

**A Service of Worship in a Season of Growth & Change  
Old Dutch Church  
August 23, 2020**



**Gathering Music**

**Greetings & 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**

“We Praise You, O God” (following page)



## We Praise You, O God

C Dm G C

1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;  
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and moth - ers;  
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer;

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.  
 through life's storm and tem - pest our guide you have been.  
 our songs of thanks - giv - ing to you we now raise.

We lay it be - fore you, we kneel and a - dore you;  
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you nev - er for - sake us.  
 Your strong arm will guide us, our God is be - side us.

F G C Dm7 G7 C

we bless your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.  
 And with your help, O Lord, our bat - tles we win.  
 To you, our great Re - deem - er, for - e'er be praise!

*Chord symbols represent a simplified harmony.*

Words: Julia C. Cory, 1902, alt., P.D.

Music (KREMSER 12.11.12.11): A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626, P.D.

## 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 & Reflection on the Theme:** "Stories of Wrestling, Waiting, Growing & Changing"

## Prayer for Blessing on the Word

## We Offer Our Gifts & Ourselves

**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**

"Go, My Children, With My Blessing" (following page)

**Benediction**

**Music for Going Forth**

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**Leading us in worship this morning:** Bethany Pietroniro, piano; Andrea and Robert Shaut, piano and saxophone; Rev. Renée House, leading liturgy; Willow Kristin Harrington, reflection on our August theme; Jim Fitzmorris, Alonzo Jordon, and Luci Aprilwine Windsong-Rain, audio and video.

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# Go, My Children, with My Blessing

1. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone;  
2. Go, my chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure,  
3. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me;

wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own;  
here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure;  
grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.

in my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for  
here you heard my Son's dear sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his  
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here his ten - der com - fort

ev - er, go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing you are my own.  
glo - ry, go, my chil-dren, sins for - giv - en at peace and pure.  
stilled you; go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy - ful and free.

WORDS: Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983  
MUSIC: Traditional Welsh melody; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams

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**Welcome** to our Sunday Worship Celebration via live-stream on FaceBook! As we worship, we are reminded that God welcomes and blesses each of us, encouraging us to be a blessing to others.

### 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**, **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), **Adam Coss** (Gene Hall's nephew), **Karen Gorst's father**, **Joyce Powell** (Barb Oliver's aunt), **Rev. Eric Titus**, **Nevaeh** (14 y/o, post-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**

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.

**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](mailto:pastorrenee@olddutchchurch.org).

**Kingston Emergency Food Hotline** - Anyone in need of food in the Kingston School District can call **888-316-0879** be entered into a growing database to receive prepared food or grocery delivery. The hotline will operate in English & Spanish. Other contact info for food support: **Family of Woodstock/YMCA** - (845) 679-2485. Prepared, microwave-ready meals for pick-up or delivery. **People's Place** - (845) 338-4030. **Community Café**, 8:30 am - 1 pm; **Food Pantry**, 10 am - 1 pm, Mon - Fri; & Wed 5:30 - 7:30 pm; **Bag Student Hunger** - breakfast, lunch, snack items distributed during Food Pantry hours.

**The School for Christian Living and Serving** will offer:

**Old Testament** (General Interest)

Instructor: The Rev. Jay Vogelaar

Location: Via Zoom.us

Date: Tuesdays, Sept. 15, 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27, & Nov. 10, 7-9 p.m.

Tuition: \$100

On the road to Emmaus, Jesus met two disciples and said, "...everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Our course of study will look into each section of the Old Testament as Jesus distinguished them: the Law, the Prophets and the Psalms. We will also follow Mark Devers' overview of the Old Testament as "Promises Made" by God.

*Registration forms are available from the Church office; submission deadline is September 7.*

