

Order of Worship

June 4, 2023

10:00 o'clock

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Steve Schibsted

Prelude

***Church Bell**

(*The congregation is invited to stand)

***Call to Worship**

Liturgist: Out of the fullness of the lives God has given us we have come to worship and to praise.

People: With thanks we offer to God the creativity of our minds, the warmth of our hearts, and the joy of our spirits.

Liturgist: We love because God has first loved us, freeing us from the power of sin and death.

People: With glad hearts let us join together in singing praise to our good Lord.

***Hymn**

Fairest Lord Jesus

St. Elizabeth

***Prayer of Confession** (please remain standing)

Dr. Don Ashburn

We live in a troubled world, O God. There are wars and rumors of wars. For many of your children who awake this morning, scarcity and violence rule the day, and even death is robbed of dignity. In such times we are tempted to turn away, to leave their world behind and withdraw into our own. And yet you made us all in your image, and blessed us with a good earth to share. Forgive us all, O Lord. Open our hearts, make us peacemakers, and grant us a new vision of peace in our time. Amen.

***Words of Assurance**

***Words of Christian Greeting**

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Suzanne Latham

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 for ever. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 1:26-27

(Pew Bible p. 1)

God spoke: "Let us make human beings in our image, make them reflecting our nature So they can be responsible for the fish in the sea, the birds in the air, the cattle, And, yes, Earth itself, and every animal that moves on the face of Earth."

God created human beings; he created them godlike, Reflecting God's nature. He created them male and female.

Anthem

The Image

Stephen Main

Chancel Choir, Soloists, and Orchestra

(For text and notes, please see program)

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Dr. Ashburn

O Lord God, we give thanks for the beauty of this holy place, sustaining us through the years with scripture, preaching, music, and prayer. Help us to draw closer to you this day, and grant us a lively faith and courage to do the work you set before us. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

***Hymn**

Let the whole creation cry

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***Commission and Benediction**

Dr. Schibsted

Prayers

• Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Clive Chandler, husband of Ann Chandler, father of Margaret Hiller (Jeff Hiller) and Ted Chandler, and grandfather of Megan and Gen Hiller, who passed from this life on May 25.

We are delighted and grateful that you have come to worship here this morning. We especially welcome those of you who are visitors. If you would like more information about Piedmont Community Church, please visit our website at PiedmontChurch.org.

Please silence your cell phones.

This morning's ushers are **Sunny Bostrom-Fleming** and **Julie McDonald & Tom Parry**. The Board of Deacons greeters are **Sue Coffin** and **Kristin Johnson**. They will be available during the coffee hour to answer questions you may have about the church.

Please join us after the service for coffee.

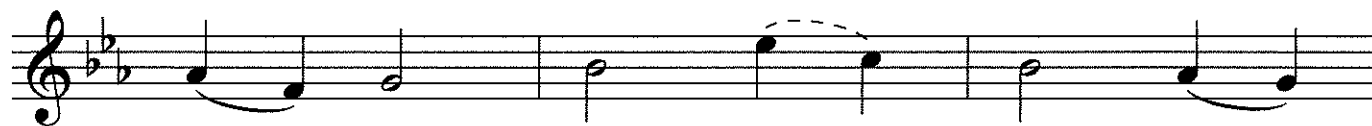
The Clara Barton Room (outside sanctuary to the right) has closed circuit viewing of the service for parents with infants and young children.

Please ask an usher for assistance if needed.

Fairest Lord Jesus



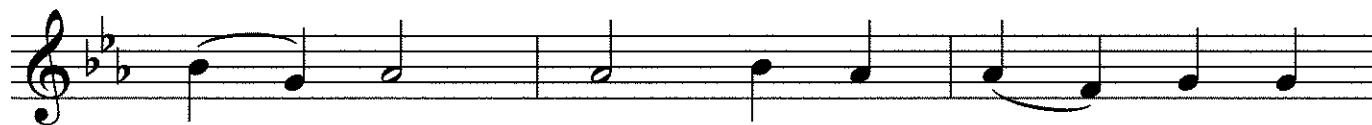
(All) 1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus! ru - ler of all
 (Women only) 2. Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the
 (All) 3. Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the
 4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord of all the



na - ture, O Thou of God and
 wood - lands, robed in the bloom - ing
 moon - light, and all the twink - ling
 na - tions! Son of God and



man the Son! Thee will I
 garb of spring: (Men only) Je - sus is
 star - ry host: Je - sus shines
 Son of Man! Glo - ry and



cher - ish, thee will I hon - or, thou,
 fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er, who
 bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er, than
 hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion, now



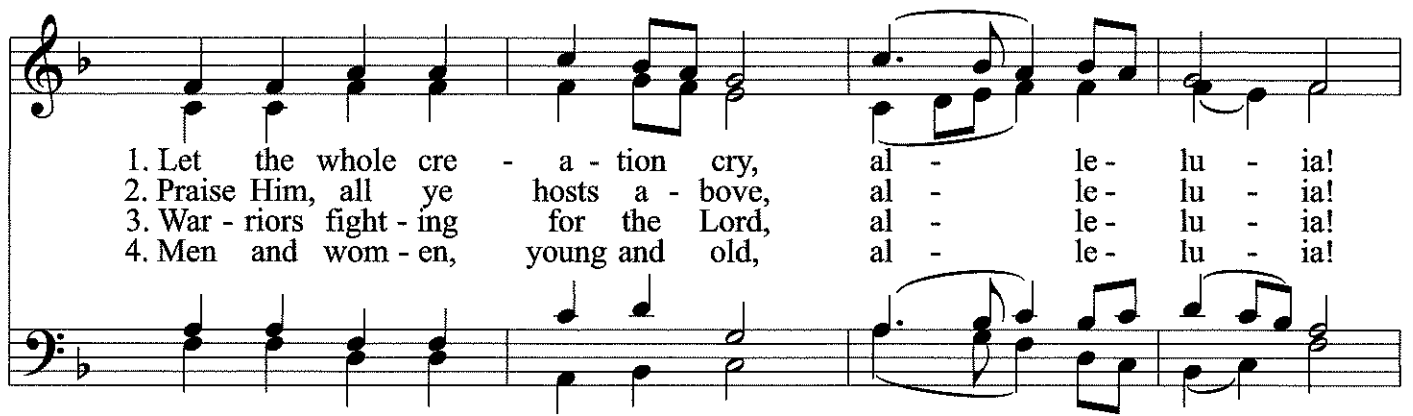
my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown!
 makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 all the an - gels heav'n can boast.
 and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

Text: German composite, mainly from the Münster *Gesangbuch*, 1677;
 first Eng. translation, New York, 1850.

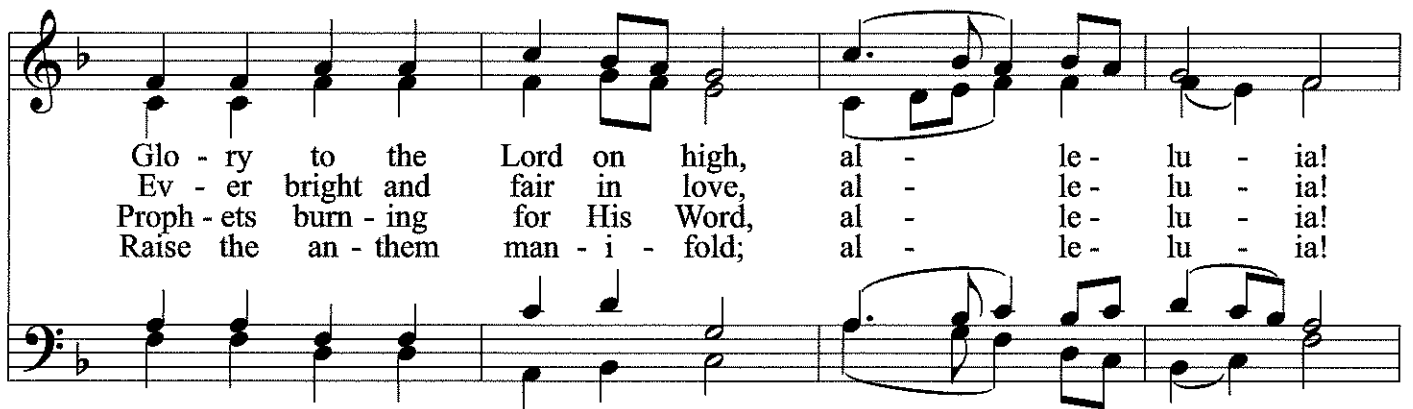
Tune: *St. Elizabeth* 568.558; melody from *Schlesische Volkslieder*, 1842;
 harm. T. Tertius Noble (1867-1953) (adapt., orchestr., S. T. Main).

Let the whole creation cry

Llanfair




1. Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, al - le - lu - ia!
 2. Praise Him, all ye hosts a - bove, al - le - lu - ia!
 3. War - riors fight - ing for the Lord, al - le - lu - ia!
 4. Men and wom - en, young and old, al - le - lu - ia!



Glo - ry to the Lord on high, al - le - lu - ia!
 Ev - er bright and fair in love, al - le - lu - ia!
 Proph - ets burn - ing for His Word, al - le - lu - ia!
 Raise the an - them man - i - fold; al - le - lu - ia!



Heaven and earth, a - wake and sing, al - le - lu - ia!
 Sun and moon, lift up your voice, al - le - lu - ia!
 Those to whom the arts be - long, al - le - lu - ia!
 And let chil - dren's hap - py hearts, al - le - lu - ia!



God is God and there - fore King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Night and stars in God re - joice, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Add their voic - es to the song, Al - le - lu - ia!
 In this wor - ship bear their parts: Al - le - lu - ia!