

**St. Andrew Presbyterian Church**  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
February 16, 2025

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Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

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***Gathering Around the Word***

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**Centering Meditation**

"Live every day as if the Son of Man were at the door, and gear your thinking to the fleeting moment. Just how can it be redeemed? Walk as if the next step would carry you across the threshold of Heaven. Pray. That saint who advances on his knees never retreats." ~ Jim Elliot

**Ringing of the Bell**

**Prelude**

**I Need Thee Every Hour**

**Robert Lowry**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

One: Gather this day in silence and hope.

**All: We wait for God's word for us.**

One: Let your hearts and spirits be open.

**All: God is our strength and salvation.**

One: Wait patiently for the Lord.

**All: With willing hearts and spirits, we wait for the Lord. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn #344 Where Armies Scourge the Countryside**

**Call to Reconciliation**

One: Jesus has called us to leave our comfortable ways and venture forward with him. Yet, we are so often afraid, and it is easier for us to remain bound to our habits. Jesus knows our fears and offers us healing. Let us admit our need for reconciliation and confess our sins.

**Prayer of Confession**

**All: Lord of all good, we admit that we too often ignore your path because it is difficult. We focus on ourselves and our friends, rather than on the stranger in our midst. Help us to overcome our selfish and fearful tendencies. Help us to be catalysts for sharing your word in the world and be faithful in the midst of challenges. We come before you now, confessing our sins.**

## Silent Prayers

### Assurance of Pardon

One: In Hebrews Chapter 8, vs. 12, we are assured that God will be merciful toward our iniquities and will remember our sins no more. We are forgiven!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

### Passing of Christ's Peace

One: The peace of Christ always be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Response #600

Amen

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## *Proclaiming the Word*

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### Prayer for Illumination

One: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

First Reading	Psalm 2 (inclusive version)	Pew Bible p.424-25
Anthem	I Dream A World	Andre J. Thomas Langston Hughes
Second Reading	Daniel 10:10-21	Pew Bible p.727-28
Sermon	The Call of Daniel	Rev. Eric Koenig-Reinke

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## *Responding to the Word*

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Affirmation of Faith: Theological Declaration of Barmen, 8.11-12

All: **Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death. We reject the false doctrine that there are areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ but to other lords.**

Hymn #756

O God of Every Nation

Mission Focus

Our Neighbors are not for Sale

Eleanor Milroy

### **Invitation to the Offering**

One: God is always with us, and our gifts are our answer to God's goodness. Let us gather our gifts together now and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

**Offertory                      He's Got the Whole World in His Hands                      arr. Mark Hayes**

**Response #710                                              We Lift Our Voices**

### **Prayer of Dedication**

**All: Lord, we consecrate these offerings in faith, trusting that you will use them for your glory. May our faith in your promises grow as we give, knowing that you are faithful in all things. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

**All: Loving God, holy be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

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## ***Bearing and Following the Word Into the World***

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**Closing Hymn #339                                              Lift Every Voice and Sing**

### **Matters of Community**

**Postlude                      Swing Low, Sweet Chariot                                              arr. Mary McDonald  
                                            I Want Jesus to Walk With Me**

### **Charge and Benediction**

**All: Alleluia! Amen.**

#### Resources:

Call to Worship and Call to Reconciliation from Ministry Matters:

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/2240/worship-connection-january-24-2021>

Prayer for Illumination from the Glory to God Hymnal, p. 5  
Call to offering adapted from the United Church of Christ:

[https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/unitedchurchofchrist/legacy\\_url/3825/offering-invitations-for-ordinary-time.pdf?1418427555](https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/unitedchurchofchrist/legacy_url/3825/offering-invitations-for-ordinary-time.pdf?1418427555)

Prayer of dedication form Prayerslife: <https://www.prayerslife.com/prayers-of-dedication-of-offering/>

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# 344 Where Armies Scourge the Countryside Bring Peace to Earth Again

Capo 5: (Am) (Dm) (Am)  
Dm Gm Dm

1 Where ar - mies scourge the coun - try - side, and  
 2 Where an - ger fes - ters in the heart, and  
 3 Where homes are torn by bit - ter strife, and  
 4 O God, whose heart com - pas - sion - ate bears

(F) (Dm) (Em) (Am) (Bb)  
Bb Gm Am Dm Eb

peo - ple flee in fear, where si - rens scream through  
 strikes with cru - el hand; where vio - lence stalks the  
 love dis - solves in blame; where walls you meant for  
 ev - ery hu - man pain, re - deem this vio - lent,

(E) (Am) (F) (E)  
A Dm Bb A

flam - ing nights, and death is ev - er near:  
 trou - bled streets, and ter - ror haunts the land:  
 shel - tering care hide deeds of hurt and shame:  
 wound - ing world till gen - tle - ness shall reign.

Refrain (Am) (Dm) (G) (C) (F) (Dm) (Em) (Am)  
Dm Gm C F Bb Gm Am Dm

O God of mer - cy, hear our prayer. Bring peace to earth a - gain!

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This text was a response to several events: ethnic cleansing in the Balkans, the aftermath of the Oklahoma City bombing, revelations of child abuse, the general state of the world. For all such horrors, the only hope is the peace God offers. The tune name means "Peace, my God."

600

# Amen

A - men, a - men.

The first system of music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 2/2 time signature. It features a melodic line with a half note 'A', a quarter note 'men,', a half note 'a', and a quarter note 'men.' The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

The second system of music also consists of two staves. The top staff continues the melodic line with a half note 'A', a quarter note 'men,', a half note 'a', a quarter note 'men,', a half note 'a', and a quarter note 'men.' The bottom staff continues the harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text  
MUSIC: African American; arr. Nelsie T. Johnson, 1988

AMEN

# O God of Every Nation 756

1 O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery race and land,  
 2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,  
 3 Lord, strength-en those who la - bor that all may find re - lease  
 4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,

re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand.  
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,  
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;  
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

Where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,  
 from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,  
 when hope and cour - age fal - ter, your still small voice be heard;  
 till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and jus - tice reign

in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.  
 de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.  
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.  
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

If we truly believe that God cares for all people, we cannot limit our prayers and songs for peace to the welfare of our own nation, no matter how much we may love it. This challenging text is set to a stirring Welsh tune, named for a hamlet with a prominent Baptist chapel.

# We Lift Our Voices

## We Are an Offering

710

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of nine staves. The lyrics are: "We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering; we are an offering." The chords are: F, C, F, C, F, C, Dm7, F, C, F, C, C, F, G7, Em7, Asus A, Dm7, F, G, Esus E, Am, F, C, Bb, Dm, F, C, F, C, F, C, Dm7, C, Dm7, C.

This praise and worship song can best be understood as reflecting on and expanding 1 Chronicles 29:14b: "For all things come of you, [O Lord,] and of your own have we given you." There are also echoes of Paul's appeal for Christians to be living sacrifices (Romans 12:1).



# 339 Lift Every Voice and Sing

1 Lift ev - ery voice and sing till earth and heav - en  
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening  
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

ring, ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -  
 rod, felt in the days when hope un - born had  
 tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the

ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening  
 died. Yet, with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry  
 way; thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the

skies; let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
 feet come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?  
 light, keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Initially a poem for a school assembly at which Booker T. Washington spoke on Lincoln's birthday in 1900, this text and tune have gained national recognition and devotion, not only within the African American community, but also among all who seek liberation from oppression.

THE LIFE OF THE NATIONS

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;  
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought  
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -  
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get

us. Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -  
 tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at  
 thee; shad - owed be - neath thy hand may we for - ev - er

gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.  
 last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
 stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.