

Prelude

*Communion*

by Leon Lecocq  
Mitchell Jerko, Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Bronwyn Fees

Minute for Stewardship

Paul Dittmar

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 86)

Teach us your way, O Lord,  
That we would walk in your truth;  
Give us undivided hearts to revere your name.  
For you, O Lord, are a God of mercy and grace,  
Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness!

Come, and let us worship God!

Hymn #32

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

Prayer of Confession

***O Lord our God, we confess that we do not reflect your glory.  
You have claimed us as beloved children,  
but we forget that we belong to you alone.  
You have given us the Spirit of freedom,  
but we fall back into the spirit of fear.  
Forgive us; restore and reorder our lives  
by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.  
Let us bear good fruit in the Spirit  
and a sign of your new creation,  
to the glory of your holy name.***

Assurance of Pardon

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Almighty God, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy what you say to us.  
For we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

First Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 44:6-8

Bronwyn Fees

Special Music

*Make Me A Channel of Your Peace*

Arr. Mark Hayes  
Patricia Thompson, Soloist

Second Scripture Lesson: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sermon

“Growing to the Glory of God”

Rev. Jason Pittman

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn #643

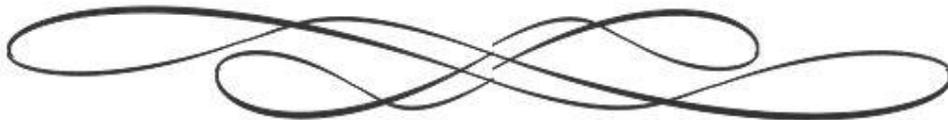
*Now Thank We All Our God*

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

*Trumpet Tune*

from Variations on Foundation – Anthony Giamanco  
Mitchell Jerko, Organist



# **Announcements**

The flowers on the communion table this morning are given by Carolyn Knostman-Bowers and Larry Bowers to Welcome Pastor Jason and his family to First Presbyterian and in memory of Joyce Whitson.

If you'd like to sign up for sanctuary flowers, just call the church office and inquire about available Sundays, they'll even order the flowers for you!

Message from the Stewardship Committee: Reopening plan

Many of you are asking about when the church will reopen for in-person services and under what conditions. Much work has been going on behind the scenes by our church leaders to address this in what is a most challenging time for church life. One of the main conditions for reopening is the ability to effectively live-stream our services, so we can continue to reach many of you who cannot or choose not to attend in person. So there are two components to consider: 1) The reopening plan recently approved by Session, and 2) an appeal for funding for purchasing new live-streaming equipment.

First, about reopening. Our new target date for returning to live worship is August 2. For this to happen, we must prepare to comply with all Covid-related regulations and use good common sense to protect our most vulnerable people; the recent survey we conducted of the congregation affirms broad consensus on this point. Preparation includes sanitizing the facility, training worship leaders and ushers, and communicating to you specific requirements and instructions.

Worship Broadcast Equipment capital fund -- \$30,000

Second, to be able to provide for a high-quality live-streamed worship experience on YouTube™, we need to purchase state-of-the-art audio-visual equipment beyond what we currently have. Session has approved a \$30k capital funding drive for this purpose. Some donations have already come in enabling us to get started, but more is needed soon. Therefore, we ask for you to prayerfully consider donating to this fund to help us reach our operational milestones as soon as we can. We believe live-streaming is critical for the viability of our church, not just for now, but also for the long term. Many churches are already streaming. Donations can be dropped off or mailed to the church office. Please indicate that your donation is intended for worship broadcast equipment.

We ask for your prayers and financial support as we implement our plan to reopen the church for in-person services with simultaneous high-quality live-streaming on YouTube™ to help us stay united as a congregation. We praise God for the freedom to worship, and we thank you all for your steadfast support.

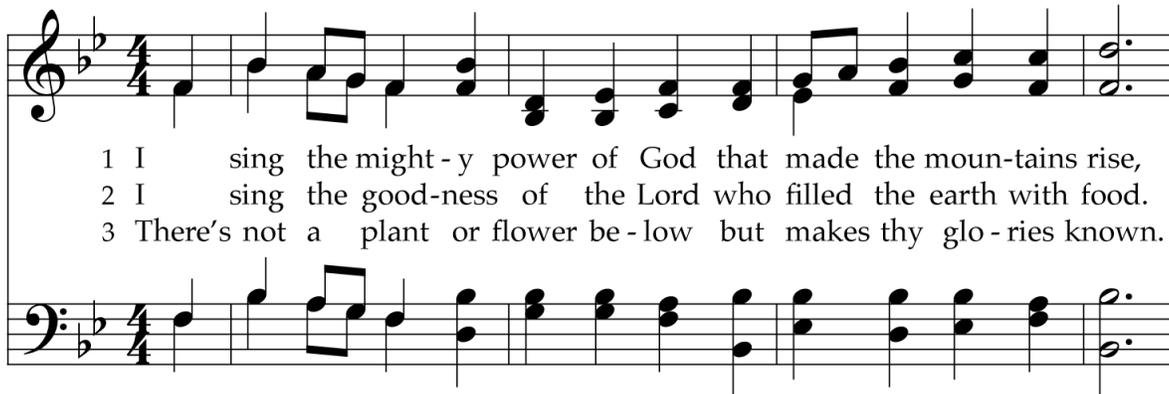
Yours in Christ, the Stewardship Committee

Thank you, Dr. Patricia Thompson for providing our special music this week. Dr. Patricia Thompson is the Voice Professor at K-State: School of Music, Theatre, and Dance.

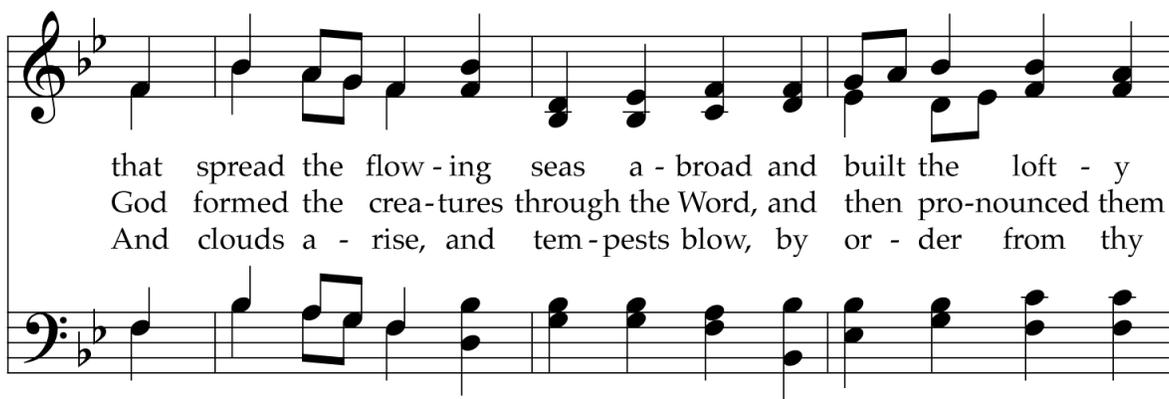
## **Prayer Corner**

If you would like to be included in the prayer corner of the weekly email, please contact the church office at 785-537-0518.

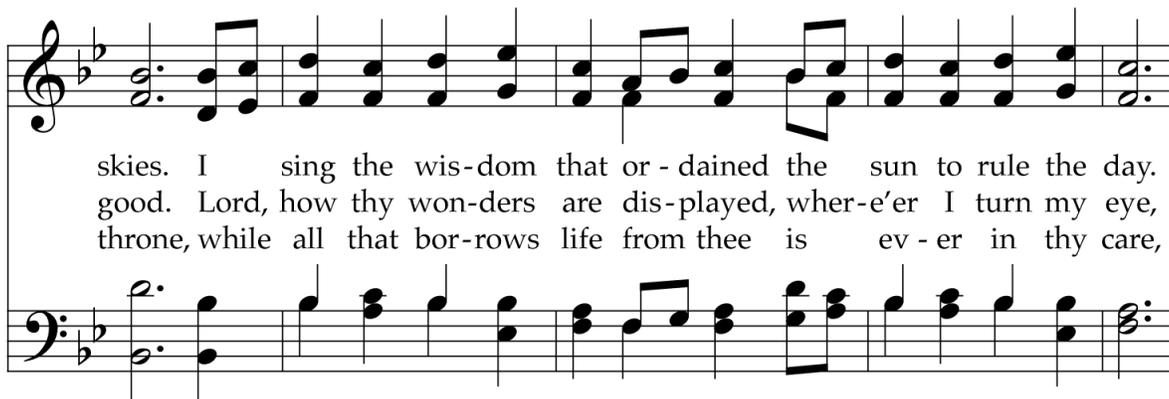
## 32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God



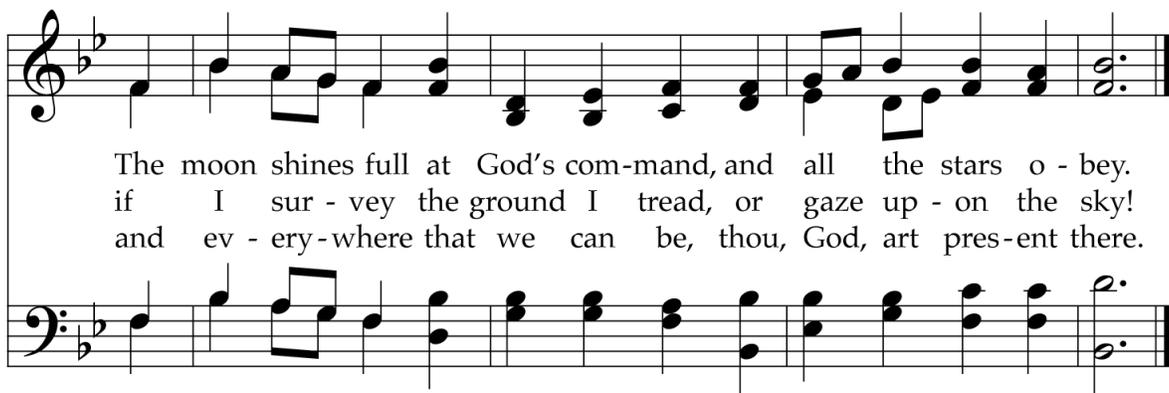
1 I sing the might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,  
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.  
 3 There's not a plant or flower be-low but makes thy glo-ries known.



that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad and built the loft-y  
 God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them  
 And clouds a-rise, and tem-pests blow, by or-der from thy



skies. I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day.  
 good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,  
 throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev-er in thy care,



The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o-bey.  
 if I sur-vey the ground I tread, or gaze up-on the sky!  
 and ev-ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

With minimal revision this text brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed "Praise for Creation and Providence." The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder.

## 643 Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es,  
 2 O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,  
 3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in high - est heav - en,

who won - drous things hath done, in whom this world re - joic - es;  
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;  
 to Fa - ther and to Son and Spir - it now be giv - en:

who, from our moth - ers' arms, hath blessed us on our way  
 and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when per - plexed,  
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom heaven and earth a - dore,

with count - less 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 ev - er - more.

Although this hymn is often used on large and festive occasions, its first two stanzas had much humbler beginnings: they originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years' War (1618–1648). These words have been associated with this tune since the mid-17th century.