



ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DENTON, TEXAS

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
August 30, 2020

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Romans 12)

From whirlwind and burning bush, in still of night and in sheer silence.

God calls the faithful to sacred work.

Beckoning us to turn aside, inviting us to stand on holy ground.

God welcomes the faithful into sacred space.

Come, God is calling.

Let us worship the Lord!

OPENING PRAYER

Lisa Patterson

HYMN 396

Brethren, We Have Met in Worship

HOLY MANNA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving and gracious God, we lower our heads before you, and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there were no God, and we fall short of being a credible witness to you and disciple of your son Jesus Christ. For our failures to live faithfully and embrace the new creations you call us to be, we ask your forgiveness. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may witness to you in the world. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen (Time of silent confession.)

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

CALL TO FAITHFULNESS

(Ephesians 4:1-6)

Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

SUNG RESPONSE

Refrain of hymn 605, *Praise to God the Father*

Praise to God the Father; praise to God the Son; praise to God the Spirit; praise to the Three-in-One. Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high. Praise to God Almighty; praise to the Holy One.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Exodus 3: 1-15

See Insert

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

ANTHEM

"I will sing new songs of gladness" (Biblical Songs)
Ashley Traugher, soprano and Stephen Carey, piano

Dvořák

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 5: 27-40

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Call Me Gammy

Richard B. Culp

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN 722

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

CANONBURY

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

(Confession of Belhar)

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world; that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker; that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells; that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity; that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world. Amen.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Kirsten Brown

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

SUNG RESPONSE

Hymn 607, Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN 744

Arise, Your Light Is Come

FESTAL SONG

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prayer Concerns

Katie Raabe
Myrtle Muehlenbeck
Helen Harrison

Irma Waring
Dr. John Bryant
Scott Hendrix

Jean Harden
Suzanne Baroody
Carol Hill

Marcia Freeman, mother of Margo Bean
Nancy Morris, cousin of Barbara Sims
Darryl Speigel, brother of Sandy Speigel
Meghan and Tristan, Caitlin Coyner's sister and nephew
Lee Speir, brother of Ray Speir
Claudia and Alex Hanania, cousins of Rafat Haddad
Katie Mullins, daughter of Susan and Robert Ramsay
Brent Scoggins, father of Brenna Newman
Caroline Ovalle, mother of Terah Hatter,
and Caroline's husband, Gilbert Ovalle
Ann Barnett, sister of Jim Hobdy
Rachel Moore, mother of Sharon Lunsford

Virgil Blosser, grandfather of Jake Blosser
Ouida Henderson, mother of Joyce Kain
Jacob McIntyre, son of Linda and Jim McIntyre
Matthew McIntyre, son of Linda and Jim McIntyre
John Murphy, faculty member at UNT
J. B. and Olga Fincher, friends of Barbara Sims
Mike Demers, brother-in-law of Chuck Stoughton
Charlie Leavell, grandfather of Shannon Konkle
Family of Christina Mainard, friend of Natalie and Keith
Green
Family of Dorothy Braly
Family of Bud Ables, cousin of Barbara Sims

WELCOME!

We proclaim that ALL people are created in the image of God and affirm that each person is a beloved child of God, worthy of God's love and grace. We welcome all, celebrating our differences while finding unity in Christ. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Presbyterian Women Zoom Meeting

September 8, 2020 at 10:00am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82642521426>

Meeting ID: 826 4252 1426

All PW and Circle women note that we will have a Zoom meeting on September 8, 2020 at 10:00am.

We will be able to mostly cover what we would have done in the September PW meeting as well as the circle meetings. Here is a rough agenda in process for the meeting:

Prayer concerns
Devotional by Betty Culp
General preview of our new Bible study by Lisa Patterson
Catch up with everyone on our current lives
Mizpah

If you have any additional items for this agenda, please email Sylvia Hobdy at snowbunny50@verizon.net anytime before the Zoom meeting. Much love and many blessings!

Save the Date!

Rally Day on Zoom

Sunday, September 13 at 9:30am Online

Get your breakfast and get online to participate in the fun, informative, and inspirational Rally Day on Zoom. We will be interacting live and also showing a few pre-recorded messages. We will sing, meet our teachers, promote our students, and learn about the upcoming adult studies. Don't miss this event!

Treehouse Snacks Needed

For all the years of our existence, Treehouse has relied on many amazing volunteers to provide snacks for our students each afternoon. Due to Covid safety guidelines and consideration for our volunteers, we are temporarily suspending our snack volunteer program. However, our children still need snacks at the end of their school day! The Treehouse is asking for monetary donations to help purchase the prepackaged snacks we will be serving this year. Donations can be made in a couple of ways:

Send a check to the church office with "Treehouse snacks" in the memo line. Make a donation on Realm by selecting "Treehouse" under the "fund" heading. Thank you for continuing to support this important mission of St. Andrew. Questions? Contact Treehouse@standrewdenton.com.

Diaconate Outreach

In a effort to continue to minister to St. Andrew during this time of separation and COVID-19, the deacons would like to extend helping hands. If you are in the high-risk category or immune suppressed and find yourself saying "I need someone to run to the store...pick up my medications...grab my kitty some kibble." Email the deacons at diacolate@standrewdenton.com. Indicate your needed item, pick up instructions, payment method, your address and phone number and we will help locate a volunteer to courier your item to you. This will be a no contact delivery. The volunteer will ring your doorbell and leave the item for you on your porch.

Want to participate? Email the deacon email your contact information if you are willing to participate in this ministry as a volunteer.

Give-a-Meal - \$2.29

St. Andrew donated \$921.90 to the Give-a-Meal program in July! Thank you for supporting the needs of those who are experiencing food insecurity during this time. A monetary donation of \$2.29 feeds a person in need for a week. Donations can be made by mail or online. Please write Give-a-Meal-a-Month on your envelope or check when giving by mail. To give online, visit standrewdenton.com/give and be sure to choose Give-a-Meal from the fund options to the right of your monetary donation.

The Denton Community Food Center (DCFC) is open two days a week from 1pm-3pm. Families are only able to pick up food once a month. DCFC is asking for online donations so it can purchase essentials and limit how many people handle food items. Thank you so much for supporting this program since the number of people who are needing this service is only growing due to the economic fallout during the COVID-19 pandemic.

By the Numbers: As of 7/31/20

Income (pledges + other income)	\$515,690
Expenses	\$522,389
Difference	-\$6,699

Attendance 8/16/20 176 Views

Give online at: standrewdenton.com/give



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Brethren, We Have Met to Worship 396



1 Breth-ren, we have met to wor-ship and a - dore the Lord our God.
 2 Sis - ters, will you come and help us? Mo-ses' sis-ter aid - ed him.
 3 Is there here a trem-bling jail-er, seek-ing grace and filled with fears?
 4 Let us love our God su - preme-ly; let us love each oth - er, too.



Will you pray with all your pow - er while we try to preach the word?
 Will you help the trem-bling mourn-ers who are strug-gling hard with sin?
 Is there here a weep-ing Mar - y pour-ing forth a flood of tears?
 Let us love and pray for sin - ners till our God makes all things new.



All is vain un - less the Spir - it of the ho - ly One comes down.
 Tell them all a - bout the Sav - ior. Tell them that he will be found.
 Breth-ren, join your cries to help them; sis-ters, let your prayers a - bound!
 Christ will call us home to heav - en; at his ta - ble we'll sit down.



Breth - ren, pray, and ho - ly man-na will be show-ered all a-round.
 Sis - ters, pray, and ho - ly man-na will be show-ered all a-round.
 Pray, O pray, that ho - ly man-na will be scat-tered all a-round.
 Christ will gird him-self and serve us with sweet man-na all a-round.

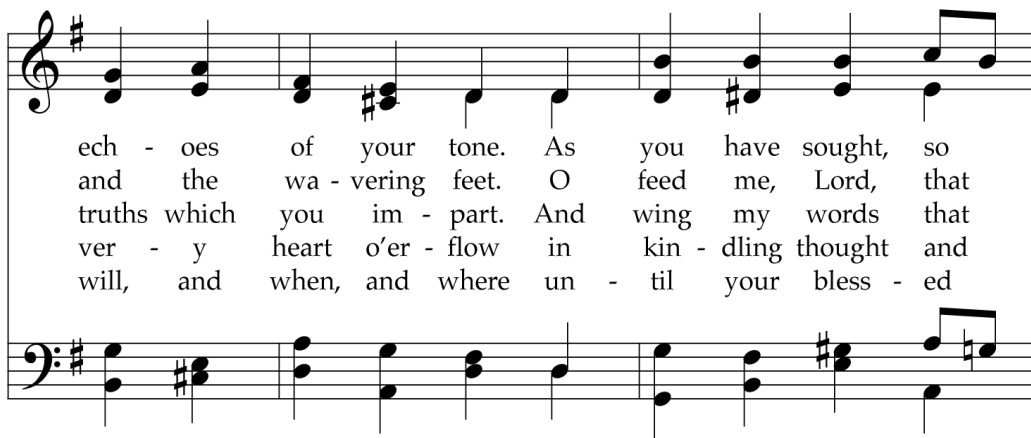


This hymn comes out of the early 19th-century southern camp meeting experience, where believers were invited to pray for new converts, often likened to biblical characters such as Paul's jailer (Philippians 1:12-13). As its name shows, the five-note tune was created for this text.

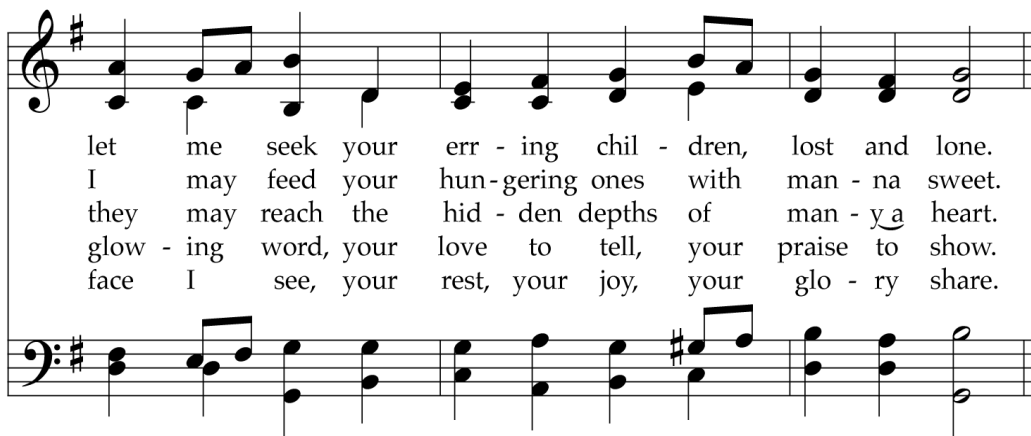
722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak



1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my
 5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you



ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so
 and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that
 truths which you im - part. And wing my words that
 ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and
 will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed



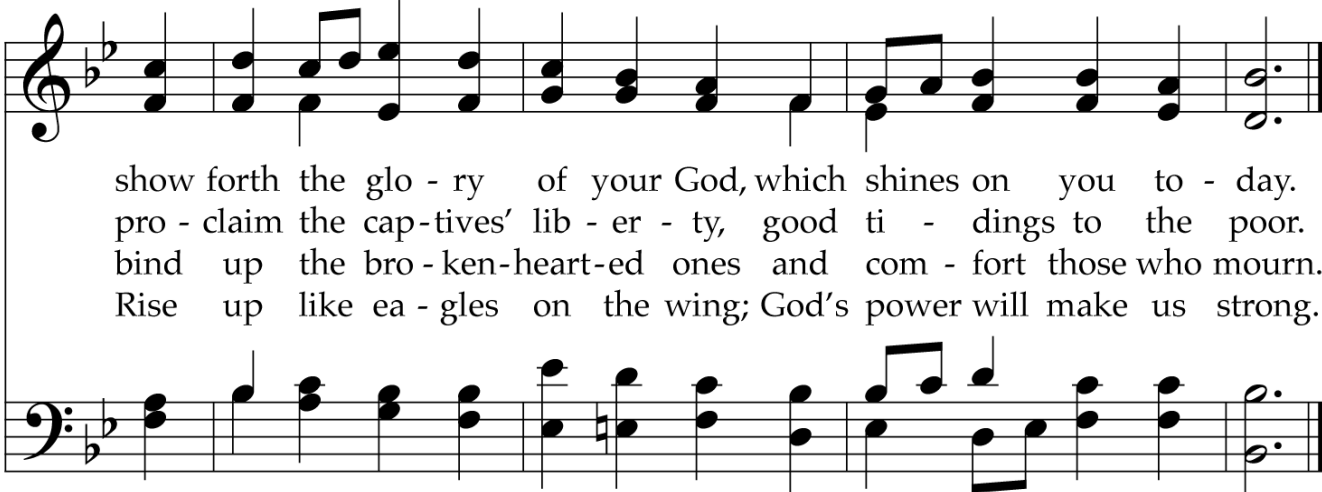
let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 I may feed your hun - gery ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.

744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!



1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Echoing imagery from Isaiah 61:1-2 and other passages, this text was created as an inclusive-language alternative to an older hymn using this late 19th-century tune. Because it is a song of encouragement rather than a song of praise, it is not directed to God but to people.

Scripture Lessons

Exodus 3: 1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." ⁴When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." ¹¹But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" ¹²He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

¹³But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM."^[a] He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" ¹⁵God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD,^[b] the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations.

Acts 5: 27-40

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,^[a] yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.” ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority.^[a] ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

³³ When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴ But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, respected by all the people, stood up and ordered the men to be put outside for a short time. ³⁵ Then he said to them, “Fellow Israelites,^[a] consider carefully what you propose to do to these men. ³⁶ For some time ago Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him; but he was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and disappeared. ³⁷ After him Judas the Galilean rose up at the time of the census and got people to follow him; he also perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸ So in the present case, I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone; because if this plan or this undertaking is of human origin, it will fail; ³⁹ but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them—in that case you may even be found fighting against God!”

They were convinced by him, ⁴⁰ and when they had called in the apostles, they had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.