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## 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 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!

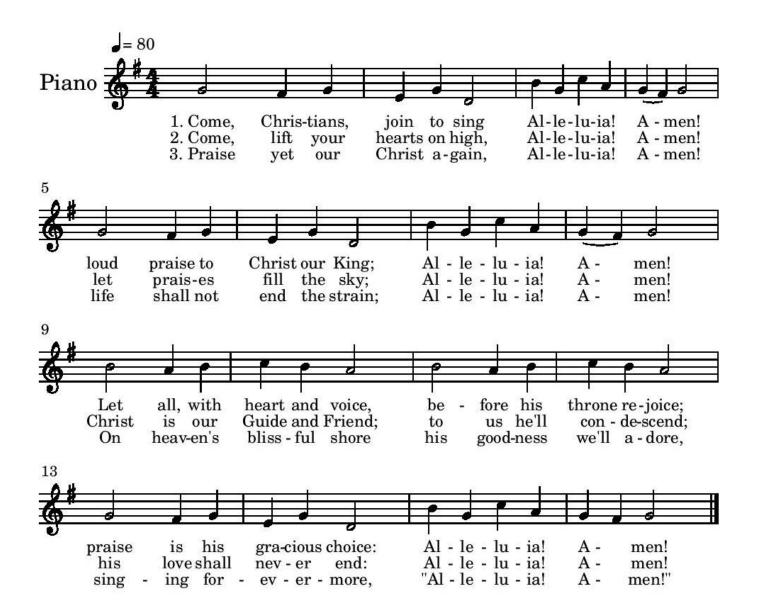
L: We invite you to stand as comfortable for our gathering hymn. Come friends, let us join to sing!

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

Come Christians, Join to Sing

music by Trainor & Kadish

## Come, Christians, Join to Sing



## \*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)



### 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
\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

by Getty & Townend *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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

for us. Give thanks.

### LITURGY OF THANKSGIVING2: 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.

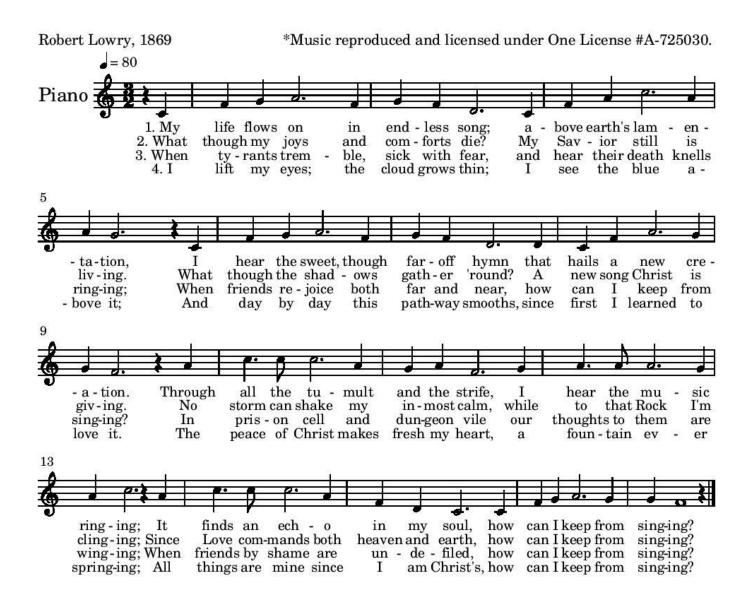
\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 476 NCH (black hymnal, see next page)

How Can I Keep From Singing?

\*BENEDICTION POSTLUDE

*Postlude* Nachspiel

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



## 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. <a href="http://www.ministrymatters.com/">http://www.ministrymatters.com/</a> 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 <a href="https://www.liturgybytlw.com/OccPrs/EndofMin.html">https://www.liturgybytlw.com/OccPrs/EndofMin.html</a> 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

<u>Liturgist</u>—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

