

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Miller, South Dakota

March 22, 2020

Pastor: Brian Jones

Organist: Janice Palmer

PRELUDE

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: God does not see as mortals see. We look on the outward appearance; God looks on the heart.

ALL: Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as you see!

One: Once we lived in darkness, but now—as children of light, we are called to what is good and right and true.

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MORNING PRAYER

MINUTE FOR MISSION: One Great Hour of Sharing

***HYMN No. 216** “Jesus, Lover of My Soul” (*words below*)

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** Gracious God, we are people who still love darkness rather than light. We keep shameful deeds secret, but flaunt our occasional acts of virtue. We see ourselves as blameless, but pass judgment on others. We do not stand firmly enough with those who are vulnerable, but step back, protecting ourselves. Forgive us, we pray. Bring us into your light so that we may see ourselves rightly, so that we may know ourselves loved, so that we may live more fruitful lives. Keep raising us, we pray, from the deadness of sin, and shine upon us with your grace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF PARDON**

***GLORIA PATRI** (see insert for words)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 23 (p. 476 in pew Bible)

CHILDREN’S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC Dawn Haar and Jim Jones

GOSPEL READING: John 9:1-41 (p.932 in pew Bible)

SERMON: “After”

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

***DOXOLOGY** (see insert for words)

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN No. 379** “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (*words below*)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prayer list: Phil Crackel, Zane Wulff, Gerald Cain, Wanda Schumach, Steve Stewart, Dvonna Kienow, Gerald Zerfoss, June VanZee, Saylr Moncur, Eric Droz, Kelsey Hunter, Shaylee Anderberg, Madonna Blachford, Sally Resel, Marcia Sawvell

Household Prayer for Morning:

Good morning, Lord. The day has dawned with the gift of sunlight, and I awaken from sleep into the light and grace of Christ. Thank you for this new day. Stay with me, I pray, shepherding me through all that the day will hold. Lead me into pleasant places, and give me the provisions I will need if I find myself in difficulty or danger. Whenever the cup of gladness overflows, help me to recognize that it is filled with your goodness and mercy. In praise and anticipation I begin this day; in Jesus' name. Amen.

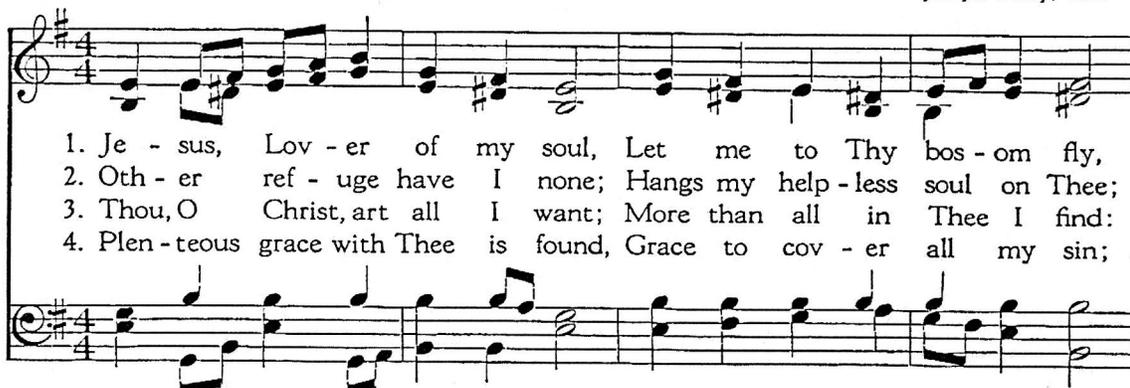
Household Prayer for Evening:

With the night, Good Lord, comes rest, and a chance for my soul to be restored. You are with me in this and every darkness, so I will not be afraid. For all I have seen with my own eyes today, for all others have helped me to see, I give you thanks. For those things that I did not notice: signs of beauty and kindness, evidences of your grace, I pray that you will improve the eyes of my faith so that I can see you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly tomorrow, and all my tomorrows. In the name of your Son, my Savior, I pray. Amen.

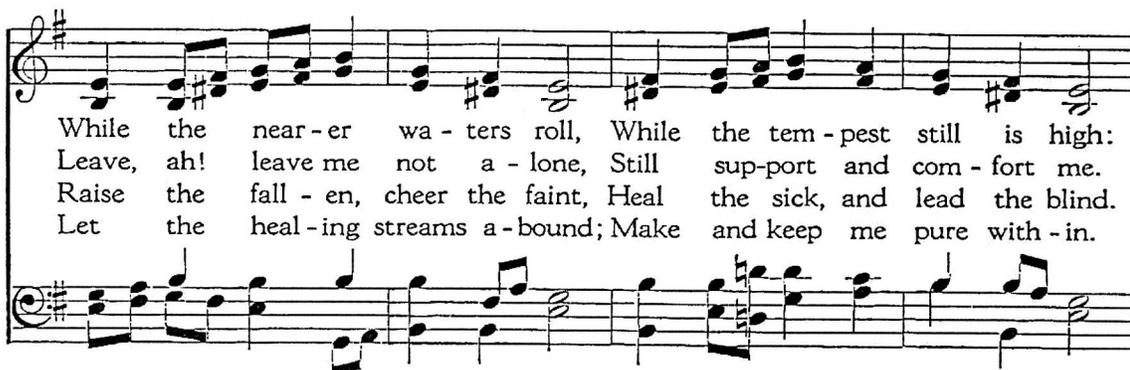
(Hymns on next pages)

Charles Wesley, 1740

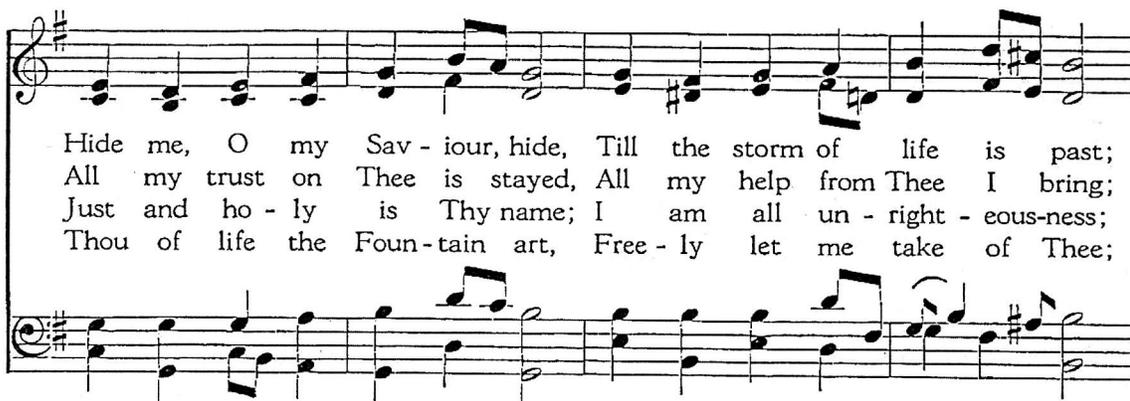
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ABERYSTWYTH: 7. 7. 7. 7. D.
Joseph Parry, 1879


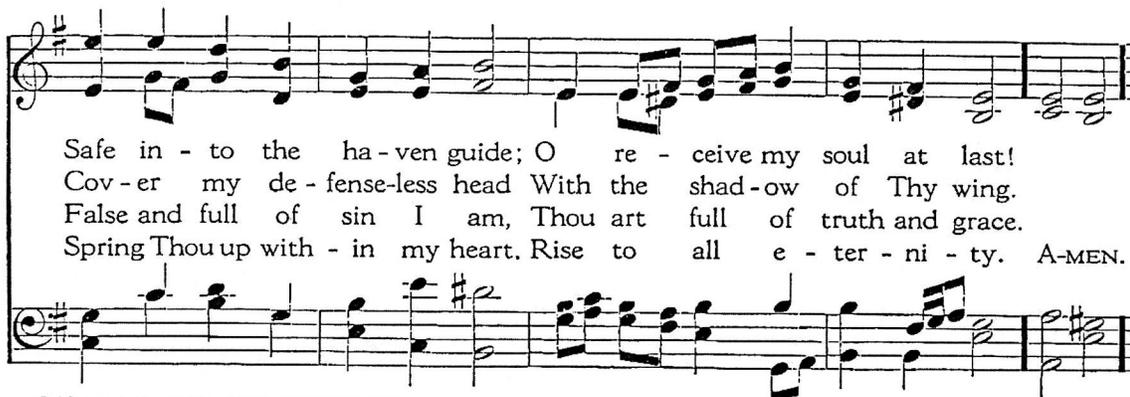
1. Je - sus, Lov - er of my soul, Let me to Thy bos - om fly,
2. Oth - er ref - uge have I none; Hangs my help - less soul on Thee;
3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want; More than all in Thee I find:
4. Plen - teous grace with Thee is found, Grace to cov - er all my sin;



While the near - er wa - ters roll, While the tem - pest still is high:
Leave, ah! leave me not a - lone, Still sup - port and com - fort me.
Raise the fall - en, cheer the faint, Heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Let the heal - ing streams a - bound; Make and keep me pure with - in.



Hide me, O my Sav - iour, hide, Till the storm of life is past;
All my trust on Thee is stayed, All my help from Thee I bring;
Just and ho - ly is Thy name; I am all un - right - eous - ness;
Thou of life the Foun - tain art, Free - ly let me take of Thee;



Safe in - to the ha - ven guide; O re - ceive my soul at last!
Cov - er my de - fense - less head With the shad - ow of Thy wing.
False and full of sin I am, Thou art full of truth and grace.
Spring Thou up with - in my heart. Rise to all e - ter - ni - ty. A - MEN.

JESUS CHRIST: HIS PRESENCE

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Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Robert Robinson, 1758

NETTLETON: 8. 7. 8. 7. D.
John Wyeth, 1813

1. Come, Thou Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy help I'm come;
3. O to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!

Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, Call for songs of loud - est praise
And I hope, by Thy good pleas - ure, Safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, Bind my wan - dering heart to Thee:

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, Sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, Wan - dering from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;

Praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, Mount of God's un - chang - ing love!
He, to res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove. A - MEN.

LIFE IN CHRIST: FAITH AND ASSURANCE