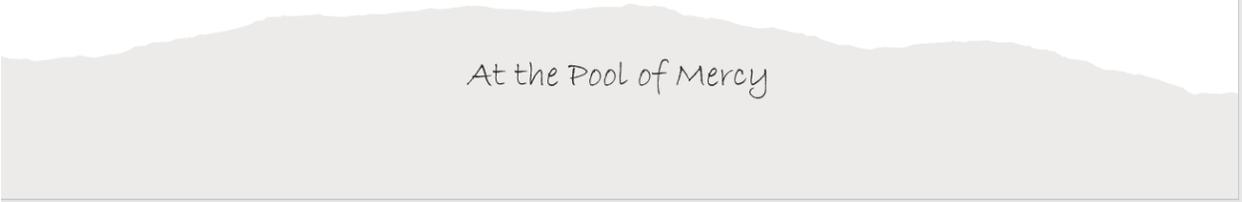


"Arise!
Pick up your mat
and walk."
John 5:8



At the Pool of Mercy

Ebensburg Presbyterian Church
7th Sunday of Easter
May 16, 2021

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GATHERING

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Lord, open our eyes this morning that we can see you and perceive your hidden treasures of grace. Open our ears, that we may hear and our hearts that we may heed the words that you say to us in this worship, through hymns and your Word. Let our love for you be made evident by our worship and readiness as we obey the guidance and leadership of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Blessed are those whose delight is in the law of the Lord,
who meditate on it day and night.

**They grow like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit in season
and out of season.**

Their soul never withers,
they prosper and blossom.

**They worship the Lord their God,
and praise him for his great works on earth.**

*HYMN #262 God of Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

*CALL TO CONFESSION: (responsively)

Draw near to God,
and God will draw near to you.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

O Christ who prayed for us, died for us, and lives for us, you taught us that we belong to you, and your word is our truth. Forgive us, O Lord, when we live as if we belonged only to our-selves. Forgive us, O Lord, when we foolishly think that power is the ultimate truth. Speak your words of peace to us this day and make our lives a testimony to your grace. For you are the source of life itself, and only in you can we truly live. Amen. (Silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (responsively)

Acts 10:43

And not only us, but all the prophets agree in their writings that everyone who believes in him receives complete forgiveness of sins through the power of his name.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed and sent!

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST: (responsively)

The Peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

(Please share the peace of Christ with those around you.)

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: *(in unison)*

Guide us, O God, by your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

FIRST READING: 1 John 5:9–13 Page 991

SECOND READING: John 5:1-9 Page 866

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON: AT THE POOL OF MERCY

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

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.

*HYMN # 81 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken
(in Colver Hymnal—see insert)

*BLESSING AND CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

2 Pet. 3:18

Grow in the grace and knowledge,
of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
To him be the glory
both now and to the day of eternity. Amen

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Psalm 67 Song of Praise

God, keep us near your mercy-fountain and bless us!
And when you look down on us, may your face beam with joy!^[a]

Pause in his presence

² Send us out all over the world so that everyone everywhere
will discover your ways and know who you are
and see your power to save.

³ Let all the nations burst forth with praise;
let everyone everywhere love and enjoy you!

⁴ Then how glad the nations will be when you are their King.
They will sing, they will shout, for you give true justice to the people.

Yes! You, Lord, are the shepherd of the nations!

⁵ No wonder the peoples praise you!
Let all the people praise you more!

⁶ The harvest of the earth is here!
God, the very God we worship,
keeps us satisfied at his banquet of blessings.

⁷ And the blessings keep coming!
All the ends of the earth will give him
the honor he deserves and be in awe of him!

PRAYER LIST

If you have any names you would like added to the Prayer List, please call the church office at 472-6920 or place the names in the Offering Baskets near each of the front entrances. Thank you.

Jim Brown

Len Dixon

Jamie

John Magyar

Jeff Vietmeier

Randy Wike

Todd Youngblood

Ashton Dixon

Donald Lewis

Anne Sedor Johnson

Curtis Mellott

Colleen Wagner

Chris Wolfe

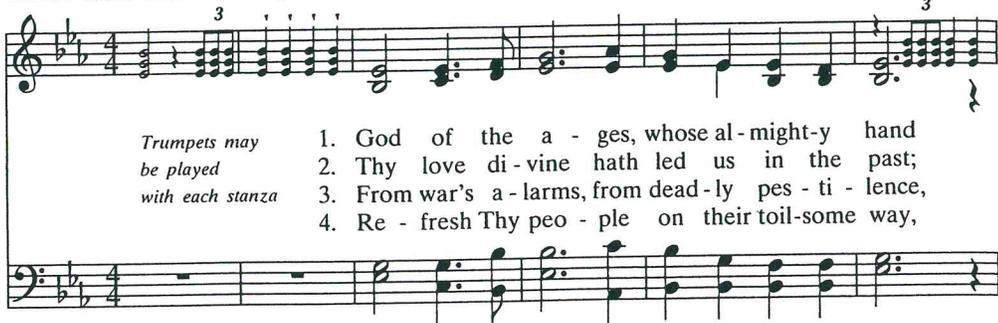
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NATIONAL HYMN 10.10.10

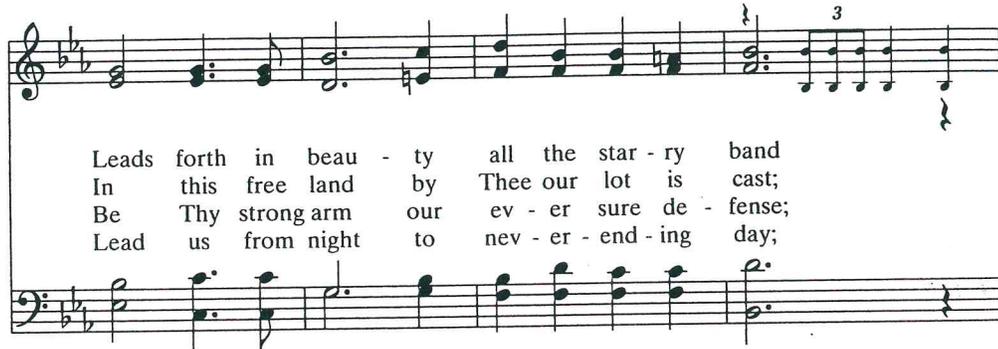
Daniel Crane Roberts, 1876; alt.

George William Warren, 1892

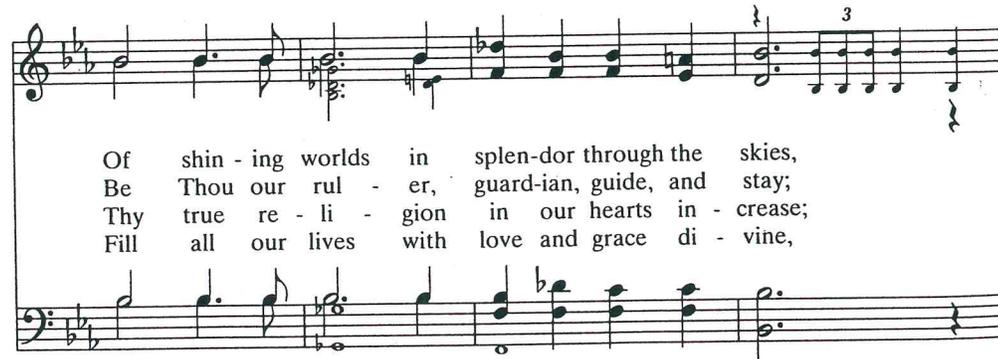


*Trumpets may
be played
with each stanza*

1. God of the a - ges, whose al - might - y hand
2. Thy love di - vine hath led us in the past;
3. From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti - lence,
4. Re - fresh Thy peo - ple on their toil - some way,



Leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
Be Thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense;
Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;



Of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
Be Thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay;
Thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease;
Fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,



Our grate - ful songs be - fore Thy throne a - rise.
Thy word our law, Thy paths our cho - sen way.
Thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
And glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er Thine.

81 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.
 2 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
 3 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,

God, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.
 for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
 well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.

On the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
 Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows, their thirst to as - suage?

With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.
 Grace, so like the Lord the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.

The Nazi appropriation of this tune for propaganda purposes has clouded a noble piece of music first associated with this text in 1889. In a 1779 collection, the author indicated that this hymn is primarily based on Isaiah 33:20-21 with allusions to several other passages.

TEXT: John Newton, 1775, alt.
 MUSIC: Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797, alt.

AUSTRIAN HYMN
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