

**Westminster Presbyterian Church  
Order of Worship for May 10, 2020**

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

From Psalm 145

**Leader:** The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**People:** **The Lord is good to all, and the Lord's compassion is over all that the Lord has made.**

**Leader:** All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.

**People:** **They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power,**

**Leader:** Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

**People:** **The Lord is faithful in all the Lord's words and gracious in all the Lord's deeds.**

Invocation

Hymn Be Thou My Vision

Prayer of Confession

Psalm 25

**Lord, you lead the humble in what is right, and you teach the humble their way. We pray for humility, Lord, for bended knees before you with our sins at your feet. We confess our sins against you, against others, and against our own selves. You created us for your mission, and we forget to be guided by the gifts you've given us. Pardon our guilt. Turn to us, and be gracious to us. Redeem us, O God, through your gracious mercy.**

*[silence for personal confession]*

Assurance of God's Pardon

Song of Response

**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.**

Sharing Christ's Peace

**Leader:** The Peace of Christ be with you.

**People:** **And also with you**

Time for Children

Offering Ourselves to God

Offertory

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Lesson Philippians 1:12-30

**Leader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon From Jail with JOY: Joy, Not Fear

Hymn Praise My Soul, The God of Heaven

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Benediction and Song of Response

**God be with you till we meet again;  
loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you:  
God be with you till we meet again.**

Postlude

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*Leading the service today: Lissa Long, Pastor; Priscilla Holtzclaw, Liturgist; Janie Bruce, Youth and Children; Robin Zemp, Organ; Meg Dorsel, video; Handbells: Dee Bee Wright, Jane Warner, Nancy Parrish, Jim Drennan*

## Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D)  
 Eb (G) (D) (D)  
 Ab (A7) (A7) (A7) (D)  
 Eb/B7 Bb7 Bb7 Eb

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;  
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) (D) (G) (A)  
 Bb Eb Ab Bb

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) (D) (G) (A)  
 Ab Eb Ab Bb

thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;  
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) (D/F#) (G) (A)  
 Cm Eb/G Ab Eb

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.  
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

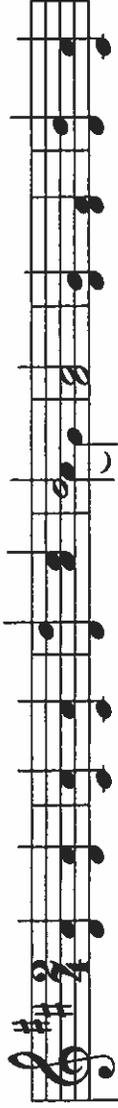
TEXT: Irish poem; trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912, alt.

MUSIC: Irish ballad; arr. David Evans, 1927

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# Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven 619

(Psalm 103)



- 1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; glad of heart your
- 2 Praise God for the grace and fa - vor shown our fore - bears
- 3 Like a lov - ing par - ent car - ing, God knows well our
- 4 An - gels, teach us ad - o - ra - tion; you be - hold God



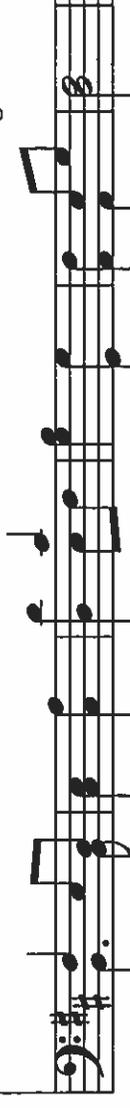
car - ols raise; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
 in dis - tress; God is still the same for - ev - er,  
 fee - ble frame, glad - ly all our bur - dens bear - ing,  
 face to face. Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion,



who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 still to count - less years the same. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all your days!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing our Mak - er's faith - ful - ness!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! All with - in me, praise God's name!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!



This adaptation of an older paraphrase of Psalm 103 (see no. 620) is informed by an awareness that much of the received language of religious traditions enshrines social values that obscure the goodness of God, which far transcends all our labels and categories and hierarchies.