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June 16, 2024

9:45 AM

**Summer of Fun & Games**

**Including a Celebration of the Ministry of Denny Daugherty**

*Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are a guest, we invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.*

*We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back narthex where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We have children's books and activity bags for them to enjoy! Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!*

**PRAISE TEAM OPENER**      *All About That Grace*      music by Trainor & Kadish

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>**

L: The heavens are telling the glory of God

**C: May our worship reflect God's glory.**

L: The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

**C: May we see each other as the handiwork of God.**

L: Let our prayer and praise, our singing and proclamation project the love of God.

**C: We join our voices with Christians around the world, with Christians throughout time.**

L: With Christians across geography and across time, we join God's song

**C: Let us worship! Let us sing!**

L: We invite you to stand as comfortable for our gathering hymn. Come friends, let us join to sing!

**\*OPENING HYMN** (see next page)

*Come Christians, Join to Sing*

# Come, Christians, Join to Sing


$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano



1. Come, Chris-tians, join to sing Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!  
2. Come, lift your hearts on high, Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!  
3. Praise yet our Christ a-gain, Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!

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loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
let prais-es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

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Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re-joice;  
Christ is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll con - de-scend;  
On heav-en's bliss - ful shore his good-ness we'll a - dore,

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praise is his gra-cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

## \*TIME OF CONFESSION

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Together, let us pray,

**C: Too often, Lord God, we are hesitant in our proclamation; seeking safe and suitable opportunities to speak of our faith. Too often, Lord God, we are half-hearted in our service; reluctant to stand out from the crowd or to attract criticism. Too often, Lord God, we live as if dependent wholly on our own resources; relying on our perceived skills and modest insights. Too often, Lord God, we look to the clouds for our inspiration, in the vain hope of finding you there. Forgive the poverty of our efforts and the frailty of our faith and open wide our hearts and minds to the immanent presence of our Risen, Living and Ascended Lord Jesus Christ.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM

*Let Your Light Shine*

by Price/Besig

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SCRIPTURE

*Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 (NRSV)  
2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-15 (NRSV)*

### SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY (see next page)

*I Love to Tell the Story*



# I Love to Tell the Story (Traditional)

Katherine Hankey, 1866

William G. Fischer, 1869

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$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano

1. I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove. Of  
2. I love to tell the sto - ry; more won - der - ful it seems than  
3. I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis plea - sant to re - peat what  
4. I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best seem

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Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love. I  
all the gold - en fan - cies of all our gold - en dreams. I  
seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet. I  
hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it, like the rest. And

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love to tell the story, be - cause I know it's true; it sat - is - fies my  
love to tell the story, it did so much for me and that is just the  
love to tell the story, for some have nev - er heard the mes - sage of sal -  
when in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song 'twill be the old, old

15

long - ings as noth - ing else can do. I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill  
rea - son I tell it now to thee.  
- va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.  
sto - ry that I have loved so long.

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be my theme in glo - ry I'll tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his

25

love.

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

**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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## A TIME FOR SHARING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY

*In Christ Alone*

by Getty & Townend

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*Give Thanks*

**ALL SING:** Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the Holy One. Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. And now let the weak say I am strong, let the poor say I am rich, because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## LITURGY OF THANKSGIVING<sup>2</sup>: A TIME OF GRATITUDE AND PRAYER FOR DENNY DAUGHERTY

*During this time of celebration and sending, the congregation will be invited to join in prayer:*

L: Eternal God:

**C:** We thank you for Denny and for our life together in this congregation and community. You have led him by the Holy Spirit to serve your people in this place, to build up your Church, and to glorify your name. We have worked together for the sake of the Gospel. Together we sang, shared in laughed, grumbled at technology, and proclaimed your Word. In thanksgiving, we praise you for raising up this faithful servant among us for the music ministry of your Church. And we pray that Denny may continue to exemplify, in word and deed, the Gospel of your Son. Grant that we, in a new way, may continue to serve you in the Church on earth, and be brought to rejoice in your kingdom forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 476 NCH (black hymnal, see next page)

*How Can I Keep From Singing?*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Postlude*

*Nachspiel*

# My Life Flows On (How Can I Keep From Singing)

Robert Lowry, 1869

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♩ = 80  
Piano

1. My life flows on in end-less song; a - bove earth's lam - en -  
 2. What though my joys and com-forts die? My Sav - ior still is  
 3. When ty-rants trem - ble, sick with fear, and hear their death knells  
 4. I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin; I see the blue a -

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- ta - tion, I hear the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre -  
 liv - ing. What though the shad - ows gath - er 'round? A new song Christ is -  
 ring - ing; When friends re - joice both far and near, how can I keep from  
 - bove it; And day by day this path-way smooths, since first I learned to

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- a - tion. Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear the mu - sic  
 giv - ing. No storm can shake my in - most calm, while to that Rock I'm  
 sing - ing? In pris - on cell and dun-geon vile our thoughts to them are  
 love it. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er

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ring - ing; It finds an ech - o in my soul, how can I keep from sing - ing?  
 cling - ing; Since Love com-mands both heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing - ing?  
 wing - ing; When friends by shame are un - de - filed, how can I keep from sing - ing?  
 spring - ing; All things are mine since I am Christ's, how can I keep from sing - ing?

## **References**

<sup>1</sup>The Call to Worship is adapted from *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2012*, © 2011 Abingdon Press by Mary Scifres. Posted on the **Worship Elements** page of the **Ministry Matters** website. <http://www.ministrymatters.com/> and accessed 5/30/24 for use.

<sup>2</sup>The Liturgy of Thanksgiving at the End of a Ministry is adapted from the writings of The Rev. Thomas L. Weitzel, who shared the writing for use on *Liturgy and Church Renewed by TLW* on <https://www.liturgybytlw.com/OccPrs/EndofMin.html> and accessed for use 6/10/24

## **Volunteers**

Thank you to all serving in worship this morning!

**Welcome Team Members**—Scott Kiefer, Les & Doris Loucks, Barb Stebbins

**Liturgist**—Diane Strine

**Tech Team**—Elaine Bevivino, John Kollasch, Joe Vacante

**Praise Team**—Hayden Dallam, Olivia Daugherty, Mike Gibbs, Travis Pinci

**Worship Choir**—Andrea Adams, Tom Bair, Hayden Dallam, Lana Fritz, Mike Gibbs, Carol Hartman, Charlie Hull, Norma Hull, Catie Kiefer, Michael Maletz, Barb Neff, Melody Stine

