

**A Service of Worship in a Season of Growth & Change
Old Dutch Church
August 9, 2020**



Gathering Music

Greeting & God's Welcome

Call to Worship (responsive, adapted from Psalm 119:105-112)

One: God of the journey, your word is a lamp to my feet,

All: Your presence is a light to my path.

Though I have doubts and worries and wonders,

You hold fast to me.

Though my heart hurts, my spirit aches, and I lose my way,

I hold fast to you.

Though the world around me tosses and tumbles, is broken and torn,

You hold fast your precious world, and all that lives within it.

God of the journey, your stories and your songs,

They comfort me.

Your will and your Spirit,

They nudge me along.

Your love and your promise,

They give me hope.

Because you are faithful and good,

I come to you with thanksgiving in my heart.

Because you hold fast to me,

I hold fast to you and turn to walk in your light.

Hymn

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (following page)



O God, Our Help in Ages Past

PSALM 90

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
 soon bears us all away;
 we fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the opening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 still be our guard while troubles last,
 and our eternal home!

Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession

Jesus says: "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free." Together we confess the truth of our struggle to receive and live from God's love, and we open ourselves to the truth of God's life-changing grace. Let us pray:

When we make our peace with untruths, God have mercy.

When we silence the cries for justice around us, God have mercy.

When we ignore the presence of the Christ in the stranger, God have mercy.

When we hoard or waste your good gifts, God have mercy.

When we doubt your love, God have mercy.

When we resist the change you call us into, God have mercy.

For the sake of our lives, for the sake of your world, God have mercy. Amen.

Song

"Change My Heart, O God" (sung 3 times)

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
 Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

Words of Assurance, God's Way for Us & Sharing the Peace

*Brothers and sisters, receive the good news: By the grace of God, made flesh in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, washed, embraced, softened, opened, enlarged, rested, raised, and sent on our way to walk in God's way for us. **Thanks be to God!***

So be of good courage. Hold fast to what is good.

Render no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted.

Support the weak. Help the afflicted.

Show love to everyone. Love and serve the Lord,

rejoicing always in the power of the Holy Spirit at work in you.

Go into the world in peace and share the peace God has given you.

*The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.***

Gloria Patri 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.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Sermon Theme **"Stories of Wrestling, Waiting, Growing & Changing"**

Prayer for Blessing on the Word

We Offer Our Gifts & Ourselves

Solo "Ladies, Link Your Arms"

written & sung by Lisa Dudley

Prayer of Consecration (unison)

God our Creator and Keeper, we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, and with them receive the offering of our lives. Nourish us with your life—your generosity, your passion, and compassion. For the sake of your love becoming flesh in and through us we pray. Amen.

Doxology Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer (using "debts and debtors")

Hymn "Will You Come and Follow Me" (following page)

Benediction

Music for Going Forth

Will You Come and Follow Me

F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

1 Will you come and fol - low me, if I but call your name?
 2 Will you leave your-self be - hind, if I but call your name?
 3 Will you let the blind - ed see, if I but call your name?
 4 Will you love the 'you' you hide, if I but call your name?
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b/C F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 > Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

Gm7 B^b Gm7 Am7 B^b6 Csus C

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 > Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b/C F

will you let my life be grown in you, and you in me?
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you, and you in me?
 > and ad - mit to what I mean in you, and you in me?
 through my sight and touch and sound in you, and you in me?
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you, and you in me.

Leading us in worship this morning: Bethany Pietroniro, piano; Rev. Renée House, welcome, reflection, and prayers; Dewi Pangaribuan, leading liturgy and singing; Jim Fitzmorris, Alonzo Jordon, Rob Sweeney, and Luci Aprilwine Windsong-Rain, audio, video, and live feed.

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PRAYER CORNER

Nursing Homes/Assisted Living - **Galen Kelly** (Syracuse area for rehab), **Bill Ford**(Ed's brother), **Joan**

Alsdorf(Halls), **Hannah Little**, **Victoria Piasecki**, **Su Saban**

At Home - **Pat Allen**, **Dee Milczarzyk**, **Nancy Sweeney**, **Arlene Carlson**, **Gene Hall**, **Pat Hall**, **Tom Pape**, **Anna-Marie O'Brien**, **Betty Myers**, **Joel Brink**, **Theron Haskins**, **Ed Ford**, **Howard Hopkins**, **Liam Lezniak**(Matt Hall), **Lynda Thaisz**(Pat Allen), **Jessica & Solon De Usoz**(Deirdre Ourso's sister & nephew), **Tory Lowe**(Jane Hansell); **Thelma Lucas**, **Nancy Guido**(Betty Williams), **Frankie Knowles**(Betsy Arlantino), **Barry Mitchell**, **Sahar Chifici**(Deirdre Ourso), **baby Wyatt Krueger**(Elizabeth Wikane), **Kathy Vitale**(Jim Fitzmorris' sister), **Peter Rosier**(Henk & Barbara's son), **Steve Asche**(Pat Hall), **Amber Busk & Family**(Barb Oliver), **Linda Ferraro**, **Joanne Flynn & Family**; **4/y.o. w/ stage 4 cancer** (Dr. Melissa Nord), **Steve Dudley**(Lisa's f-i-l), **Mary Riesig** (Fay Gervais' sister), **Lisa Boudreau**, **Catherine Foster**, **Dawn Foster** (Lisa's mom & sister), **Adam Coss** (Gene Hall's nephew), **Barbara Steinbrenner** (Lisa Dudley's mother; in Hospice care), **Karen Gorst's father**, **Joyce Powell** (Barb Oliver's aunt), **Rev. Eric Titus**, **Nevaeh** (14 y/o, following heart surgery; by Gene Hall)

(Names will remain on our At Home Prayer List for one month, unless otherwise requested)

Missionaries - **Rev. Aaro Rytkonen/Al Amana Center**(Oman), **Josh & Erica Bode**(Oman)

Incarcerated - **Jeremiah**, **De'Andre Green**, **Jaqwan Foster**

Military Service - **James Bonestell**(son of Ken & Rebecca Rosier), **Taylor Schenck**(granddaughter of Marilyn Smith)

Please also keep in prayer the thousands of folks on the front-lines in the struggle to halt the spread of Coronavirus while doing their jobs - healthcare workers, first responders, cleaning crews, etc. - as well as those working to provide for the needs of others - food, supplies, medicines, housing.

YOU'RE INVITED TOMORROW NIGHT!!: - In celebration of the completion of our roof project, we are planning an outdoor, masked and socially-distanced, hearts-united, community celebration for **Friday, August 7, 5-7 p.m.** with live music, food and drink, some little speeches, special selections from our new carillon, and maybe some dancing!

Summer Reading Group is underway. The group is reading/discussing Jim Wallis' book, *America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege and the bridge to a New America*. Please contact Pastor Renee if you wish to be a part of the group and to obtain your book - pastorrenee@olddutchchurch.org.