



Psalm 40 by Wim Van De Wege

WORSHIP SERVICE

2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 15, 2023

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ORDER OF WORSHIP – 10:30 A.M.

Gathering

(* Please stand as you are able.)

Gathering Chime

Prelude

Aria in F Major

Handel

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Festive Praise
Chancel Choir

Pote

*Call to Worship

Listen up, everyone!

God has given us work to do.

**God has called each of us
before we were even born.**

It was God who named us.

It is God who claims us.

The light of God's love shines in us.

Let's shine God's love into all the world!



The Love of God by Sabrina J. Squires

1 O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.
 2 O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic-es of truth thou send-est clear.
 3 O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad-ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.

Place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un-clasp and
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev-ery-thing false will
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil-dren

set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
 dis - ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
 thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy

will to see, O-pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!
 will to see, O-pen my ears; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!
 will to see, O-pen my heart; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God,

We confess that we have been timid and unreliable witnesses of Jesus Christ.

Forgive us...

...for the times we have stayed silent in the face of injustice and hate,

...for the times our actions have not matched our beliefs,

...for the times we have hoarded our abundance,

...for the times we have turned away from your children in need.

For the many ways we fail to follow Jesus, forgive us.

Invite us again to come and see, and to abide in your presence so that we may be transformed and renewed.

Empower us to witness, with our words and lives, to the love and grace we've experienced in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession

***Kyrie**

You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!

No. 437

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 6/8 time signature. It consists of three staves of music. The lyrics are: "You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!" on the first staff; "You are the Christ, giv-er of mer-cy!" on the second staff; and "You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!" on the third staff. The guitar chords are: Em, D, Em, Am, Em, D, Em for the first staff; Am, D, C, D, Em, C, Em for the second staff; and Em, D, G, Am, Em, D, E for the third staff.

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response**

Glory Be to the Father

No. 581

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

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

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

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

Word

Prayer for Illumination

Lynn Voss

Scripture Reading

Psalm 40:1-11

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 49:1-7

The Message*It is Too Light a Thing*

Alan Bancroft

HymnJesus, Light of Joy*

No. 673

1 Je - sus, light of joy, sur - round us; let your splen - did
 2 Now the shad - ows fall a - round us; now the eve - ning
 3 With the saints we lift our voic - es, God of pow - er,

glo - ry shine: source of ev - ery earth - ly bles - sing,
 has be - gun: still your gra - cious light is with us,
 God of might. All cre - a - tion shines with glo - ry,

heav - en's ev - er - last - ing sign. Al - le - lu - ia,
 bright - er than the morn - ing sun. Al - le - lu - ia,
 sing - ing prais - es day and night: al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, we a - dore you, light di - vine.
 al - le - lu - ia, God of glo - ry, Three - in - One.
 al - le - lu - ia, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly light.

Affirmation of Faith *from The Confession of 1967*

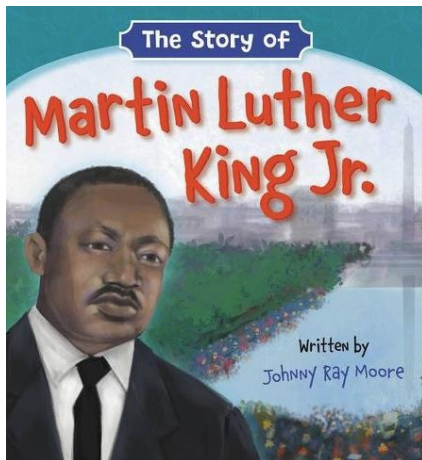
9.43 In each time and place, there are particular problems and crises through which God calls the church to act. The church, guided by the Spirit, humbled by its own complicity and instructed by all attainable knowledge, seeks to discern the will of God and learn how to obey in these concrete situations. The following are particularly urgent at the present time.

9.44 a. God has created the peoples of the earth to be one universal family. In his reconciling love, God overcomes the barriers between sisters and brothers and breaks down every form of discrimination based on racial or ethnic difference, real or imaginary. The church is called to bring all people to receive and uphold one another as persons in all relationships of life: in employment, housing, education, leisure, marriage, family, church, and the exercise of political rights. Therefore, the church labors for the abolition of all racial discrimination and ministers to those injured by it. Congregations, individuals, or groups of Christians who exclude, dominate, or patronize others, however subtly, resist the Spirit of God and bring contempt on the faith which they profess.

Time with Our Children

Jen Pierce

Book: *The Story of Martin Luther King, Jr.* by Johnny Ray Moore



Responding

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory *We Are Singing, for the Lord is Our Light* arr. Hopson
Chancel Choir; Len Clark, percussion

Refrain: *We are singing, for the Lord is our light. We are singing,
Oh, we are singing, for the Lord is our light.*

1. *The Lord is the strength of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?
Though foes may be near to destroy; the Lord may be our light.*
2. *One thing have we asked of the Lord, yes, this is the thing we seek:
To dwell in the house of the Lord, to live with God forever.*
3. *When burdens are heavy to bear, our shelter is God alone.
Our feet are lifted high, yes, high upon a rock.*
4. *We walk in the strength of the Lord, God's love is ever sure.
We shout that the world may hear, we sing a joyful song.*

***Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known;

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

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

Prayer 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.**

Sending

***Hymn** *O Splendor of God's Glory Bright (vv. 1-3)* No. 666

1 O Splen - dor of God's glo - ry bright, from light e -
2 Come, Ho - ly Sun of heaven - ly love, rain down your
3 O joy - ful be the pass - ing day with thoughts as
4 O Lord, with each re - turn - ing morn, your im - age

ter - nal bring - ing light; O Light of Light, light's
ra - diance from a - bove, and to our in - ward
clear as morn - ing's ray, with faith like noon - tide
to our heart is born; O may we ev - er

liv - ing spring, true Day, all days il - lu - min - ing;
hearts con - vey the Ho - ly Spir - it's cloud - less ray.
shin - ing bright, our souls un - shad - owed by the night.
clear - ly view our Sav - ior and our God in you.

***Blessing and Charge**

Notes. Prayers. or Scribbles

THIS WEEK AT CARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, January 15	9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	The Pastor's Class (Fellowship Hall) Faith Formation Classes (All Ages) Worship In-Person (Sanctuary) and Online
Monday, January 16 <i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday</i>	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY GS Brownie Troop 1951 (Youth Area) Cub Scout Pack 232 (FHF) Scout Troop 232G (Fellowship Hall) Music & Worship Team (Zoom) Personnel (Zoom) Faith Formation (Zoom)
Tuesday, January 17	10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Triple F (leave CPC: trip to NC Museum of History) Duke Health & Well-Being Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction Group (Youth Area) Budget & Finance (Zoom) Scout Troop 232 (FHF)
Wednesday, January 18	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Esperanza Monthly Meeting (Zoom) Prayer Shawl Knitting Group (Parlor) Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) Wed. Night Virtual Class (Zoom)
Thursday, January 19	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Generosity Team (Zoom) Stephen Ministry (100/102/106)
Friday, January 20	7:00 p.m.	Courage, Strength, & Hope (Library)
Saturday, January 21		
Sunday, January 22	9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	The Pastor's Class (Fellowship Hall) Faith Formation Classes (All Ages) Worship In-Person (Sanctuary) and Online Lunch & 'Segregated by Design' Documentary Compass Group 2 (Parlor)



Cary Presbyterian Preschool News

Open Enrollment for Church Members for the 2023-2034 School Year has begun!

Please contact Preschool Director Leslie Hurlburt at

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