

OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Worship Service

October 18, 2020

“O Healing River”

Worship Leader: Patty Friesen
Children’s Time: Patty Friesen
Song Leaders: Ben Buhler, Kathryn Janzen

Pianist: Melanie Boldt
Sound: Doug McKinnell
Ushers: Bill Peters, John Gascho

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements

A Call to Worship (for those experiencing disaster, based on Psalms 24 & 46):

Leader: The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it: for God founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.

People: Thank you God for our world.

Leader: When the earth changes, when the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, when the waters roar and foam, when the mountains tremble with its tumult.

People: You God are our refuge and strength, a help always near in times of great trouble.

All: *Be especially near to those who have recently experienced wildfires, strong storms and hurricanes. May they know your steadfast love.*

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn: Blue/HWB #84 “O that I had a thousand voices”

Oh, that I had a thousand voices 84

O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZUNGEN 98. 98. 88

1 Oh, that I had a thou - sand voi - ces to praise my
 2 O all you pow'rs that God im - plant - ed, a - rise, keep
 3 You for - est leaves so green and ten - der that dance for
 4 All crea - tures that have breath and mo - tion, that throng the
 5 Cre - a - tor, hum - bly I im - plore you to lis - ten

1 God with thou - sand tongues! My heart, which in the Lord re -
 2 si - lence now no more. Put forth the strength that God has
 3 joy in sum - mer air, you mead - ow grass - es, bright and
 4 earth, the sea, the sky, come, share with me my heart's de -
 5 to my earth - ly song un - til that day when I a -

1 joic - es, would then pro - claim in grate - ful songs to all, wher -
 2 grant - ed! Your no - blest work is to a - dore! O soul and
 3 slen - der, you flow'rs so fra - grant and so fair, you live to
 4 vo - tion, help me to sing God's prais - es high! My ut - most
 5 dore you, when I have joined the an - gel throng, and learned with

1 ev - er I might be, what great things God has done for me!
 2 bo - dy, join to raise with heart - felt joy our ma - ker's praise!
 3 show God's praise a - lone; join me to make God's glo - ry known!
 4 pow'rs can nev - er quite de - clare the won - ders of God's might!
 5 choirs of heav'n to sing e - ter - nal an - thems to my king!

Text: Johann Mentzer, *O dass ich tausend Zungen hätte*, *Gesangbuch*, 1704; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941, alt.
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Music: Johann B. König, *Harmonischer Liederschatz*, 1738

Children's Gathering Hymn: "Jesus Loves Me"
Children's Time: Patty Friesen

Hymn

Offering Prayer / Offertory

Offering can be e-transferred to osler.mc.treasurer@gmail.com or dropped in the baskets on your way out of the sanctuary.

Sharing Joys and Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Hymn: Blue/HWB #356 "Breathe on me breath of God"

PRAYING

356 Breathe on me, breath of God

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1 Breathe on me, breath of God. Fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4 Breathe on me, breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Edwin Hatch, *Between Doubt and Prayer*, 1878, alt.
Music: Robert Jackson, *Fifty Sacred Leaflets*, 1888

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 (*Inclusive Bible*)

From Paul, Silas and Timothy, To the people of the church in Thessalonica, who belong to Abba God and our Savior Jesus Christ: May grace and peace be yours. 2 We always thank God for all of you and remember you in our prayers. 3 We call to mind before our God and Creator how you are proving your faith by your actions, laboring in love, and showing constancy of hope in our Savior Jesus Christ.

4 We know, sisters and brothers beloved of God, that you have been chosen. 5 Our preaching of the Gospel was not a mere matter of words. It was done in the power of the Holy Spirit and with complete conviction. You know very well the sort of life we led when we were with you, which was for your sake. 6 You, in turn, followed the example set by us and by Jesus—receiving the word, despite great trials, with the joy that comes from the Holy Spirit. 7 In this way, you've become a model for all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia.

8 The word of Christ has been resounding from you—and not only in Macedonia and Achaia: the news of your faith in God is celebrated everywhere, which makes it unnecessary for us to say anything more. 9 They themselves report to us what kind of reception we had among you, how you turned from idols to God, to be faithful witnesses of the living and true God, 10 and to await the appearance from heaven of Jesus, the Only Begotten, whom God raised from the dead and who will deliver us from the wrath to come.

Response to the Scripture:

Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,

People: Thanks be to God!

Hymn: Blue/HWB #552 “By gracious powers”

By gracious powers 552

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1 By gra - cious pow'rs so won - der - ful - ly shel - tered,
 2 Yet is this heart by its old foe tor - ment - ed,
 3 And when this cup you give is filled to brim - ming
 4 Yet when a - gain in this same world you give us

and con - fi - dent - ly wait - ing come what may,
 still e - vil days bring bur - dens hard to bear.
 with bit - ter sor - row, hard to un - der - stand,
 the joy we had, the bright - ness of your sun,

we know that God is with us night and morn - ing,
 O give our fright - ened souls the sure sal - va - tion,
 we take it thank - ful - ly and with - out trem - bling,
 we shall re - mem - ber all the days we lived through,

and nev - er fails to greet us each new day.
 for which, O Lord, you taught us to pre - pare.
 out of so good and so be - lov'd a hand.
 and our whole life shall then be yours a - lone.

Text: based on Ephesians 5:20, Dietrich Bonhöfer, 1945, *The Cost of Discipleship*, 2nd ed., 1959; tr. Fred Pratt Green, 1972, *Cantate Domino*, 1974
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 Music: Charles H. H. Parry, *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1904

Sermon: "Supporting each other in times of trauma"
Heather Peters

Hymn of Response: Green/SJ #27 "God of the Bible"

PROCLAIMING

27 God of the Bible

FRESH AS THE MORNING* 55. 54. 55. 54 with refrain

1 God of the Bi - ble, God in the Gos - pel, hope seen in Je - sus,
2 God in our strug - gles, God in our hun - ger, suf - fer - ing with us,
3 Those with - out sta - tus, those who are noth - ing, you have made roy - al,
4 Not by your fin - ger, not by your an - ger will our world or - der
5 Hope we must car - ry, shin - ing and cer - tain through all our tur - moil,

hope yet to come, you are our cen - ter, day - light or dark - ness,
tak - ing our part, still you em - pow' r us, moth - er - ing Spir - it,
gift - ed with rights, cho - sen as part - ners, mid - wives of jus - tice,
change in a day, but by your peo - ple, fear - less and faith - ful,
ter - ror and loss, bond - ing us glad - ly one to the oth - er,

free - dom or pris - on, you are our home.
feed - ing, sus - tain - ing, from your own heart.
birth - ing new sys - tems, light - ing new lights.
small pa - per lan - terns, light - ing the way.
till our world chang - es fac - ing the cross.

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Refrain

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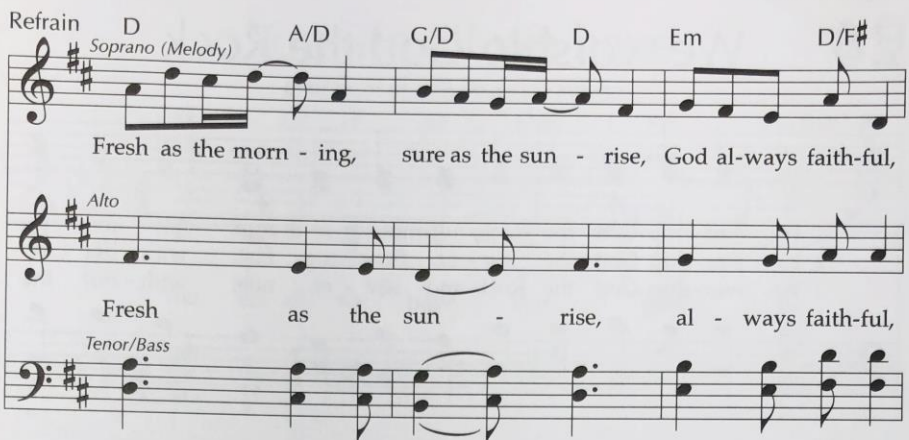
Soprano (Melody)

Fresh as the morn - ing, sure as the sun - rise, God al-ways faith-ful,

Alto

Fresh as the sun - rise, al - ways faith-ful,

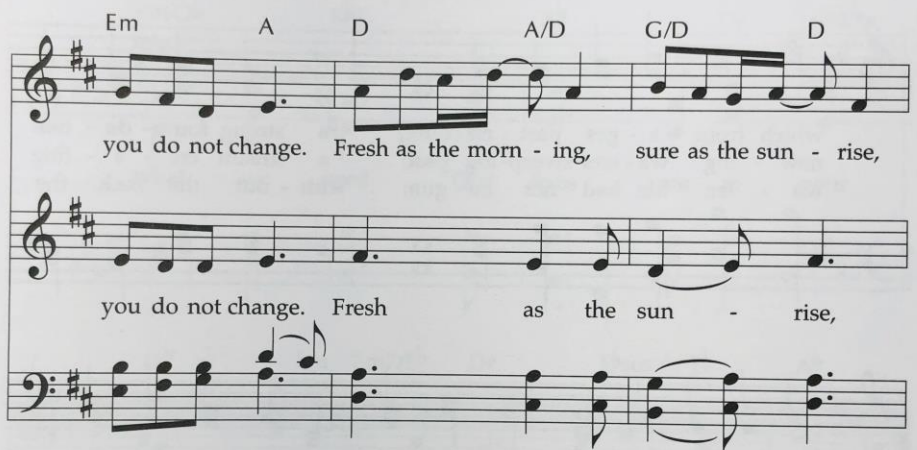
Tenor/Bass



Em A D A/D G/D D

you do not change. Fresh as the morn - ing, sure as the sun - rise,

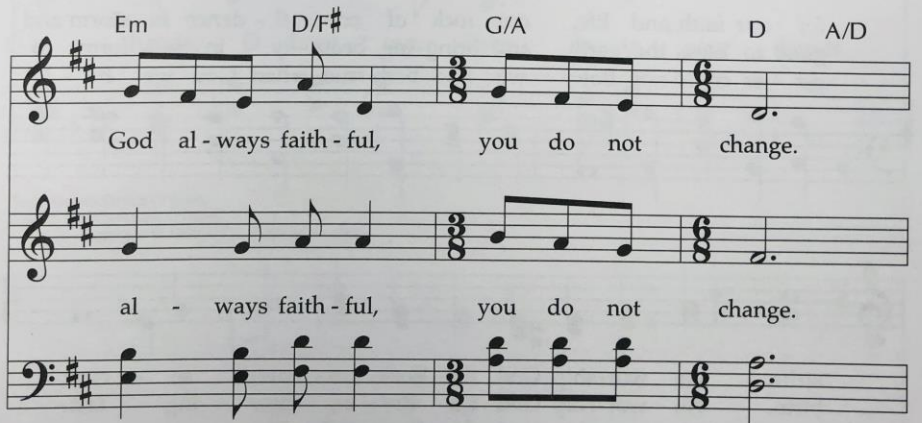
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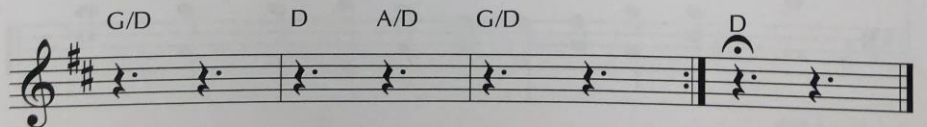
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God al - ways faith - ful, you do not change.

al - ways faith - ful, you do not change.



G/D D A/D G/D D



**For those people worshipping with us here at church, please remain in your seats until the ushers indicate that it is your turn to exit. You may go directly outside, or stay in peace at a safe distance and visit in the sanctuary or lobby.*

Benediction: Hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come, You are our centre; daylight or darkness, freedom or prison, You are our home. Amen.