



# Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church

Sunday | July 31, 2022 | 10:00 am

## Calling the Community to Worship

### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

### SHARING OF OUR LIVES

**One:** The Lord be with you.

**Many:** And also with you.



*If you are worshiping in the sanctuary, please fill out the Friendship Pad located at each end of every pew. If you are worshiping online, please let us know you connected with us at [www.rccpc.org/connect](http://www.rccpc.org/connect).*

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*The Road goes ever on and on,  
Down from the door where it began.  
Now far ahead the Road has gone,  
And I must follow, if I can,  
Pursuing it with eager feet,  
Until it joins some larger way  
Where many paths and errands meet.  
And whither then? I cannot say.*

*—JRR Tolkien (from “Lord of the Rings”)*

### CALL TO WORSHIP\*

**One:** Throughout the ages, disciples have said, “I will follow you wherever you go.”  
**Many:** Lord, give us the freedom to follow you in the ways of love.  
**One:** We come from busy homes, filled with little time to consider Christ in our lives.  
**Many:** Lord, give us the strength to follow you in the ways of peace.  
**One:** In times of struggle, we look to God for help.  
**Many:** Lord, give us the opportunity to follow you in the ways of kindness.  
**One:** Today, we celebrate the Holy Spirit, who shows us the joy of following God.  
**Many:** Lord, give us the patience to follow you in the ways of faith. Amen.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION\*

Gracious God,

our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.  
 Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear,  
 and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

Set us free from a past we cannot change;  
 open to us a future in which we can be changed;  
 and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image  
 that we might bear the fruit of your Spirit;  
 through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE\*

*Glory Be to the Father* | No. 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON\*

One: May the grace of God free you from the bondage of the law.  
 May the grace of God free you for life in the Spirit.  
 May the grace of God bear in you joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness,  
 faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.  
 May the grace of God convince you, in every situation, to love.  
 Go now to love others, even as Christ loves you  
 and may the peace of Christ be with you!

## PASSING OF THE PEACE\*

*You are invited to share the peace in whatever manner is comfortable to you! Please do your best to honor everyone's level of comfort regarding social distancing.*

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT &amp; THE LORD'S PRAYER

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE\*

*The Fruit of the Spirit*

The Fruit of the Spirit's not a \_\_\_\_, the Fruit of the Spirit's not a \_\_\_\_.  
 If you want to be a \_\_\_\_, you might as well hear it: You can't be a fruit of the Spirit!  
 Cause the fruit is Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness,  
 Gentleness and Self-control (repeat once)

# Proclaiming the Word

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, author of the Word made flesh, scribe holding the pen of your Apostle Paul: open us to your Spirit, that as scripture is spoken and your Word proclaimed, your grace may transform, clothe, form, and sustain us that we may bear the fruit of your perfect love to the glory of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READING

*Romans 8:22-27*

We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

## SERMON

*Fruit of the Spirit: PATIENCE*

Dr. Joe Pritchett

## Responding to the Word

## HYMN

*Just as I Am, without One Plea*, vss. 1,3,4 | No. 442 (please remain seated)

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

*We invite you to make either a one time or recurring donation by going to [rccpc.org/giving](http://rccpc.org/giving) and click "Give Now." A gift to the General Fund supports the ongoing operations and ministry of this church. You may also send a check directly to the church office at 500 McKennans Church Road, Wilmington, DE 19808, addressed to the attention of: Finance Office.*

## MUSICAL OFFERING

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE\*

*We Lift Our Voices (We Are an Offering)*

**We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.  
Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our lives;  
they are yours: we are an offering.**

**All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.**

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION\*

### Going Forth to Serve in Christ

#### HYMN\*

*Now Thank We All Our God* | No. 643

#### BENEDICTION\*

*We hope that you experience a strong sense of welcome and home this morning! Please feel invited to enjoy coffee and fellowship in Founders Hall following the service—one of our ushers would be happy to guide you.*



The flowers displayed today are given in to the Glory of God.

We welcome Dr. Joe Pritchett to the pulpit today—he is a longtime friend of Red Clay! He served as a youth ministry leader over a decade ago, but now is Director of Faith and Meaning at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, PA and Postulant for Holy Orders in the Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania and the Episcopal Church. He looks forward to sharing about his recent pilgrimage on the Camino de Santiago. His favorite fruit is an orange!

And, as a reminder, please join us next week to hear Rev. Chelsea Spyles preach on the Fruit of the Spirit: **KINDNESS**. Rev. Chelsea is the Pastor and Executive Director of Riverfront Church, a new worshipping community that Red Clay helped to start. These days she is focused on the Wilmington Kitchen Collective (WCK), a Riverfront Church outreach to culinary entrepreneurs. Her favorite fruits are strawberries and bananas! Following our service, have a meal to support the WCK project, eat with friends, and share fellowship.



#### WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Senior Pastor/Head of Staff:	The Rev. Dr. Nathaniel D. Phillips
Associate Pastor:	The Rev. Eric Koenig-Reinke
Director of Music:	Jeffrey Miller
Music Ministry:	Summer Choir
Usher Captain:	Richard Marsey
Greeters:	Bob & Susan Kissell
Media Production:	S.Armstrong, K.Barton, A.Bloom, D.Howarth, J.Schubel, P.Worrell, A.Leonhard

# 41 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in the key of D major and 3/4 time. It consists of seven systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are as follows:

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!  
 2 O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,  
 3 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,  
 4 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?  
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

O grate - ful - ly sing God's power and God's love:  
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space,  
 Al - might - y, your power has found - ed of old;  
 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;

our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,  
 whose char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form;  
 es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,  
 it streams from the hills; it de - scends to the plain,  
 your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.  
 and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.  
 and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.  
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.  
 our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend.

Addressing the first two stanzas to the singers of the hymn and the last three to God, this free paraphrase of Psalm 104 recasts the psalmist's imagery with baroque verve. Though it was first published in England, the tune has been more popular in North America than there.

# 442 Just as I Am, without One Plea

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea but that thy  
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - ya  
 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come,  
 4 Just as I am, thy love un-known has bro - ken

blood was shed for me, and that thou biddest me  
 con - flict, man - ya doubt, fight - ings and fears with -  
 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise  
 ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,

come to thee,  
 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!  
 I be - lieve,  
 thine a - lone,

## SPANISH

1 *Tal como soy de pecador,  
 sin más confianza que tu amor;  
 a tu llamada vengo a ti,  
 ¡Cordero de Dios, heme aquí!*

## KOREAN

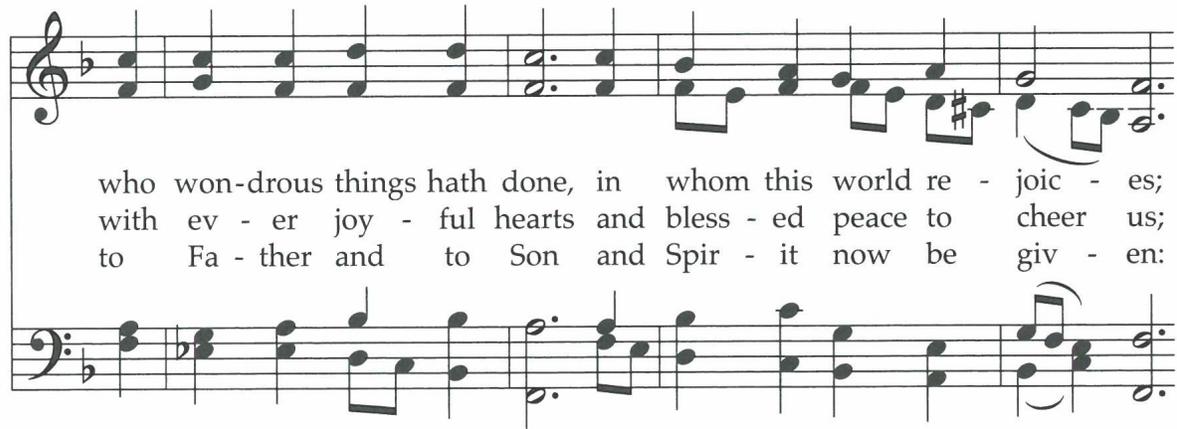
1 큰-죄에 빠-진 날 위해  
 주보-혈 흘려주시고  
 또-나를 오-라하시니-  
 주께로 거-저 갑니다

When illness limited her involvement in a bustling household, the author wrote this hymn that helped her both to achieve and to express a renewed sense of worth grounded in Christ's self-giving. Its simple, direct, and deeply felt language has made it a source of comfort to many.

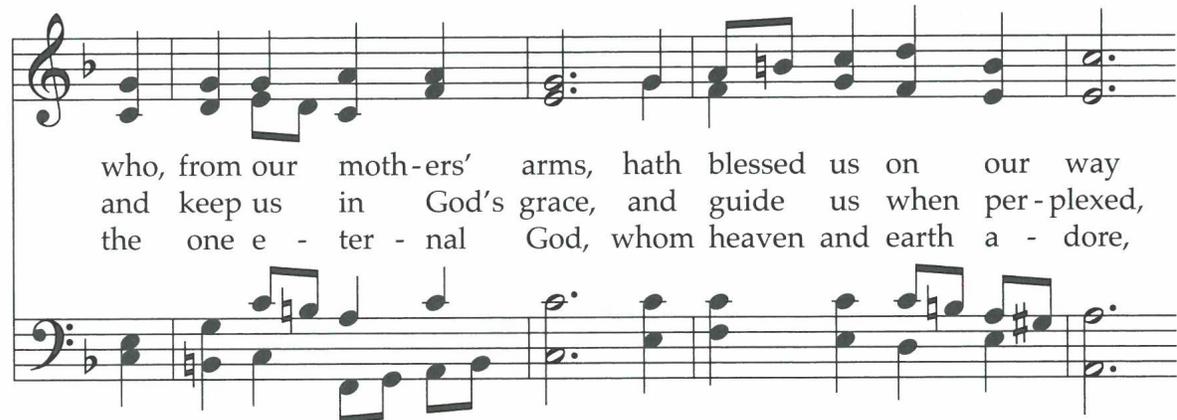
# 643 Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,



who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:



who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way  
and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

Although this hymn is often used on large and festive occasions, its first two stanzas had much humbler beginnings: they originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years' War (1618-1648). These words have been associated with this tune since the mid-17th century.