

First Presbyterian Church, New Haven, CT  
Worship Bulletin  
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June 21, 2020

Call To Worship

One: Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

**All: Sing stories still untold.**

One: The prophet tells us that the Lord will guide us continually, and satisfy our needs in parched places, and make our bones strong.

**All: So, we come back again and again and again.**

One: Our ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; we shall raise up the foundations of many generations;

**All: And we'll come back again and again and again.**

**All: Come, let us worship God!**

Hymn  
*Singers*

*Shall We Gather at the River*

*Davis Family*

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,  
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

Chorus:

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,  
We will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day.

Chorus

Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down;  
Grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown.

Chorus

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.

Chorus

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

(Hold silence)

Merciful God, again and again, you offer your children abundant life but we refuse to accept there is enough for everyone. Help us to never take for granted the food that we have, and forgive us when we tell ourselves that hunger is not our problem. Help us to never take for granted the positions of power that we have, and forgive us when we tell ourselves that racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, and ableism is not our problem. Again and again and again, O Holy God, forgive us. With your grace, disturb our complacency and bestir our compassion that we might contribute to the loosening of the bonds of injustice. Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

One: Hear the good news of the prophet's proclamation:

The Lord will guide you continually,

and satisfy your needs in parched places,

and make your bones strong;

and you shall be like a watered garden,

like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

Indeed, we believe a God whose love knows no bounds, whose justice sows peace, whose grace is applied liberally so that all of God's children might flourish and live. So, friends, believe the Good News:

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

Response Song - Fight the Good Fight v.4

Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near.

God changeth not, and thou art dear.

Only believe, and thou shalt see

That Christ is all in all to thee.

First Reading	Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18	
Prayer of Illumination		
Second Reading	Isaiah 58: 1-12	
Sermon	Highwomen	Rev. J.C. Cadwallader
Moment of Silence		
Prayers of the People		Taylor Lindquist, Student Intern
The Lord's Prayer		
Invitation to Offering		
Offertory	<i>It Is Well (With My Soul)</i>	Rev. Jenny Davis, Parish Associate Nate Lee, former student intern

When peace like a river, attendeth my way,  
 When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
 Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
 "It is well, it is well with my soul."

Chorus:

It is well (It is well)  
 With my soul (With my soul)  
 It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
 Let this blest assurance control,  
 That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
 And hath shed his own blood for my soul.

Chorus

My sin, O, the bliss of this glorious thought!  
 My sin, not in part but the whole

Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Chorus

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,  
Even so, it is well with my soul!

Chorus

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy God, we have chosen to fast. Not with ashes but with actions. Not with sackcloth but in sharing. Take these gifts and use them to bring forth Your light, to repair the breaches in our world, to repair the streets for humanity to live in again and again and again. Amen.

Charge/Benediction