



## COMBINED WORSHIP



At First Presbyterian Church  
121 S. Harrison St.  
Saginaw, MI 48602-2193

Livestream service in  
collaboration with  
Countryside Trinity and Second  
Presbyterian Churches  
Sundays online@10:30 am

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
**Sunday, June 14, 2020 – 10:30 A.M.**  
"Soli Deo Gloria" – "To God Alone The Glory"  
2nd Sunday after Pentecost

-----**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**-----

**WELCOME, GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**(Rev. Ted McCulloch)**

**PRELUDE** "You Are Mine" by David Haas and arranged by Lloyd Larson  
featuring Andrew Glynn, piano

**CALL TO WORSHIP (Rev. Ted McCulloch)**

**HYMN NO. 49** "The God of Abraham Praise" LEONI

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Rev. Philomena Ofori-Nipaah)**  
*Short opening collect, then silent time of confession*

**DECLARATION OF PARDON (Rev. Philomena Ofori-Nipaah)**

**GLORIA HYMN NO. 587** "Alleluia!" CELTIC ALLELUIA

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**PASTORAL PRAYERS (Rev. Ted McCulloch)**

*Short intercessions with time for silent reflection*

## **ANTHEM**

"I Surrender All"

by Judson W. Van DeVenter and Winfield Weeden, featuring Michael Wechter

## **FIRST SCRIPTURE—Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7**

**(Rev. Philomena Ofori-Nipaah)**

## **SERMON SCRIPTURE—Matthew 9:35-10:23**

**(Rev. Brant Piper)**

## **SERMON (Rev. Brant Piper)**

"Daring to be Heard"

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—Based on the Confession of Belhar**

**(Leader Rev. Brant Piper)**

Leader: It is not true that this world and its inhabitants are doomed to die and be lost;

All: This is true: for God so loved the world that God gave God's only Son so that everyone who believes in him shall not die, but have everlasting life.

Leader: It is not true that we must accept inhumanity and discrimination, hunger and poverty, death and destruction;

ALL: This is true: I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Leader: It is not true that violence and hatred shall have the last word, and that war and destruction have come to stay forever;

ALL: This is true: for to us a child is born, to us a son is given, in whom authority will rest, and whose name will be Prince of Peace.

Leader: It is not true that we are simply victims of the powers of evil that seek to rule the world;

ALL: This is true: To me is given authority in heaven and on earth, and lo, I am with you always, to the end of the world.

Leader: It is not true that we have to wait for those who are specially gifted, who are the prophets of the church, before we can do anything;

ALL: This is true: I will pour out my Spirit on all people, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your young people shall see visions, and your old folk dream dreams.

Leader: It is not true that our dreams of liberation of humankind, our dreams of justice, of human dignity, of peace, are not meant for this earth and its history;

ALL: This is true: The hour comes, and it is now, that true worshippers shall worship God in Spirit and in truth.

*Iona Abbey Worship Book (Glasgow: Wild Goose Publications, 2007), p. 20. [www.ionabooks.com](http://www.ionabooks.com). Used by permission.*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Prelude No. 1 in C Major, BWV 846  
from *The Well-Tempered Clavier* by J.S. Bach (1685-1750)  
featuring Collin Whitfield, organ

**OFFERING OF GIFTS (Rev. Philomena Ofori-Nipaah)**

**OFFERTORY**

"My Hope is Built"  
by William Bradbury and arranged by Gail Smith  
featuring Andrew Glynn, piano

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Rev. Philomena Ofori-Nipaah)**

**HYMN NO. 295**

"Go to the World!"

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**BENEDICTION (Rev. Brant Piper)**

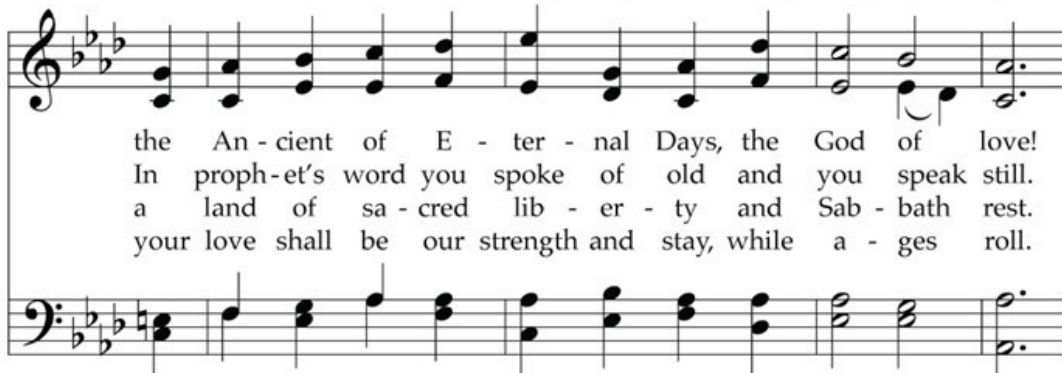
**POSTLUDE**

"Down by the Riverside" African American Spiritual  
featuring Michael Wechter, piano

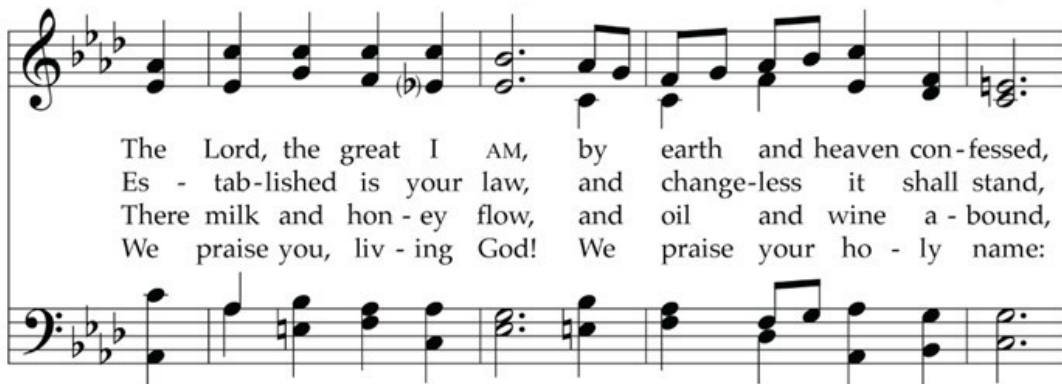
## 49 The God of Abraham Praise



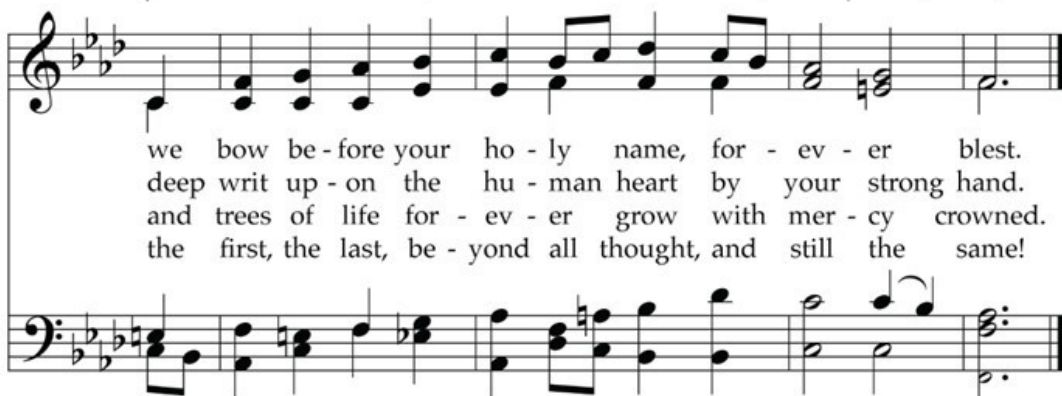
1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a-bove,  
 2 Your spir-it still flows free, high surg-ing where it will.  
 3 Your good-ly land we seek, with peace and plen-ty blest,  
 4 You have e-ter-nal life im-plant-ed in the soul;



the An-cient of E-ter-nal Days, the God of love!  
 In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.  
 a land of sa-cred lib-er-ty and Sab-bath rest.  
 your love shall be our strength and stay, while a-ges roll.



The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,  
 Es-tab-lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,  
 There milk and hon-ey flow, and oil and wine a-bound,  
 We praise you, liv-ing God! We praise your ho-ly name:



we bow be-fore your ho-ly name, for-ev-er blest.  
 deep writ up-on the hu-man heart by your strong hand.  
 and trees of life for-ev-er grow with mer-cy crowned.  
 the first, the last, be-yond all thought, and still the same!

Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.

## Go to the World!

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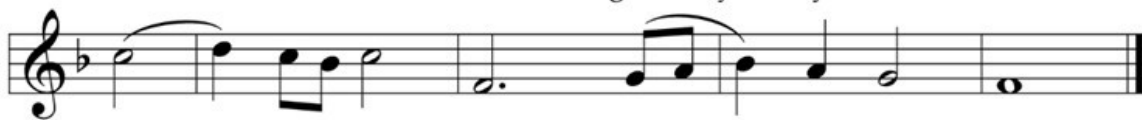
1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.  
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.  
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;  
 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,  
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.  
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.  
 for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.  
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.  
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.  
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"



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Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19-20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians.