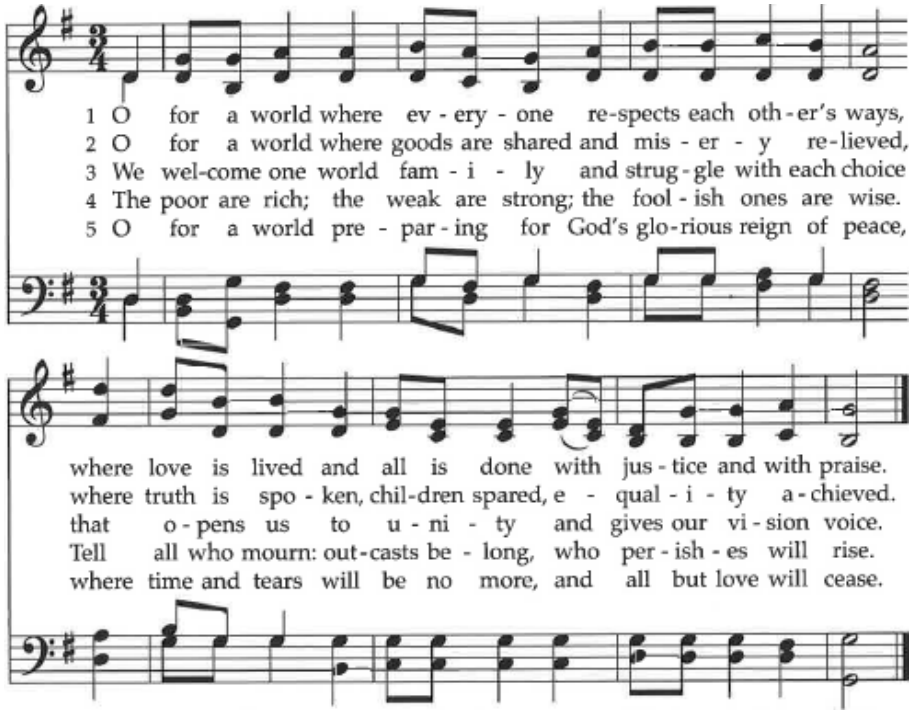
Breaking of the Bread
Communion
Prayer after Communion

Sending

*Hymn

O for a World (vv. 1-4)

No. 372



1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,
where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

*Blessing and Charge

*Response

O for a World (v. 5)

No. 372

*Postlude

Maestoso in B Flat Major

Bellando

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

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

Today's Worship Service Participants

Minister: Rev. Paul Lang, Rev. Alan Bancroft

Music Director: Ed Yasick; Chancel Choir

Lay Reader: Scott Gibbs

Children's Time: Jen Pierce

Ushers: Tom Bolick, Donna Adkins,

TBD, Joesetta McLaughlin

Tech: Hunter Piermont, Richard Wood

Slides: Beth Cleveland

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THIS WEEK AT CARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, September 3	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Worship In-Person (Sanctuary) and Online Youth Group Lunch (Los Tres Magueyes)
Monday, September 4 Labor Day		Labor Day Holiday / Office Closed
Tuesday, September 5	6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Session Meeting (Zoom) Deacons Meeting (Zoom) Scout Troop 232B (Youth Area) Cool Books Club (Zoom) Presbys at the Pub (Fortnight Brewing) Adult Virtual Faith Formation (Zoom)
Wednesday, September 6	6:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Hannah Circle (Parlor) Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thursday, September 7	2:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Music Group Practice (100) Stephen Ministry (100/102/106)
Friday, September 8	7:00 p.m.	Courage, Strength, & Hope (Parlor)
Saturday, September 9		
Sunday, September 10	9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	The Pastor's Class (100) Faith Formation Classes (All Ages) Worship In-Person (Sanctuary) and Online Rathbone Funeral Service (Sanctuary) Rathbone Family Reception (Fellowship Hall) Compass Group #2 (102) Robin & Linda William Concert (Fellowship Hall) Youth Group Kickoff (Fellowship Hall/Youth Area)



Time & Talent Sign-ups

Sign-up opportunity links
are listed in E-Link each week
for these ministry areas:

- Christian Fellowship
- Community Partnership (Missions)
- Faith Formation/Christian Education
- Health & Wholeness
- Music & Worship
- Operational Support
- "I'd like to talk to somebody about..."