Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church One East Oak St, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Sunday, September 5, 2021 at 10 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude Come, Christians, Join to Sing

by H. Robert James

Chris Fortin, Director of Music Ministries

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Joy comes to those who hope in God, **People:** For the Lord is Keeper of promises.

Leader: Our God is a God of healing and help and hope!

People: The Lord will reign forever.

Leader: Our God will keep faith with all generations.

People: Let us praise the Lord both now and forevermore!

Opening Hymn 804

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Lord, we confess that often we struggle with your call on our lives. We honor you with our lips but our hearts are far from you. We do not live out your teachings in our lives; the needs of our world sometimes overwhelm us and we turn away; we seek after our own happiness rather than hunger and thirst for your righteousness. Help us Lord to reach out to those in need even when we are busy and tired. Stretch us Lord, be within us so that whatever we do, we do with your love through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Response of Praise

We Are Forgiven

Hymn 447

Passing of the Peace

(We invite you at home to safely greet those you are with or to possibly text those to whom you would wish to share a greeting.)

Message for Children

Stacy Currie, Director of Ministries to Children & Families

Hymn 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Scripture

Psalm 146, Mark 7:1-7

Theresa Creedon

Sermon

"Praise, Hope and Perseverance" Maureen Paterson, Associate Pastor

Offertory

Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether

by Harold Friedell

Sanctuary Choir

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymn 606

Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and Intercession

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.

Words of Institution

Serving the Bread and Fruit of the Vine

Communion Music

Prayer After Communion

Closing Hymn 298 Lord, You Give the Great Commission

Benediction

Postlude Leaning on the Everlasting Arms by Anthony J. Showalter

Psalm 146 (New Revised Standard Version)

Praise for God's Help

¹Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

- ²I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.
- ³Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.
- ⁴ When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.
- ⁵ Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God,
- ⁶ who made heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that is in them;

who keeps faith forever;

who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹ The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰ The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the LORD!

Mark 7:1-7 The Tradition of the Elders

7 Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, ² they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³ (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴ and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵ So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶ He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷ in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!



These stanzas are drawn from a much longer hymn created for the processional at an English choir festival in 1865. The original text lacked the refrain that gives the hymn so much of its energy and interest. That feature was added by the composer of this tune in 1883.

We Are Forgiven Am D7 Gsus G G C We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to Am7 Dsus D G Am God. Thanks be We to God. are for - giv - en. D7 Gsus G C G D G Am7 We are for-giv-en. Thanks be God. Thanks be God. to to

To sing, rather than simply say, a response to the Declaration of Forgiveness has the effect of making the moment both more affirmative and more corporate. The musical repetition of the two sentences also strengthens awareness of what it means to be assured of God's pardon.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson, 1995 Music © 1995 Hal H. Hopson WE ARE FORGIVEN 10.8.10.8

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610



This text comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.

las glorias de su majestad, los triunfos de su amor.

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology



TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709 MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

OLD HUNDREDTH

298 Lord, You Give the Great Commission



United by the refrain after each stanza, this text relies on passages from Matthew and Luke to highlight various dimensions of the church's mission and ministry in the world. It was written for use with this tune, composed in the village near Bristol, England, for which it is named.



Calendar of Events

Sunday, September 5

Online Worship, 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary, 10:00 a.m.

Monday, September 6 – Labor Day

Church Office Closed for Holiday

Tuesday, September 7

Meditation Group, 8:30 a.m. Walk & Talk Small Group, 9:00 a.m. Session, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 8

Worship and Music Council, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 9

Meditation, 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Finding Strength in Troubled Times, 9:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Knox Room and Sanctuary

Friday, September 10

Saturday, September 11