

**Worship for First Presbyterian Church, Newton**  
**September 27, 2020**  
**17th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Music & Sacred Arts Dedication**

Prelude: "Awesome God" Rich Mullins  
(Ray Rhinehart, tenor; Sam Choate, trumpet; David Roquemore, guitar)

Chiming of Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Call to Worship: "The Lord is My Light" (Taizé Community) GTG # 842  
*Cantor: The Lord is my light, my light and salvation;  
In Him I trust; in Him I trust.*  
**All: The Lord is my light, my light and salvation;  
In Him I trust; in Him I trust.**

Scripture Reading: Psalm 34:1-3

Opening Hymn: "When Morning Gilds the Skies" GTG # 667  
**When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries;  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair;  
May Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find;  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this;  
May Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound;  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply;  
May Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine;  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Be this the eternal song through all the ages long;  
May Jesus Christ be praised!**

Prayer of Confession:

**We confess, O Lord, that too often we do not lift our voices in song, but raise them in anger. We are quick to find fault with other people and our circumstances. We are so slow to give you praise and thanksgiving in all things. Forgive us, and be with us, filling us with your Spirit, so that we can be wholly yours! Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response: "He Came Down" (Iona Community)  
(Sam Choate, conga drums)

GTG # 137

**He came down that we may have love (sing 3 times)**

**Hallelujah forevermore.**

**He came down that we may have light (sing 3 times)**

**Hallelujah forevermore.**

**He came down that we may have peace (sing 3 times)**

**Hallelujah forevermore.**

**He came down that we may have joy (sing 3 times)**

**Hallelujah forevermore.**

Scripture: Psalm 46

Hymn of Assurance: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

GTG # 275

**A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.**

**Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.**

**For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.**

**His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,**

**On earth is not his equal.**

**Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,**

**Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.**

**Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he.**

**Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,**

**And he must win the battle.**

**And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,**

**We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.**

**The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him.**

**His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure.**

**One little word shall fell him.**

**That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth.**

**The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.**

**Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also.**

**The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still.**

**His kingdom is forever.**

Scripture: Psalm 90: 1-5

Anthem: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

arr. Dave and Jean Perry

(Sam Choate, Trumpet)

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,

Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

A thousand ages, in thy sight, are like an evening gone;

Short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.

Time like an ever rolling stream, bears all its sons away;  
They fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come;  
Be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home! Amen!

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Hymn: "You Are My All in All"

GTG #519

(David Roquemoire, guitar)

**You are my strength when I am weak,  
You are the treasure that I seek,  
You are my all in all.  
When I fall down you pick me up,  
When I am dry you fill my cup,  
You are my all in all.**

**(refrain) Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.**

**Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,  
Rising again I bless your name,  
You are my all in all.  
When I fall down you pick me up,  
When I am dry you fill my cup,  
You are my all in all. (refrain)**

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Hymn of Thanksgiving: "Now Thank We All Our God"

GTG # 643

**Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voice,  
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;  
Who, from our mother's arms, hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.  
O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,  
To Father and to Son and Spirit now be given;  
The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,  
The God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Scripture: Psalm 24:1-6

Closing Hymn: "This Is My Father's World"

GTG # 370

**This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought.**

**This is my Father's world. O, let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world. The battle is not done;  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.**

Benediction

Postlude: Toccata on "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Bourgeois/arr. Hayes

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