

RAMAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



July 18, 2021
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Come into the presence of the Most High God
with songs of praise and shouts of thanksgiving.

For our Savior frees us from slavery;

our Savior heals our diseases;

our Savior is our peace.

You are a holy temple in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Come; let us worship God.

✦ HYMN

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Even our best intentions go awry
when we are not at one with God’s purpose.

Our gracious God journeys with us
and provides for us with unending mercy, patience, and kindness
so that when we repent, we find ourselves forgiven.

Let us confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, your steadfast love endures forever.

**We confess that we act as if we are in control
as if you will bless whatever we do.**

**If we think of others at all, it is with an eye
toward their usefulness to us.**

If we consider your creation, it is to ponder what benefits us.

**We have failed to show your love
or to do justice in obedience to you.**

We have no right to be called your children.

Have mercy on us, God of grace.

Lord, have mercy.

Forgive our sins, we humbly pray.

**Put the mind of Christ within us, O God,
so that our lives take the form of a cross.**

Use us to break down walls of hostility within the church,
among the nations, and around the world.
Equip us to do your will, giving you glory, honor, and praise
together with the Son and the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever. Amen..

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?
Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
Know that we are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

✠ RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS “Gloria Patri” # 581

*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*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT Psalm 23

✠ HYMN “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us” # 187

NEW TESTAMENT Acts 16:25-32

SERMON “Life-Changing Grace”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles’ Creed [page 35]

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Prayer [page 35]

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

✠ DOXOLOGY

#606

✠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✠ HYMN

"God Of Grace And God Of Glory"

#307

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ POSTLUDE

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Guest Minister:

Rev. Darrell Van Pelt

Music Director:

Mr. Timothy Ward

Elder Class <i>of</i> 2021	Elder Class <i>of</i> 2022	Elder Class <i>of</i> 2023
Chelsea Hawkins	Kim Bradford (clerk)	Bill Bradford
Shannon Ward	Kay Skipper	Robin Helms

HYMN# 396 PAGE 1
Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

GATHERING

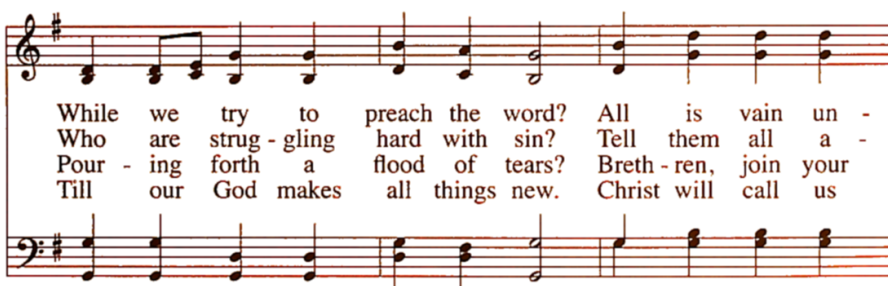
938 Holy Manna



1. Breth - ren, we have met to wor - ship And a - dore the
2. Sis - ters, will you come and help us? Mo - ses' sis - ters
3. Is there here a trem - bling jail - er, Seek - ing grace and
4. Let us love our God su - preme-ly, Let us love each



Lord our God. Will you pray with all your pow - er
aid - ed him. Will you help the trem - bling mourn - ers
filled with tears? Is there here a weep - ing Mar - y
oth - er, too. Let us love and pray for sin - ners



While we try to preach the word? All is vain un -
Who are strug - gling hard with sin? Tell them all a -
Pour - ing forth a flood of tears? Breth - ren, join your
Till our God makes all things new. Christ will call us



less the Spir - it Of the ho - ly One comes down.
bout the Sav - ior. Tell them that he will be found.
cries to help them, Sis - ters, let your prayers a - bound!
home to heav - en, At his ta - ble we'll sit down.

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Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

GATHERING



Breth - ren, pray, and ho - ly man - na
Sis - ters, pray, and ho - ly man - na
Pray, oh, pray, that ho - ly man - na
Christ will gird him - self and serve us



Will be show - ered all a - round.
Will be show - ered all a - round.
Will be scat - tered all a - round.
With sweet man - na all a - round.

Text: George Atkins, 1793-1827
Tune: HOLY MANNA, 8 7 8 7 D; William Moore, fl. 1830

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us 187

1 Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.
 2 We are yours: in love be - friend us; be the guard-ian of our way.
 3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor; ear - ly let us do your will.

In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us; for our use your fold pre-pare.
 Keep your flock: from sin de - fend us; seek us when we go a-stray.
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.
 Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us: we are yours.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us; love us still.

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This unattributed hymn, like many that are now meaningful to adults, was written for children and develops shepherd imagery from Psalm 23 and John 10:1–18. The tune, composed for these words, was originally named for the text but has come to be known by the composer's name.

307 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

TEXT: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930, alt.
 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

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