

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

# *Palms Presbyterian Church*

Sunday, November 14, 2021 • 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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## WE COME TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

*Largo*  
*O God Beyond All Praising*

Henri Eccles  
arr. Anna Laura Page

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

*Fanfare and Alleluia*  
The Chancel Bells

Douglas Wagner

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Come, you who are burdened.

**Come worship God, who sets us free.**

Come, you who are weary.

**Come follow the Spirit, who gives us strength.**

Come, you who are seeking.

**Come listen to Christ, who teaches us the way.**

Come, you who are you willing.

**Let us worship God!**

## WE CELEBRATE GOD'S GRACE

\* Hymn (#619)

*Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy God, you are the God of the living, breathing life into every corner of death. Forgive us, Lord, when we do not recognize your life: when we ask the wrong questions or do not hear the answers; when we choose empty silence over faithful words; when we choose empty words over faithful silence; when we choose not to act when faithful action seems risky. Forgive us, O Lord, and fill us again with your life.

*(A moment for silent confession.)* Amen.

\* *Stand if able*

**Kyrie (#582)**

*You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!*

You are the Lord, giver of mercy.  
You are the Christ, giver of mercy.  
You are the Lord, giver of mercy.

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

**\* Response (#582)**

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

**[11:00] The Sacrament of Baptism (see insert)**

*Bailey James Steele, daughter of Jimmy & Katie Steele*

**\* Affirmation of Faith (Unison)**

The 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.

**Time for Children**

**Invitation to Offering**

**Offertory**

*Yesu Ananipenda: Jesus Loves Me*

arr. Cathy Moglebust

**\* Doxology (#606)**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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.

*[\* or "God"]*

**\* Prayer of Dedication & Illumination**

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading

Psalm 36:5-9

Anthem

*As the Wind Song*  
The Chancel Bells

arr. Carol Lynn Mizell

Second Reading

Matthew 5:43-48

Sermon

Perfect Love

Rev. Bryant Anderson

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* Response

*O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

Jacques Berthier

**Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer**

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 (#300)

*We Are One in the Spirit*

\* Charge & Benediction

Postlude

*Now Thank We All Our God*

Sigfried Karg - Elert

*The flowers on the chancel are given by Ginny Elliott in loving memory of my loved ones.*

### **Psalm 36:5-9**

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,  
your judgments are like the great deep;  
you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

You feast on the abundance of your house,

and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life;

in your light we see light.

### **Matthew 5:43-48**

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

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# We Are One in the Spirit 300

## They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em)  
Fm Cm Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;  
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;  
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;  
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)  
B<sup>b</sup>m Fm

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,  
we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,  
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,  
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)  
B<sup>b</sup>m Fm

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:  
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

*Refrain* (C) (Em)  
D<sup>b</sup> Fm

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our


(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)  
B<sup>b</sup>m Fm B<sup>b</sup>m Cm Fm B<sup>b</sup>m/F Fm

love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

# Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven 619

(Psalm 103)



1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; glad of heart your  
 2 Praise God for the grace and fa - vor shown our fore-bears  
 3 Like a lov - ing par - ent car - ing, God knows well our  
 4 An - gels, teach us ad - o - ra - tion; you be - hold God

car - ols raise; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
 in dis - tress; God is still the same for - ev - er,  
 fee - ble frame, glad - ly all our bur - dens bear - ing,  
 face to face. Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion,

who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 still to count - less years the same. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all your days!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing our Mak - er's faith - ful - ness!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! All with - in me, praise God's name!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

This adaptation of an older paraphrase of Psalm 103 (see no. 620) is informed by an awareness that much of the received language of religious traditions enshrines social values that obscure the goodness of God, which far transcends all our labels and categories and hierarchies.

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- People In baptism God claims us, and seals us to show that we belong to God. God frees us from sin and death, uniting us with Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection. By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the church, the body of Christ, and joined to Christ's ministry of love, peace, and justice.**
- Leader Let us remember with joy our own baptism as we celebrate this sacrament.

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Questions for the Parents & Congregation  
Affirmation of Faith  
Thanksgiving Over the Water  
The Baptism

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