

# ST GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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Prelude

Call to Worship

One: We give you thanks, O Lord, with all our hearts

**All: for your faithful love ensures forever.**

One: We sing your praise, O Lord, with all our might

**All: for your promises speak of your goodness to all the earth.**

One: We place our trust in you, O Lord, with full confidence

**All: for your salvation continues from generation to generation. And so we come to worship you, O Lord, and lift up our hearts in praise.**

**\*\*Hymn: A mighty fortress is our God**

**315**

1. A mighty fortress is our God,  
a refuge never failing,  
our helper sure amid the flood  
of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe  
yet seeks to work us woe  
with craft and power great  
and, armed with cruel hate,  
on earth has not an equal.
2. Did we in our own strength confide,  
our striving would be losing,  
were not a Saviour on our side,  
the One of God's own choosing.  
Who is this Saviour, who?  
Christ Jesus, living, true.  
Lord Sabaoth by name,  
from age to age the same,  
already wins the battle.

3. **And though this world, with evil filled,  
should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God has willed  
the truth to triumph through us:  
the powers of death and hell  
our God will surely quell:  
their rage we can endure,  
for look! their doom is sure:  
one little word will fell them.**

4. **That Word above all earthly powers —  
no thanks to them! — abiding,  
ensures that all God's gifts are ours,  
through Christ in us residing,  
whose summons rings above  
all goods, all earthly love.  
Earth's powers waste a way;  
God's word endures alway,  
whose reign will last forever.**

Prayer — The Lord's Prayer (spoken)

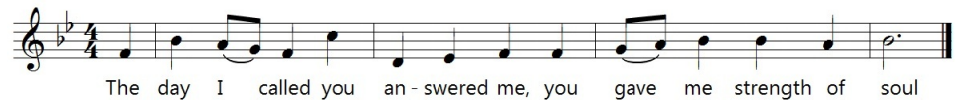
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy  
kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as  
we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but  
deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen**

## Scripture Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 51:1, 6–8

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended. Listen to me, you who know righteousness, you people who have my teaching in your hearts; do not fear the reproach of others, and do not be dismayed when they revile you. For the moth will eat them up like a garment, and the worm will eat them like wool; but my deliverance will be forever, and my salvation to all generations.

Psalm 138 *Refrain 1*



- 1 I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I sing your praise;
- 2 **I bow down toward your holy temple and give  
thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your  
faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and  
your word above everything.**
- 3 On the day I called, you answered me,  
you increased my strength of soul.

- 4      **All the rulers of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,  
for they have heard the words of your mouth.**
- 5      **They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,  
for great is the glory of the Lord.**
- 6      For though the Lord is high, God regards the lowly;  
but perceives the haughty from far away.
- 7      **Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;**  
you stretch out your hand,  
and your right hand delivers me.
- 8      **O Lord, fulfill you purpose for me;  
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.  
Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

Second Reading: Matthew 16:13–20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

**\*\*Hymn: All hail the power of Jesus' name      363 vs 1, 3, 5**

- 1. All hail the power of Jesus' name; let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem to**

*Refrain*      **crown him, crown him, crown him,  
crown him Lord of all**

- 3. Yes seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed from the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace, and**      *Refrain*

- 5. Let every tribe and every tongue, responsive to the call,  
lift high the universal song, and**      *Refrain*

Sermon    Who Do You Say I Am?

Prayers of the People

**\*\*Hymn: Take my life, and let it be consecrated    637 vs 1–3, 6**

- 1. Take my life and let it be consecrated,  
Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days:  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

- 2. Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee.**

- 3. Take my voice and let me sing always,  
only for my King;  
take my lips and let them be  
filled with messages from thee.**

- 6. Take my love; my Lord,  
I pour at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself and I will be ever,  
only, all for thee.**

Announcements

Offering

**Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow 830**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

Prayer of Dedication

**\*\*Hymn: Just as I am, without one plea 682 vs 1–4**

- 1. Just as I am, without one plea,  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou biddest me come to thee,**

*Refrain* **O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

- 2. Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many\_a conflict, many\_a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,** *Refrain*

- 3. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
yea, all I need in thee I find,** *Refrain*

- 4. Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because they promise I believe,** *Refrain*

Benediction

Postlude

**Our thanks to Pastor Dan Chook Reid, organist Brenda Beckingham, and soloist Sharon Haidenger.**

### **Hymn 315**

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### **Hymns 637 and 682**

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### **Prayer in a Time of Pandemic**

O God, in our global distress we pray earnestly to you.  
God our Sanctuary, gather us when separated into your presence.  
God our Physician, heal those who have contracted the virus.  
God our Comforter, embrace all those who mourn the dead.  
God our Homeland, mother of all who are quarantined.  
God our Friend, accompany all who are alone or afraid.  
God our Guardian, protect nurses and physicians.  
God our Hope, assist researchers searching for a vaccine.  
God our Mighty Fortress, preserve our societies from devastation.  
God our Governor, guide the leaders of the nations toward wise policies.  
God of Everlasting Arms, in you we live and move and have our being.  
God our Creator, make once again a world of sabbath rest.  
God our Saviour, redeem the suffering world by your cross.  
God our Light, shine your radiant peace into our darkness.  
O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us. Amen.

*~ Professor Gail Ramshaw ~*