

CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
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PRELUDES –

Peace Abiding

G. F. Handel

Peace and Hope, Air from “Saul”

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STRIKING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

(Stand at the beginning of the Hymn.)

* HYMN 450 – *verses 1 & 2, sing all together – Be Thou My Vision, see page 5*

* GATHERING PRAYER

(All be seated.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION, *all together*

People: Most holy and merciful God:

we acknowledge and confess our slowness to do good,

our blindness to injustice,

our appeasement to abusive power,

and our complicity in deferring the hopes of the oppressed.

We have refused to heed your call to do justice,

to love mercy, and to walk humbly with you, our God.

We condemn racial injustice in our pronouncements,

yet we cling to the privileges derived from inequity.

Lord, have mercy upon us, we pray.

(A time of silence for personal confession.)

Leader: Gracious God, help us to name our sins,

to claim responsibility for our actions,

and to change our behavior.

Following your command to love others,

move us to compassionate, just action;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON – Lord, Have Mercy upon Us

J. Christopher Pardini

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

(Stand for the singing of the Gloria Patri and the Passing of the Peace.)

* *As you are able, please stand.*

* GLORIA PATRI, *sing all together*
**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.**

* PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST, *responsively*
Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you all.
People: And also with you.

(All be seated.)

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 4:4-9, New Revised Standard Version

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON – When Life Takes Away Our Peace

ANTHEM – I’ve Got Peace like a River

AFFIRMATION based on the Writings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., *all together*

**I believe that we need to discover a way to live together in peace,
a way which rejects revenge, aggression and retaliation. The foundation of this way is love.
I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality.
I believe that peoples everywhere should have three meals a day for their bodies,
education and culture for their minds, and dignity, equality and freedom for their spirits.
I believe that what self-centered people have torn down, other-centered people can build up.
By the goodness of God at work within people, I believe that brokenness can be healed.
“And the lion and the lamb shall lie down together, and everyone will sit under their own
vine and fig tree, and none shall be afraid.” Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

(All stand.)

* HYMN 339, *sing all together* – Lift Every Voice and Sing, *see pages 6 & 7*

* BENEDICTION

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Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) Eb (G) Ab (D/F#) Eb/G (A7) Bb7 (D) Eb

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) Bb (D) Eb (G) Ab (A) Bb

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) Ab (D) Eb (F#m7) Gm7 (G) Ab (A) Bb

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) Eb/G (G) Ab (D) Eb

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

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1 Lift ev - ery voice and sing till earth and heav - en
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

ring, ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
 rod, felt in the days when hope un - born had
 tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the

ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening
 died. Yet, with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry
 way; thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the

skies; let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 feet come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
 light, keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Initially a poem for a school assembly at which Booker T. Washington spoke on Lincoln's birthday in 1900, this text and tune have gained national recognition and devotion, not only within the African American community, but also among all who seek liberation from oppression.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get

us. Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -
 tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at
 thee; shad - owed be - neath thy hand may we for - ev - er

gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.
 last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.