

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Sunday, January 9, 2022 - 10:30 am Service**

**Baptism of the Lord**

Please silence electronic devices during worship.  
+This sign is an indication to stand as you are able.

**Prelude**

*"The Peace may be exchanged."*

TIM EVERS, ORGAN

Dan Locklair

**Introit**

*Behold, God Is My Salvation*

QUARTET

Thiman

**Call to Worship** *(in unison)*

The voice of God resounds upon the water. The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream. The Son of God is named, "Beloved." And all who worship shout out, "Glory!" Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength. Let us worship God in holy splendor.

**+ Hymn 156** *Sing of God Made Manifest*

SALZBURG

**+ Prayer of Confession** *(in unison)*

We are precious in your sight, yet we often forget that we are your beloved. We confess that our love is fickle and inconstant. We follow selfish goals and deny that our way of life harms others and hurts your world. We are sorry and we want to change. Create in us a clean heart, strengthen our resolve, reconcile us one to another, and bless us with your peace. Amen.

**+ Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**+ Gloria Patri** (Hymn 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.*

**+ Affirmation of Faith: 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.

----- Seating Interval -----

**Time with the Children**

Kelli Masters

**Baptism**

Maximus Augustus McCullough - son of Robert & Kelly McCullough

## **First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 43:1–7**

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Prayer Concerns and Choral Orison**

*Take, O Take Me as I Am*

Bell

QUARTET

## **Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (in unison)**

**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 688 *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart***

MORECAMBE

## **Announcements and Offering**

*Giving by text is an easy way to give. Simply text the word GIVE (not case sensitive) to our church's Giving Number (610 819 4483). If it's your first time, you'll be prompted to register before completing your gift. If you've given before, you can give immediately without having to re-enter any of your information.*

## **Musical Offertory**

*Creator of the Stars of Night*

Dale Wood

QUARTET

Creator of the stars of night, thy people's everlasting light, O Christ, thou Savior of us all, We pray thee, hear us when we call. To thee the travail deep was known that made the whole creation groan till thou, Redeemer, shouldest free thine own in glorious liberty. And when the world drew on toward night, thou camest, not in splendor bright as monarch, but the humble child of Mary, blameless mother mild. At thy great name of Jesus, now all knees must bend, all hearts must bow; and things celestial thee shall own, and things terrestrial, Lord alone. Come in thy holy might, we pray; redeem us for eternal day from every power of darkness, when thou judgest all the sons of men. To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One, laud, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally. Amen.

## **+ Doxology (Hymn 606) and Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication**

**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. Amen.**

## **Second Scripture Reading: Luke 3:15–17, 21–22**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the

people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."  
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## **Sermon**

*Living into the "John complex"*

CHRISTOPHER HOLLAND

+ Hymn 840 *When Peace Like a River*

VILLE DU HAVRE

+ **Benediction and Choral Response**

*To Do the Work of God*

QUARTET

Lewis

## **Postlude**

*Baptism Dance*

TIM EVERS, ORGAN

Dan Locklair

## **LITURGISTS**

Richard Miller, Austin Ricketts, Katy Shevel

## **FLOWERS**

The Chancel flowers today are given to the Glory of God.

**We are pleased to welcome the Rev. Christopher Holland to our pulpit this morning.** For over 20 years he has served in various ministerial capacities throughout the Philadelphia tri-state area, most notably as the pastor of New Spirit Community Church (PCUSA) in Southwest Philadelphia. He has been a key driver of the unification of the New Spirit and Grace Christian Fellowship (UCC) churches to form Salt & Light where he currently serves as the Executive Pastor. Christopher joined The Common Place leadership team in 2018 as Convening Pastor and brought with him his gifts of strategic planning, pastoral care, community engagement, as well as his passion for family advocacy. He is now the Executive Director.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

- ♦ The rose on the pedestal celebrates the birth of Theodore Mills Berglund, son of Mills & Stephanie Berglund and grandson of Larry & Carolyn Berglund on December 14, 2021.
- ♦ PC(USA) Mission Partners of the Week: Tyler and Rochelle Holm serve in Mzuzu, Malawi, at the invitation of the Church of Central African Presbyterian (CCAP). Tyler serves on faculty at the University of Livingstonia and prepares future CCAP ministers, and Rochelle manages a program to help bring clean water and sanitation to the people of Malawi.

## **VIRTUAL ONLY CONGREGATIONAL TOWN HALL MTG. - TODAY! - 11:45 AM**

Please join us for a virtual town hall meeting to hear a presentation from Radnor Property Group regarding their proposed apartment development on the WPC parking lot property and hear from our Administration Committee regarding the reasons this project merits serious consideration. Members are encouraged to join the meeting to learn about the proposed project in advance of a congregational vote at our annual meeting on February 6. The registration link can be found on the church homepage at [www.waynepres.org](http://www.waynepres.org). Registrants will receive a confirmation email including the Zoom link. Presentation materials will be made available on the website following the meeting. Please contact Doug McBrearty at [dmcbr@gulphcreek.us](mailto:dmcbr@gulphcreek.us) with any questions.

## upcoming events

### A SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING UPDATED COVID PROTOCOLS AT THE CHURCH

As we are observing Covid cases rising, we feel called to take steps to help limit exposure within our church community. To accomplish this goal, we are temporarily pivoting to virtual-only worship services, programs, classes, and committee meetings for two more weeks. We plan to resume both in-person and Visit [waynepres.org](http://waynepres.org) for the most up-to-date information and to see how specific events are affected.

### UPDATE FOR THE WPC BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION IN JANUARY

*Amish Grace: How Forgiveness Transcended Tragedy*. Start reading now and join us on the new date - Sunday, January 30 at 9:00am or 10:30am. A Zoom option will be January 31 at 7:00pm. You can purchase a book during the week at the church office, M-F 8:30 - 4:30, for \$10. Email Janice Mack [gardengirl65@gmail.com](mailto:gardengirl65@gmail.com) with questions.

### THE WOMEN'S RETREAT IS POSTPONED UNTIL MARCH

Due to Covid concerns the WinGS Committee has postponed the Women's retreat, originally scheduled for January 21 & 22 until March. Be on the lookout for updated information regarding specific dates and times as well as registration.

### THURSDAY MORNING MEN'S MINISTRY - 7:00 AM - VIA ZOOM THROUGH JANUARY

Rev. Dr. Tim Pretz will be our guest speaker on *Understanding forgiveness and God's providence*. Questions? Please contact Tim Pretz ([tpretz@eastern.edu](mailto:tpretz@eastern.edu)) or Sal Ambrosio ([sambrosio55@gmail.com](mailto:sambrosio55@gmail.com)) for Zoom link.

### UPDATE FOR WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY START TIMES

Word before Work will delay their start until January 26th, offering a hybrid format.  
Women in the Word will delay their start until January 26th, offering a hybrid format.  
MOMs currently remains unaffected, and is set to begin on January 27th.

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#### Clerk of Session

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## Sing of God Made Manifest 156



- 1 Sing of God made man - i - fest in a child ro - bust and blest,
- 2 Sing of God made man - i - fest when at Jor - dan John con - fessed,
- 3 Sing of God made man - i - fest when Christ came as wed - ding guest
- 4 Sing of God made man - i - fest on the cloud-capped moun-tain's crest,



to whose home in Beth - le - hem where a star had guid - ed them,  
 "I should be bap - tized by you, but your bid - ding I will do."  
 and at Ca - na gave a sign, turn - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
 where the law and proph - ets waned so that Christ a - lone re - main - ed:



ma - gi came and gifts un - bound, signs mys - te - rious and pro - found:  
 Then from heaven a dou - ble sign—dove - like Spir - it, voice di - vine—  
 fur - ther still was love re - vealed as he taught, for - gave, and healed,  
 glimpse of glo - ry, pledge of grace, given as Je - sus set his face



myrrh and frank - in - cense and gold grave and God and king fore - told.  
 hailed the true A - noint - ed One: "This is my be - lov - ed Son."  
 bring - ing light and life to all who would lis - ten to God's call.  
 towards the wait - ing cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.



"Epiphany" means "manifestation" or "showing forth," and this text cites key disclosures of Jesus as Messiah: the coming of the Magi, his baptism by John the Baptist, the wedding at Cana. All are summed up in the Transfiguration, recalled on the Last Sunday after the Epiphany.

# Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart 688

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,  
 3 Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King;  
 4 Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh.  
 5 Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love,

wean it from earth; through all its puls - es move;  
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,  
 all, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
 Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,  
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,  
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - pening skies;  
 I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
 to check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh.  
 the bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed Dove,

and make me love thee as I ought to love.  
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
 O let me seek thee, and O let me find!  
 Teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.  
 my heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

This reflection on Galatians 5:25 was written by a literary Anglican clergyman whose preaching drew people of many social classes to one of the formerly poorer London churches. The tune was created for "Abide with Me" (no. 836) but more often appears with the present text.

## 840 When Peace like a River

## It Is Well with My Soul

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
 3 He lives: O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought. My  
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

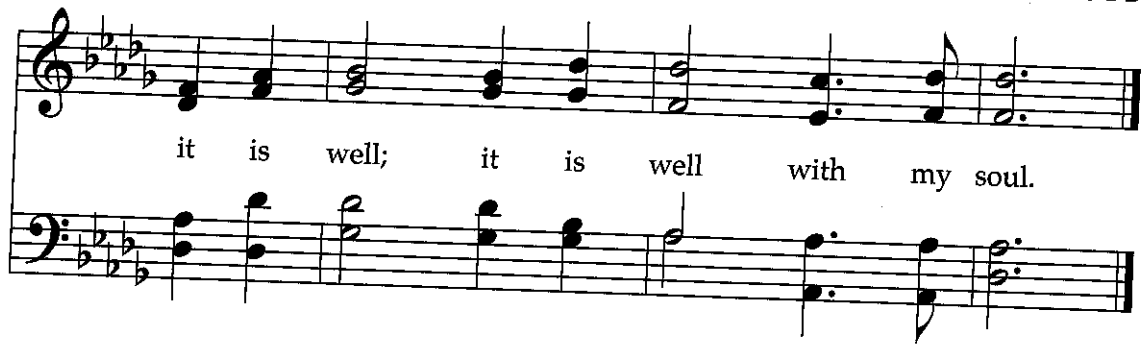
sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I  
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

## Refrain

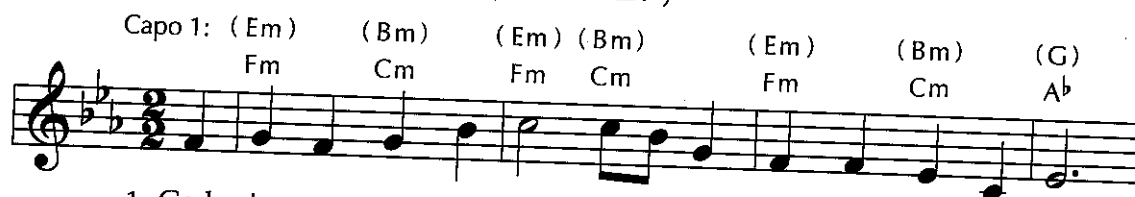
It is well with my soul;  
 It is well with my soul;  
 It is well with my soul;

This text is a remarkable expression of faith born of grief. The author, an active Presbyterian layman who had just lost four daughters in a tragic shipwreck, wrote it while sailing to Paris to meet his wife, who had survived. The tune was named for the ship that sank.

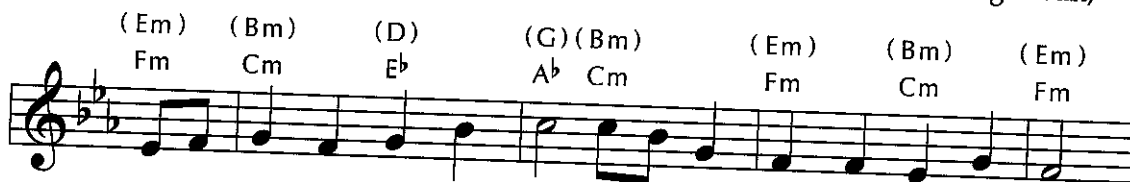


## God Is My Strong Salvation 841

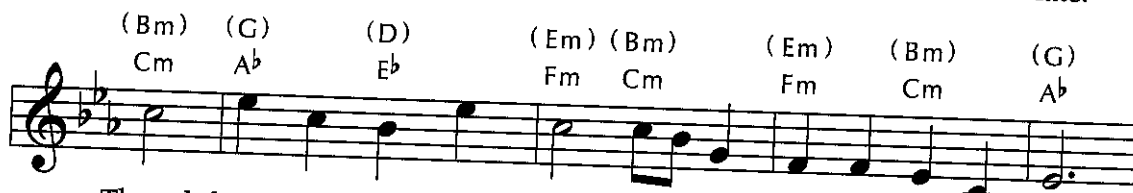
(Psalm 27)



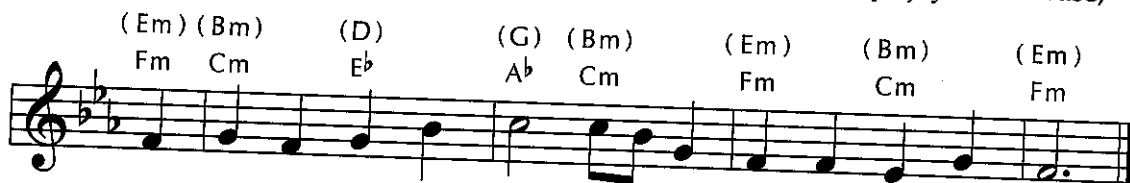
1 God is my strong sal - va - tion; what foe have I to fear?  
2 Place on the Lord re - li - ance; my soul, with cour-age wait;



In per - il and temp - ta - tion my light, my help, is near.  
God's truth be thine af - fi - ance, when faint and des - o - late.



Though hosts en-camp a - round me, firm to the fight I stand;  
God's might thy heart shall strength-en; God's love thy joy in - crease;



what ter - ror can con - found me, with God at my right hand?  
mer - cy thy days shall length - en; the Lord will give thee peace.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

Preserving the author's intention, his abbreviated paraphrase of Psalm 27 appears here in two eight-line stanzas, the first containing general affirmations and the second assurances to his fainting soul. This sense of resolution is strengthened by the sturdy shape note tune.