



*Worshipping, serving, and living with a fresh vision of  
God's vibrant energy and grace for all.*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 13, 2025 // 10am

**CENTERING WORDS:** On the one hand we are called to play the good Samaritan on life's roadside; but that will be only an initial act. One day we must come to see that the whole Jericho road must be transformed so that men and women will not be constantly beaten and robbed as they make their journey on life's highway.

~ Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., "A Time to Break Silence,"  
Riverside Church, New York

## ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

**PRELUDE**

*The Family of God*

Gaither

**RINGING THE BELL & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**GREETING**

One: The God of life be with you.

**All: And also with you!**

**GATHERING SONG** #203 *Jesu, Jesu* (Chorus x2)

Darren Parker

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: What must we do to inherit eternal life?

**All: Tell us what the Bible teaches.**

**You shall love the Lord your God**

**With all your heart, and with all your soul,**

**And with all your strength, and with all your mind.**

**And you shall love your neighbor as yourself.**

**We can love God, but our neighbor...**

**Just who is our neighbor, anyway?**

**All:** That's the wrong question.  
What's the right question then?  
How can we be good neighbors.  
Tell us what the Bible teaches.  
Show mercy, even for enemies  
Show kindness and compassion for those in need,  
Even those we don't like.  
This isn't getting any easier.  
The way of God isn't easy,  
But it's the only way that leads to life.  
Teach us Lord, Your servants are listening!

## **OPENING PRAYER**

Alan Martens

**\*HYMN** #692 *Spirit, Open My Heart*

## **INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

Rev. Dr. Paul Van Kempen

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**One:** My Lord God,  
I confess that I am the priest and the Levite.  
Not only did I walk past, I walked away.  
I was too busy, too frightened, my heart was too cold.  
In my own abundance,  
I was too poor in spirit to bear the cost.  
In my own comfort,  
I was too complacent to suffer any inconvenience.  
It was the Samaritan,  
a man despised and without pride of position or parentage,  
who was faithful and loving and who gave of himself sacrificially.

**All:** **God of healing, in your mercy,**  
**say that it is not too late for me.**  
**Another may have borne the burden,**  
**but I can go to the inn and sit with the traveler while he heals.**  
**I can bathe his wounds and feed him**  
**and lighten his spirit until the Good One returns.**  
**Grant me the grace to do that little service with a grateful heart;**  
**please stand with me so that I will not walk away**

and shun the greater service the next time.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,  
have mercy on me, the sinner. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### TIME WITH CHILDREN

*Won't You Be My Neighbor*

### MUSIC

*When the Poor Ones*

Darren Parker

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Deuteronomy 30: 11-14

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Luke 10: 25-37

One: For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us,  
for the Word of God within us,

All: Thanks be to God.

### SERMON

Rev. Cathy C. Hoop

\*HYMN #753 *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*From The Confession of Belhar, 1986*

All: We believe that God has entrusted the church  
with the message of reconciliation  
in and through Jesus Christ;  
that the church is called to be

the salt of the earth  
and the light of the world,  
that the church is called blessed  
because it is a peacemaker,  
that the church is witness  
both by word and by deed  
to the new heaven and the new earth  
in which righteousness dwells.

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

### **LIFE AT FIRST**

*Please take this time to sign the red Friendship Pad found on the pew near you. If you have a prayer request, you are invited to fill out a prayer card (found in the pew-backs) and put it in the offering plate. The ushers will deliver it to the pastors.*

### **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

#### **OFFERTORY**

*Under His Wings*

Wyrztzer / Sankey

#### **\*DOXOLOGY #606**

**All: Praise God whose image we all bear.  
Praise Christ whose mercy we all share.  
Praise Spirit making justice grow.  
One God from whom all blessings flow. Amen.**

#### **\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**All: Gracious and holy God,  
accept what we offer today:  
our checks and cash, our faltering steps,  
our brokenness, our leftovers,  
our hope, our risking, our lives.  
Bless and transform all that we offer  
and all that we hold back,  
that new life may be ours,  
to celebrate and share in Jesus' name. Amen**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: The Lord our God is one:

All: **We will love with all our heart, all our soul, all our strength.**

*Some choose to begin this prayer, "Our Creator," "Our Mother," or "Our Parent."*

All: **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 #727 *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant?*

## CARRYING GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

\*BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG #203 *Jesu, Jesu*

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**Worship Leaders:** Rev. Cathy Hoop, Rev. Paul Van Kempen, Beth Magennis,  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Wired Word** // Adult education continues to meet after worship on Sunday at 11:15 in the Michigan Room. Join us for conversations around current events as we consider them through the lens of faith and scripture. To receive the lesson ahead of time, contact Cathy ([cathy@fpcholland.org](mailto:cathy@fpcholland.org)). This class is also offered on Zoom

**Young Families (Villagers)** // Our next gathering will be July 16th at 5:30pm in Quincy Park east pavilion for a BBQ. We will provide the food and beverages...you provide the fun and camaraderie. Please RSVP to Cassie Kregger so we can plan food prep.

**Save the Date!** // Outdoor Discovery Center worship. Our annual outdoor service at the ODC will take place on Sunday, August 3.

**Host families Needed** // This summer, July 19-23, Avalon School of the Arts will be serving as the host community for Flag Dance Symbolica from Belgium through Blue Lake International. This group of 50 boys and young men, ages 14-20, will be with us for four days to experience life in West Michigan before they continue on to Canada for the rest of their tour. We are seeking host families that are willing to host two or more students in their home, giving them a fun West Michigan experience, provide them with meals and housing and include them in their family activities. They will be performing here in Holland on Monday night and we will also organize group potluck beach day. If you are willing to welcome some of these wonderful young dancers into your home, or would like some more information, please email Marie Burkholder at [info.avalonschoolofthearts@gmail.com](mailto:info.avalonschoolofthearts@gmail.com).

**Annual Shrimp Boil** // Join us Saturday, August 9th at 6pm at the Rund-Scott's home (1334 Heather Drive). They have a large back yard with games for kids and adults. If its inclement weather we will have the shrimp boil in Fellowship Hall. You have the choice of seasoned or unseasoned shrimp or hot dogs. Young families are invited and **kids eat free**. Cost is \$12 per adult (**due when you sign-up**) plus bring a side dish to pass. We will provide ice water and lemonade (you are invited to bring your own beverage if you would like something different). Dessert will be ice cream with lots of topping choices. We are offering bus transportation to those seniors that ride the bus on Sundays. Sign up and pay in the lobby and indicate your food choice. This event takes the place of the 3rd Wednesday Young Families event in August. *Hope to see you there!*

**Habitat for Humanity** // Future Habitat work dates to put on your calendar are August 20 and Sept 11. These two dates are 'all day' work hours. Questions can be directed to [wehaines@icloud.com](mailto:wehaines@icloud.com)

**Presbyterian Women** // As we learn about the terrible flooding in Texas and the terrible loss of family members and homes, our Presbyterian Women took items needed to the PW Synod Gathering for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance as they respond to the needs of the region. The timing was perfect for our congregation, who donated: 136 gallon freezer bags, 28 bars of soap, 2 large boxes of Kleenex, 6 boxes of Band-aids, 8 toothbrushes, 5 toothpaste, 11 floss packages, 9 combs, plus body powder and eye drops. **We thank you!**

Also, PW study leader Bev Plagenhoef needs your booklet order for the new Bible Study this fall – FINDING RESILIENCE, JOY and OUR IDENTITY IN JESUS CHRIST. Please let her know by July 31. ([rbplagen@live.com](mailto:rbplagen@live.com))

# 203 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Capo 3: (D) (A7)  
*Refrain* F C7

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love; show

(D) (D/F#) (Em7) (A7) (D)  
 F F/A Gm7 C7 F *Fine*

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

(D) (Bm) (Em) (A)  
 F Dm Gm C

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their  
 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and  
 3 These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should  
 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, will - ing to wash oth - ers'

(D) (Bm) (Em7) (A7) (D)  
 F Dm Gm7 C7 F *to Refrain*

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
 race; neigh-bors are near us and far a - way.  
 love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.  
 feet; this is the way we should live like you.

## Spirit, Open My Heart

*Refrain* Capo 3: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A7)  
F B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  C7

Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of

(Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7) (Bm) (D/A) (Em)  
Dm F/C B $\flat$  C7 Dm F/C Gm

liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing

(D) (G) (Em7) (D) (G) (D)  
F B $\flat$  Gm7 F B $\flat$  F *Fine*

and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

(D) (G) (D) (G)  
F B $\flat$  F B $\flat$

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's  
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my  
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

(A7) (Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7)  
C7 Dm F/C B $\flat$  C7

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and  
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and  
sis - ter, broth - er. In the wel - come of

(Bm) (Em7) (D) (G2) (G)  
Dm Gm7 F B $\flat$ 2 B $\flat$  *to Refrain*

fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.  
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.  
Christ, may we wel - come one an - oth - er.

# 753 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Prayer of St. Francis



1 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where  
 2 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where  
 4 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It



there is ha-tred, let me bring your love. Where  
 there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope. Where  
 is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, in



there is in-ju-ry, your par-don, Lord, and  
 there is dark-ness, on-ly light, and  
 giv-ing of our-selves that we re-ceive, and in



where there's doubt, true faith in you.  
 where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy.  
 dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life.



3 O, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek so



much to be con-soled as to con-sole, to be

# 753 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Prayer of St. Francis

G Em F#m Bm

un - der-stood as to un - der - stand, to be

E E7 A E A A7

loved as to love with all my soul.

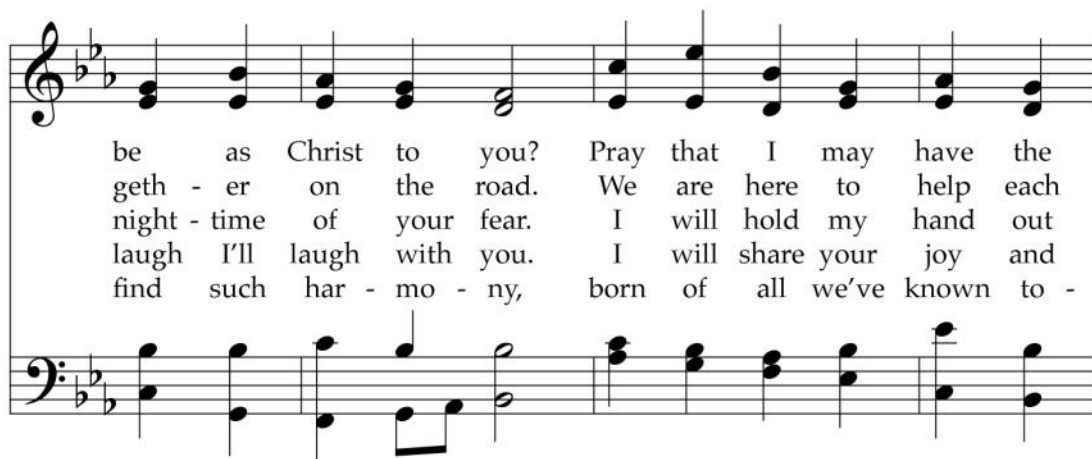
*to Stanza 4*

# Will You Let Me Be Your Servant 727

## The Servant Song



1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me  
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -  
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the  
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you  
5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall



be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the  
geth - er on the road. We are here to help each  
night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out  
laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and  
find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -



grace to let you be my ser - vant too.  
oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.  
to you, speak the peace you long to hear.  
sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

(repeat stanza 1)

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# 2025 TX Hill Country Flooding



*God is our refuge and  
strength therefore  
we will not fear,  
though the waters  
roar and foam.*

(Psalm 46)

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is coordinating a response with the Synod of the Sun Partnership for Disaster Recovery and Mission Presbytery following flash flooding in the Texas Hill Country that resulted in more than 100 lives lost. The response includes support for Mission Presbytery staff and volunteers, material aid such as flood buckets and more. **Recovery work is ongoing**, and assessment of the long-term needs is just beginning.

**God's people are called to bridge the GAP—Give. Act. Pray.**

**GIVE:** Scan the QR code to give online, call 1-800-728-7228 ext.5885 or mail a check using the below reply device.

**ACT:**

- Assemble flood buckets, visit [pcusa.org/gohkits](http://pcusa.org/gohkits) for information
- Stay informed and like us on Facebook ([facebook.com/PDAcares](https://facebook.com/PDAcares)) and share updates with your congregation.



**PRAY:** *God, who shaped the waters of chaos into Creation,  
We come before you brokenhearted, overwhelmed by the power of raging waters  
inundating this place of beauty and respite, leaving terror and sorrow in its wake.  
We thank you for the lives saved in the midst of this devastation.  
We grieve with those who have lost their loved ones. Comfort and console them,  
O God, as we stand with them in your love.  
Amen*

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### **Children's Programming During Worship:**

Children of all ages are encouraged and welcome to be with us during worship. If you prefer an alternative:

- Nursery: Newborn - 3 years of age. Available for the whole service.
- Celebration Time - 4 years of age through 1st grade. Available after Children's Time.

### **Education Offerings After Worship:**

Education hour is from 11:15a -12:00p. *All are welcome to participate!*

- Adult Class - Michigan Room
- Youth - Youth Room
- Worship Center - PreK - 5th grade
- Nursery - Newborn through 3 years

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