

The Baptism of Jesus and John Lewis and the Music of Freedom

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship, based on Psalm 29: A psalm of David.

One: Ascribe to the Lord all glory and strength.

People: Worship the Lord in the splendor of God's holiness.

O: The majestic voice of the Lord is over the waters;

P: The God of glory thunders,

O: The voice of the Lord splinters the mighty cedars of Lebanon;

P: The God of glory thunders!

O: The voice of the Lord strikes with flashes of lightning;

P: God makes Lebanon leap like a calf.

O: The voice of the Lord shakes the desert; divides flames of fire.

P: The voice of the Lord twists the oaks and strips the forests bare.

O: You! In God's temple: Cry "Glory!"

ALL: The Lord is enthroned as King forever.

The Lord gives strength to the people; the Lord blesses God's people with peace.

Prayer of Invocation

Dear God, Grant us your peace this day.

Help us to be effective instruments of your peace as we live out our call.

Help us to love our neighbor and trust in your transforming power.

Grant us wisdom in conversations. Let us appreciate each and every one of your creations.

Watch over us and protect us in this time of uncertainty.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Hymn: Purple/VT #129 "O Worship Our God"

O Worship Our God 129

BEAUTY OF HOLINESS Irregular

1-3 O wor-ship our God in the beau-ty of ho-li-ness, in the

beau-ty of ho-li-ness, in the beau-ty of ho-li-ness.

1 Mak-er of the star-light be-yond us, with-in us, from
 2 Je-sus, born of Mar-y, be-fore us, be-side us, your
 3 Spir-it, ev-er mov-ing, a-round us, a-mong us, breathe

si-lence, ho-ly won-der, you birth cre-a-tion's chor-us,
 hum-ble love vic-to-ri-ous has brought a great sal-va-tion,
 mer-cy, flame with jus-tice, mak-ing new your whole cre-a-tion,

Refrain

oh, glo-ry hal-le-lu-jah, hal-le-lu-jah, hal-le-lu-jah, with

joy we come be-fore you and glo-ri-fy your name.

Children's Epiphany Hymn: VT #510 "Today Earth is Singing"
(tune Away in a Manger - we will sing throughout Epiphany to learn)
Children's Time: Adeline Cox

SHARING OUR STORIES: Child Blessing

510 Today Earth Is Singing

CRADLE SONG 11.11.11.11

Capo 3: (D)
F

(Bm) (Em)
Dm Gm

To - day earth is sing - ing with stars up a - bove,

(A) (D) (Em) (A)
C F Gm C

our arms wide in wel - come for God's gift of love;

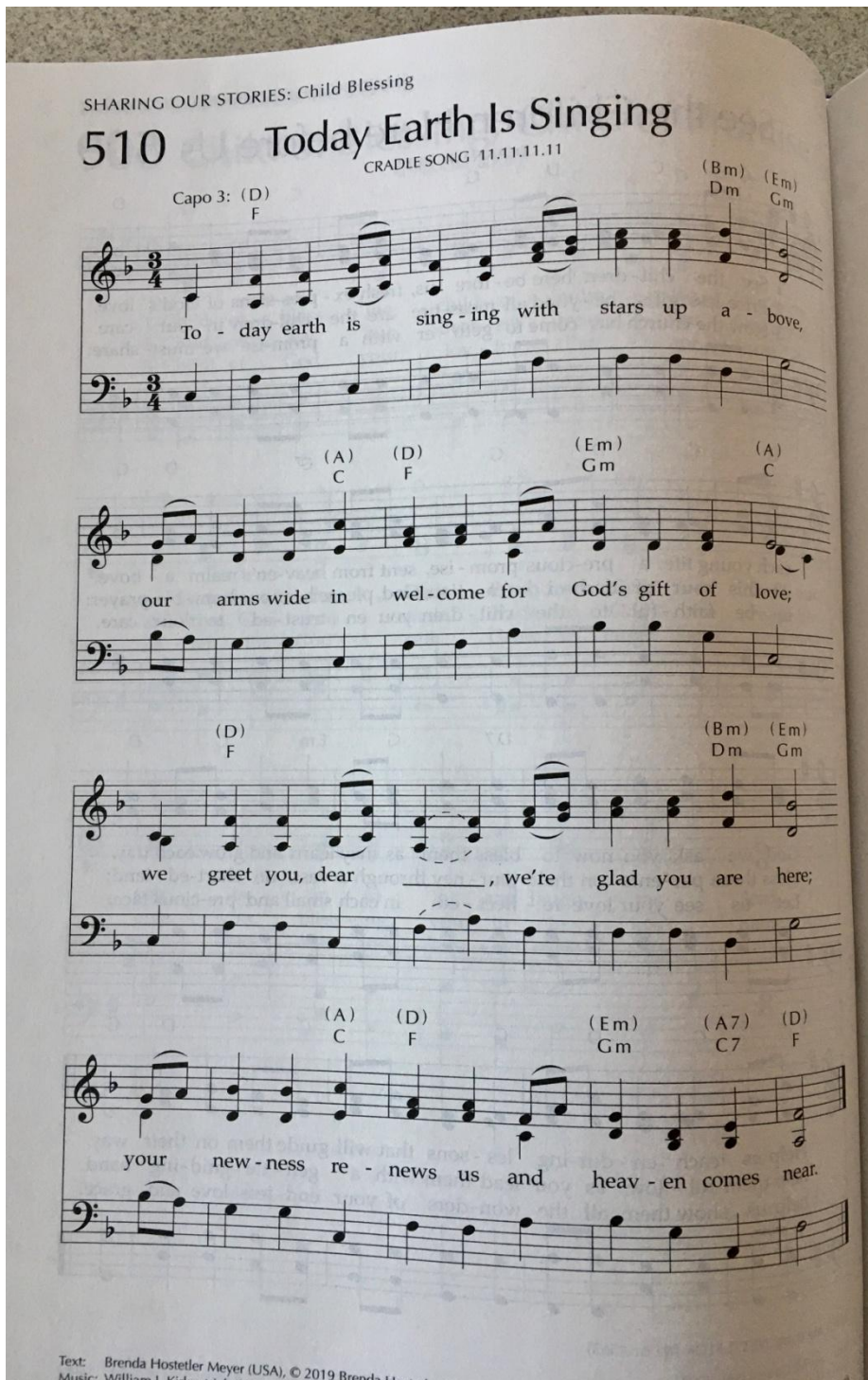
(D) (Bm) (Em)
F Dm Gm

we greet you, dear _____, we're glad you are here;

(A) (D) (Em) (A7) (D)
C F Gm C7 F

your new - ness re - news us and heav - en comes near.

Text: Brenda Hostetler Meyer (USA), © 2019 Brenda Hostetler Meyer
Music: William I. Kirkpatrick, © 1988 William I. Kirkpatrick



Offering Prayer/Offertory
Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

Hymn: Purple/VT #419 "Great Is They Faithfulness"

CONFESSING FAITH

419 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10 with refrain

Capo 1: (D) Eb (G) Ab (A7) Bb7 (D) Eb

1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther,*
 2 Sum-mer and win-ter, and spring-time and har-vest,
 3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth,

There is no shad-ow of turn-ing with thee.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours-es a-bove,
 thine own dear pres-ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang-est not, thy com-pas-sions, they fail not.
 join with all na-ture in man-i-fold wit-ness
 strength for to-day and bright hope for to-mor-row;

As thou hast been thou for-ev-er wilt be.
 to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
 bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

CONFESSING FAITH

Refrain (A) Bb (D) Eb (B7) C7 (Em) Fm

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness!

(A7) Bb7 (D) Eb (Dm) Ebm (A/E) Bb/F (E7) F7 (A) Bb

Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see.

(A7) Bb7 (D) Eb (G) Ab

All I have need-ed thy hand hath pro-vid-ed.

(G#dim7) A dim7 (D/A) Eb/Bb (A7) Bb7 (D) Eb

Great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

*Alternative texts: "O God my Mother" or "O God Creator"
 Text: Thomas O. Chisholm (USA), Songs of Salvation and Service, 1923
 Music: William M. Runyan (USA), Songs of Salvation and Service, 1923

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 1:1-5

In the Beginning God created the heavens and the earth 2 But the earth became chaos and emptiness, and darkness came over the face of the Deep – yet the Spirit of God was brooding over the surface of the waters. 3 Then god said, "Light: Be!" and light was. 4 God saw that light was good, and God separated light from darkness. 5 God called the light "Day" and the darkness "Night". Evening came, and morning followed – the first day.

Gospel Reading Mark 1:4-11

4 And so John the Baptizer appeared in the desert, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5 The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to John and were baptized by him in the Jordan River as they confessed their sins. 6 John was clothed in camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist, and he ate nothing but grasshoppers and wild honey. 7 In the course of his preaching, John said, „One more powerful than I is to come after me. I am not fit to stoop and untie his sandal straps. 8 I have baptized you in water, but the One to come will baptize you in the Holy Spirit.“ 9 It was then that Jesus saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. 11 Then a voice came from the heavens: You are my Beloved, my Own. On you my favor rests.“

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!

Sermon: “The Baptism of Jesus, John Lewis and the Music of Freedom”

Patty Friesen

Hymn: Purple/VT #193 “When Israel Was in Egypt’s Land” (verses 1 & 6)

Hymn: Purple/VT #803 “We Shall Overcome” (verse 1,2,3)

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TELLING GOD'S STORY: Covenant

193 When Israel Was in Egypt's Land

GO DOWN MOSES 8.5.8.5 with refrain

Capo 1: (Em)
Fm

(B7) (Em)
C7 Fm

1 When Is - rael was in E - gyp't's land, let my peo - ple go;
 2 "Thus saith the Lord," bold Mo - ses said, "Let my peo - ple go!
 3 "No more shall they in bond - age toil: let my peo - ple go!
 4 The Lord told Mo - ses what to do, let my peo - ple go;
 5 They jour - neyed on at God's com - mand, "Let my peo - ple go!"
 6 Oh, let us all from bond - age flee; let my peo - ple go!

(B7) (Em)
C7 Fm

op - pressed so hard they could not stand, let my peo - ple go!
 If not, I'll smite your first - born dead. Let my peo - ple go!"
 Let them come out with E - gyp't's spoil: let my peo - ple go!"
 to lead the children of Is - rael through, let my peo - ple go.
 and came at length to Ca - naan's land, let my peo - ple go.
 And let us all in Christ be free: let my peo - ple go!

Refrain

(Am) (Em) (B7) (Em)
Bbm Fm C7 Fm

Go down, (go down,) Mo - ses, (Mo - ses,) way down in E - gyp't's

(B7) (Em)
C7 Fm

land. Tell old Pha - raoh: Let my peo - ple go!

Text: African American spiritual (USA)
Music: African American spiritual; arr. Melva Wilson Costen (USA), © 1990 Melva Wilson Costen

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We Shall Overcome

WE SHALL OVERCOME Irregular

Chords: C, F, C, F, C, Am

We shall o - ver - come, we shall o - ver - come, we shall o - ver -

Chords: D, G, D7, G, G7, C/E, F, C

Refrain

come some - day! Oh, deep in my heart

Chords: F, C, Am, Ddim, C7, F, C/G, G7, C

I do be - lieve we shall o - ver - come some - day!

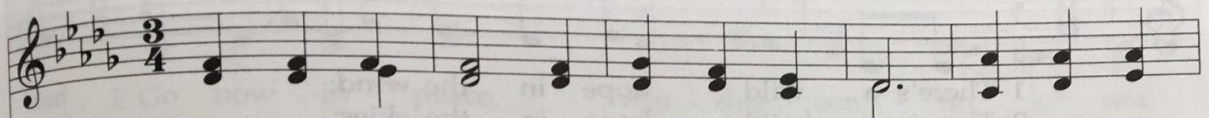
We'll walk hand in hand . . . some day!
We shall live in peace . . . some day!
We are not afraid . . . today!
God will see us through . . . today!

Hymn: Purple/VT # 827 "Move in Our Midst"

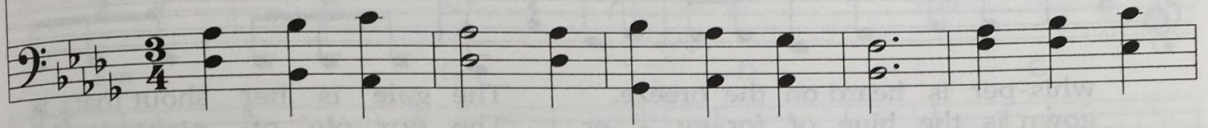
Move in Our Midst 827

PINE GLEN 9.9.9.9

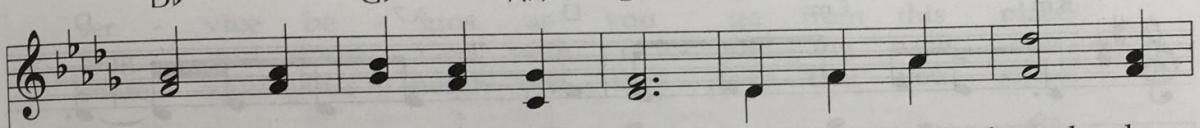
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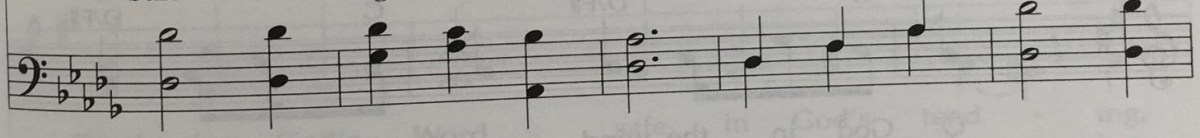
1 Move in our midst, thou Spir - it of God. Go with us
2 Touch thou our hands to lead us a - right. Guide us for -
3 Strike from our feet the fet - ters that bind. Lift from our
4 Kin - dle our hearts to burn with thy flame. Raise up thy



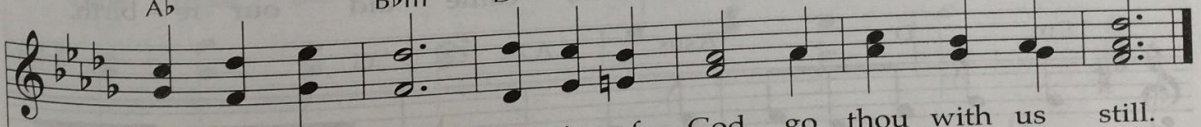
(C) Db (F) Gb (G7) Ab7 (C) Db



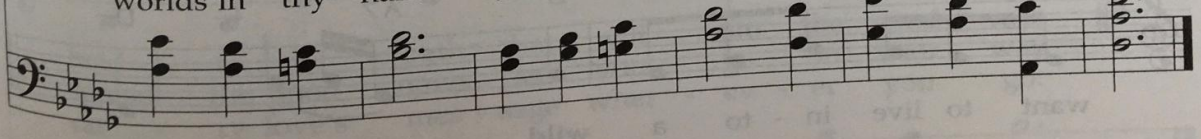
down from thy ho - ly hill. Walk with us through the
ev - er, show us thy way. Trans - form our dark - ness
lives the weight of our wrong. Teach us to love with
ban - ners high in this hour. Stir us to build new



(G) Ab (Am) Bbm (C) Db (B7/F#)(C/G) C7/G Db/Ab (G7) Ab7 (C) Db



storm and the calm. Spir - it of God, go thou with us still.
in - to thy light. Spir - it of God, lead thou us to - day.
heart, soul, and mind. Spir - it of God, thy love makes us strong.
worlds in thy name. Spir - it of God, O send us thy pow'r!



Chord symbols represent a simplified harmony.

Benediction: Go forth in peace and be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And may the God who fills the hungry with good things fill us all with Christlike love and with a consuming hunger for justice in our land and in our world. (1059VT)

Remember in Prayer:

- Teachers and students in new year

- Helen Peters, Warman Special Care Home says “Happy New Year everyone!” She can get our services on her cell now and loves photos and texts 306-491-1484.

- **Good news from Friendship Inn:** The \$7500 automatic potato peeler project started by Mount Royal and joined in by Nutana Park and Osler Mennonite Churches with grants from Mennonite Disaster Service, Concord Corp. and a random comment to an optometrist netted \$36,000 that Friendship Inn is using to re-do their plumbing and buy a new coffee maker and blender. Thanks be to God!

- **We are called to join our brothers and sisters in MC USA** in prayer following the events that unfolded in their country over the last week. Glen Guyton, the executive director of Mennonite Church USA, has written a response to the attack on their Capitol yesterday. Here is a link to Glen’s response to the attack on the Capitol: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/glens-blog/attack-on-capitol/>