

### A Service for the Lord's Day June 14, 2020 10:00 am 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

(Parts of the service in **bold** are for everyone to speak in unison.)

**Gathering Music** 

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Inspired by Genesis 18:1-7

As Abraham welcomed the strangers

So God welcomes us.

God greets us with joy
and says, "rest here for awhile."

God brings out water to wash our dusty feet.

God prepares a meal to nourish our weary spirits.

So let us receive the gracious hospitality of our God.

Let us rest in this holy place
where there is shade and water, food and laughter.

Let us worship God.

Hymn 625 How Great Thou Art

Prayer of Invocation: Video

Scripture Reading Romans 5:1-8

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Sermon

Special Music It is Well with my Soul

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#### Affirmation of Faith

I believe in a God who created all things and seeks for all to be in communion as God's people.

I believe in Jesus Christ who showed us how to share love, and who commissioned us to go out into the highways and byways inviting all to be a part of God's work in the world.

I believe in the Holy Spirit who leads and guides us into the world, then touches the lives of those around us in ways that make them receptive to love.

I believe in the harvest and the call for laborers to receive and respond, sharing light and life with the world. Amen.

#### 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 432

How Clear is our Vocation, Lord

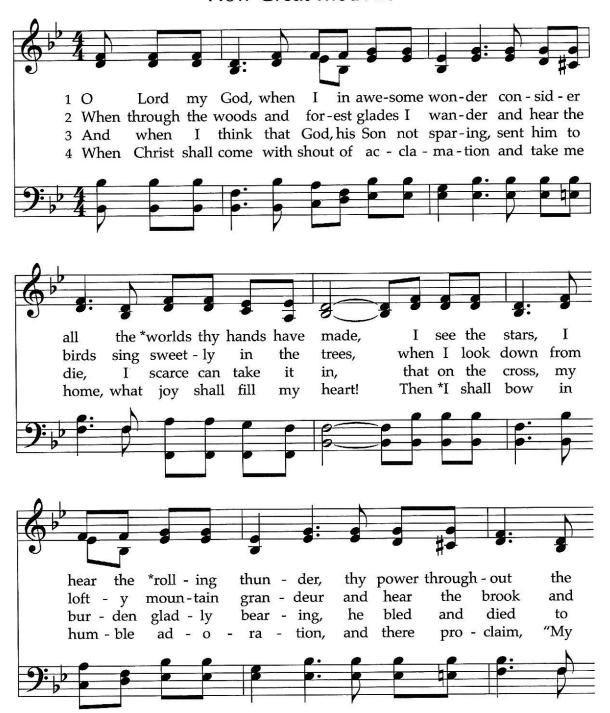
**Benediction** 

Postlude

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## O Lord My God

### How Great Thou Art

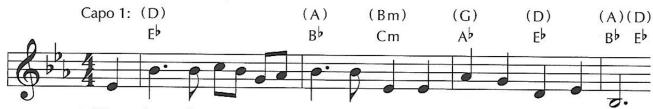


\*Author's original words are "works," "mighty," and "shall I bow."

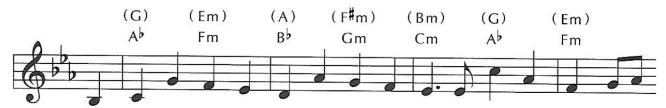
This tuneful retelling of the salvation story began in Swedish and was translated into German and then into Russian before reaching its English form. Despite such linguistic and musical revisions, it continues to be a meaningful source of comfort to many people.



# How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord 432



- 1 How clear is our vo ca tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
- 2 But if, for-get ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
- 3 We mar vel how your saints be-came in hin-dranc-es more sure:
- 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to geth er or a lone,



to live ac-cord-ing to your word and dai-ly learn, re-freshed, reif world-ly pres-sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not unwhose joy - ful vir-tues put to shame the ca-sual way we wear your in old rou-tines or ven-tures new, may we not cease to look to



stored, that you are Lord of all and will not fall. let us tan-gled skein of its care: our in-ward life re - pair. name, and by our faults ob - scure your power to cleanse and cure. cross you hung up - on, you en - deav-ored, done. all

# Good Stuff @ Good Shepherd

### Change:

"Many people are uncomfortable with change. They get used to a particular way of doing things or a particular place. A familiar pew. A type of food. A Christmas celebration, which becomes a tradition.

"'We've always done it that way.' It's a form of grief when the shape of our lives is affected by change, not just people dying or becoming disabled. Moving, starting a new job, construction at the church - these are all stressors, even when the outcome will be positive."

These wise words from Teddie McConnell follow a long tradition of trying to move the immovable. So, they are particularly apt now, in the midst of great change both within the congregation and nationally/globally. I encourage you to remember them, hold them closely, and begin to examine the ways your own heart has been immovable.

As a pastor, change is part of the deal. We never really expect to be anywhere "for the rest of my life." There is no "settled" really. For us, everything is constantly in flux. That flux is called "liminal space." It's the time when you're not quite sure what the future holds, so you just do your best for the time being and wait to see what God is doing. And, as a young pastor/new mom/nomad, I've been living in this liminal space for about seven years now. It became comfortable for me about a year ago.

So, I don't expect anyone to have change thrust upon them and for them to say, "This is fine." It's not fine. It's necessary, but it's never really just fine.

I expect you to be angry, or anxious, or sad, or some combination of those. I expect you to carry the weight of grief as you attempt to navigate all this change. I expect you to be uncomfortable. Those things are normal. And good.

I also expect that, in that discomfort and grief, we will remember the words of Jesus, "Do not be afraid, for I am with you." Jesus is with us, now and always, to the end of the age. No matter what changes, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ is steadfast, poured out for all of God's good creation.

Keep this in your heart as we navigate together what can only be called a new Reformation. Be encouraged by Jesus' grace. And hold one another close in prayer so that God's love may be revealed in each of us.

-Bethany

### Joys and Concerns

The construction project is under way. The basement has been cleared out and work has begun on the upstairs bathroom and building walls downstairs. The coded door lock is no longer in use. Please contact Teddie if you need to enter the building regularly. (office@thegoodshepherd.org)

Please pray for communities affected by COVID-19 here in the United States and throughout the world, and for our church, that it may thrive as it brings the good news to our area.

Let us know what's happening....call 303-452-5478 or e-mail it to us at office@thegoodshepherd.org

The food bank served 162 people during the month of May, including 47 children in 48 households.

Throughout the spring, there has been much discussion about how and whether the Elephant Rock Ride fundraiser for the ZMP could take place this year. The regular June time frame has been cancelled and rescheduled to October 11th. But in the meantime, faithful bike riders connected with Brighton First Presbyterian Church have planned an alternate shorter ride that will happen on Sunday, July 12th, beginning and ending at their church building. They are inviting other riders to join them. Stephen Chappell, who has been a rider in the race for many years, is excited about this new option, especially since he won't need to drive all the way to Douglas County Fairgrounds. David Wolters and Teddie McConnell have also signed up to participate in this race. Perhaps a few more of you in our congregation would like to join him, riding for Team Good Shepherd! Please contact Mary McCarron if you'd like more information about registering and creating your own fund-raising page. If you decide to do this, please let us know so we can support you!

If you'd like to support Stephen and/or David and Teddie, you may send a check to Good Shepherd, noting that it is for "Team Good Shepherd" with the name. Another option is to go online to their fundraising page to donate. You may also go to zimpartnership.org for more general information. Other questions? Please contact Mary McCarron.



The Men's Shed is tentatively planning to resume meeting August 3rd at the church. They'll be using current social distancing rules and wearing masks. If this changes, we'll let you know. Contact Tim Schneider for more information.

### June Birthdays:

Barbara Swanson - June 5 Marsha Morton - June 5 Katy Shaeffer - June 8 Burton Kugler - June 12 Carol Sheppard - June 13 Jane Seid - June 15 Harley Brown - June 16 Connie van der Vegt - June 17 Carissa Mendez - June 24 Fred Finke - June 26 Scott Watson - June 30

