


# Glendale Presbyterian Church

April 28, 2024 | 10 AM  
Fifth Sunday of Easter



Reformed worship is centered around the Word, both the Word of scripture and Christ as the Word Incarnate.

In worship we gather around the Word, engage with the Word, and respond to the Word.

**Bold text is read by the congregation.**

\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

You may access the online order of worship to follow along on any digital device:



In the presence of a holy God, we become aware of the ways we fall short of God's best hopes for us, and the ways we have hurt others. We turn to God in prayer, asking for forgiveness.

Passing of the Peace is one of the most ancient responses in worship. We invite you to share a sign of peace with your neighbor.

\*(The Greek word, Metanoia, is sung in the Chorus: Change your view, change your mind to embrace the transformation of God in your life)

+At this time the young and young at heart are invited to come forward to the front pew for conversation around our texts for the week...

## Gather

Welcome & Announcements | Rev. Kathleen Henrion

Prelude | Be Thou Near Me, J.S. Bach | Carol Schmidt

Introit | GTG #455 | Listen to the Word that God has Spoken (sung in a round)

\*Call to Worship | Liturgist

One: Here in this place of worship, with the congregation of the faithful,

**All: we lay down our fears, to boldly sing God's praise.**

One: Here in the vineyard of the Lord, with our sisters and brothers in Christ,

**All: grandparents tell stories of faith to little ones sitting on their laps.**

One: Here where God waits to serve us at the Table:

**All: we shall be so filled with love that we will run to serve others.**

\*Hymn | Congregational Choice

Call to Confession | Liturgist

Prayer of Confession

**Mother of Compassion:**

**called to be one body,**

**we fragment ourselves into a million selfish pieces;**

**your children of love,**

**we insist on the right to despise our sisters and brothers;**

**though your Perfect Love was broken for us,**

**we are afraid to give of ourselves to the world.**

**Abide in us, Vine Grower.**

**Forgive us of our sins, so we may live boldly,**

**love fearlessly, and proclaim unceasingly that Jesus Christ**

**is our Lord and Savior.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Do you feel it - there, deep down in your hearts? God's love is alive, beating, breathing - in you!

**All: Because God abides in us, we can live for others, allowing God's love to bear fruit in us. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

\*Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Anthem | Open my Eyes by Michael by John Trotta\* | Chancel Choir

## Proclaim God's Word

Prayer for Illumination | Liturgist

+Moment for Wonder | Rev. Kathleen Henrion

Hymn | GTG #455 | Listen to the Word that God has Spoken

Scripture | 1 John 4:7-21 and John 15:1-8

Sermon | "Abiding" | Rev. Kathleen Henrion

## Respond to God's Word

\*Hymn | GTG #800 | Sometimes a Light Surprises

\*Affirmation of Faith | Joining of New Members:

Barb & Tom Cavichia, Jere Dorough, and Anneliese Kemp

Who is your Lord and Savior? **Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Do you trust him? **I do.**

Do you intend to be his disciple, to obey his Word, and to show his love? **I do.**

Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, giving of yourself in every way, and will you seek the fellowship of the church wherever you may be? **I will.**

Words of Offering | Liturgist

Prayer of Dedication | Rev. Kathleen Henrion

\*Doxology | GTG #765 | Song of Hope

Prayers of the People | Rev. Kathleen Henrion

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.**

\*Hymn | GTG #821 | How Can I Keep from Singing?

\*Blessing and Benediction | Rev. Kathleen Henrion

Postlude | Sonata in C Minor, Op. 13 Adagio cantabile, Ludwig van Beethoven | Carol Schmidt

Some Liturgies come from Thom M. Shuman's Lectionary Liturgies:  
<http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/>

Then children are invited to join our Sunday School Teacher in the back of the sanctuary to go to Sunday School downstairs.

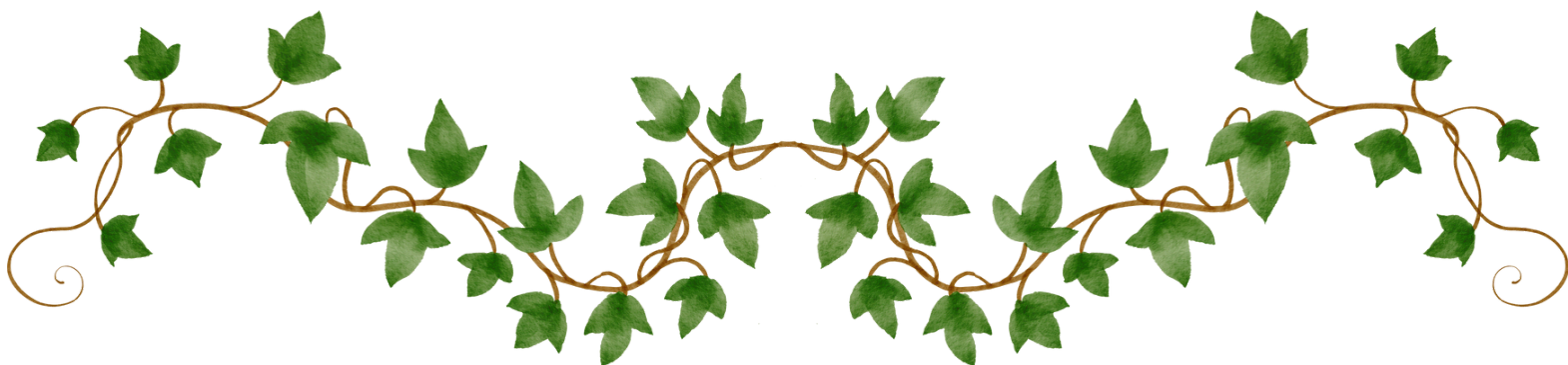
The Larger Catechism, written primarily by Dr. Anthony Tuckney, professor of divinity and vice-chancellor of Cambridge University, was designed for public exposition from the pulpit.

Tithes and offerings may be left in the offering plate. Those who prefer to donate electronically are invited to donate through our church website:

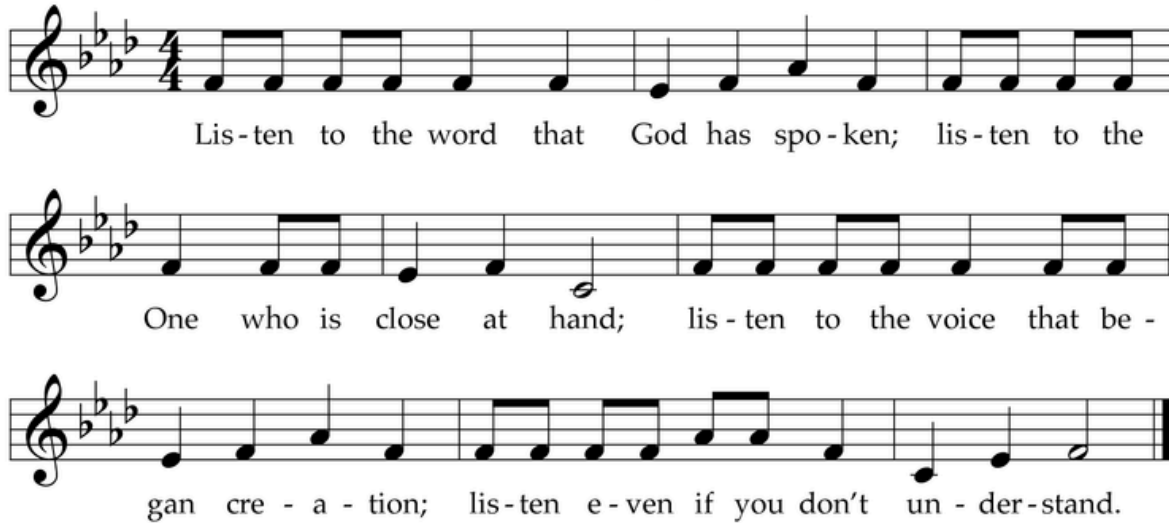


Our congregation has a practice of staying seated for the duration of the postlude.

Our worship does not end with the postlude, but continues out into the world, where we are sent to love and care for God's people.



# 455 Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken



Lis-ten to the word that God has spo-ken; lis-ten to the  
One who is close at hand; lis-ten to the voice that be -  
gan cre - a - tion; lis-ten e - ven if you don't un - der-stand.

*May be sung as a round, successive voices entering ad lib.*

Like "Open Your Ears, O Faithful People" (see no. 453), this short song from Canada is an encouragement to pay attention to what God is saying. The significance of the text is enhanced by singing this piece as a round, allowing the overlapping phrases to yield a single message.

TEXT: Anon. Canadian, alt.  
MUSIC: Anon. Canadian; adapt. *Church Hymnary, 4th Edition, 2005*

LISTEN  
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## 800 Sometimes a Light Surprises



1 Some - times a light sur - pris - es the child of God who sings;  
 2 In ho - ly con - tem - pla - tion we sweet - ly then pur - sue  
 3 It can bring with it noth - ing but he will bear us through;  
 4 Though vine nor fig tree nei - ther their longed - for fruit should bear,



it is the Lord who ris - es with heal - ing in his wings;  
 the theme of God's sal - va - tion and find it ev - er new;  
 who gives the lil - ies cloth - ing will clothe his peo - ple, too;  
 though all the fields should with - er, nor flocks nor herds be there,



when com - forts are de - clin - ing, he grants the soul a - gain  
 set free from pres - ent sor - row, we cheer - ful - ly can say,  
 be - neath the spread - ing heav - ens no crea - ture but is fed;  
 yet God the same a - bid - ing, his praise shall tune my voice;



a sea - son of clear shin - ing to cheer it af - ter rain.  
 "Let the un - known to - mor - row bring with it what it may."  
 and he who feeds the ra - vens will give his chil - dren bread.  
 for while in him con - fid - ing, I can - not but re - joice.

This is one of the few hymns rooted in what can happen during worship, and that experience—gaining a spiritual insight while singing—is no less possible now than when this text was written in the 18th century. It is set here to a folk song variously labeled Irish or English.

# May the God of Hope Go with Us 765

## Song of Hope / Canto de esperanza



May the God of hope go with us ev - ery day, fill - ing all our  
*¡Dios de la es - pe - ran - za, da - nos go - zo y paz! Al mun - do en*



lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of jus - tice speed us  
*cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver - dad. Dios de la jus - ti - cia, mán - da -*



on our way, bring - ing light and hope to ev - ery land and race.  
*nos tu luz, luz y es - pe - ran - za en la os - cu - ri - dad.*



Pray - ing, let us work for peace; sing - ing, share our joy with all;  
*O - re - mos por la paz, can - te - mos de tu a - mor.*



work - ing for a world that's new, faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.  
*Lu - che - mos por la paz, fie - les a ti, Se - ñor.*

This Argentine folk melody sets Spanish and English words, both created by a PC(USA) missionary with much Latin American experience. The two versions complement each other: the Spanish text offering a prayer to God, and the English one providing inspiration for the singers.

## 821

# My Life Flows On

## How Can I Keep from Singing?

1 My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion.  
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.  
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? I know my Sav - ior liv - eth.  
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!

I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?  
 What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.  
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

*Refrain*

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.

Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

In the *New York Observer* of August 7, 1868, this text was titled "Always Rejoicing," and was attributed to "Pauline T." This may well be where the Baptist pastor and musician to whom it is usually credited encountered the words that he later published with his tune.

# Prayer Requests

## Healing and Wholeness

Prayers for Joann Ford, Mary Beth's sister-in-law who had emergency surgery.  
Prayers for Kenny Holtgrewe, Leslen's cousin, who is awaiting a leg amputation.  
Prayers for Pat Hagar, Deb Rose's future mother-in-law, who fractured her knee cap and elbow, and is awaiting release from hospital into rehab care.  
Prayers for Deb's sister Peggy, who is undergoing testing for heart arrhythmia.  
Prayers for Steve Bauer, Deb's brother, who fell and injured his knee and eye.  
Prayers for Curt and Nancy Blanc, friends of Deb Rose, upon the death of Curt's mother last week.

## Celebration

Happy birthday to Julie Buchholz on May 1st, Connie Beyrouthy on May 2nd and Lauren Keeley on May 3rd.

## Announcements

Have a question about an event? An announcement to share? Contact the church office at 314-822-2545 or by e-mail to [glendalepres@gmail.com](mailto:glendalepres@gmail.com)

## Webster-Rock Hill Ministries

Now is the time to mark your calendars to support Webster-Rock Hill Ministries by participating in their annual Trivia Night. The game begins at 7:00 on Friday, June 14th, at First Congregational Church of Webster Groves. \$30 donation per person.

There is a signup sheet and more information on the board outside the office. It would be great if we could fill two tables!

## Coffee Shop Office Hours

Pastor Kathleen's coffee shop hours will be at St. Louis Bread Co in Webster Groves, this Wednesday, May 1 from 1-3 pm.



**Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering**  
**SISTERS IN SUSTAINABILITY**  
The Presbytery of Giddings Lovejoy  at Glendale Presbyterian  
*Saturday, May 4, 2024* 9 AM REGISTRATION  
9:30 AM - 1:30 PM PROGRAM

REGISTRATION: \$15 INCLUDES LUNCH  
PAY AT GATHERING  
REGISTER BY APRIL 20TH:  
[BIT.LY/PWGPC](https://bit.ly/PWGPC) OR 314-822-2545

SCAN TO REGISTER:





# Welcome

Welcome to Glendale Presbyterian Church! We are glad to have you join us for worship. If you are new to GPC, it is our prayer that you will experience the presence of God while you are here. At GPC, we share God's love through our work and play in our church and community.

## Children & Worship

Children are always welcome in worship. The "Prayer Ground" is located in the front of the sanctuary where children are welcome to sit as is most comfortable to them and to engage with the materials up there throughout the service. In addition, the nursery is available for use by small children and their grown-ups near the Parking Lot Entry to the church. Most Sundays during the school year, children are invited to attend Sunday School following "Opening the Word with Young Disciples."

## Worship Bags

All ages are invited to pick up a GPC worship bag in the Narthex (back of the sanctuary) that has items to be utilized to enhance their worship experience.

## New Members

New members are received by the Session. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to join the GPC family. Please contact Pastor Kathleen at 314-944-3334 or [pastorhenrion@gmail.com](mailto:pastorhenrion@gmail.com) for further information.

## Prayer Request Cards

Blue prayer request cards are available upon entry to the building, as well as in pews. Please use them to note any joys or concerns you wish to have lifted in prayer. Place your prayer request card in the basket at either entrance to the Sanctuary before worship begins. If you need to fill it out during the beginning of worship, feel free to drop your prayer requests in the basket during the first hymn. The cards will be shared with the congregation, in worship, on the video of worship, and in the newsletter unless otherwise requested on the card.

## Pastoral Care

To notify the church of illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; or to pass along a prayer request; or to arrange for Home Communion, Please contact the church office at 314-822-2545 or by e-mail to [glendalepres@gmail.com](mailto:glendalepres@gmail.com) or you are welcome to contact Kathleen directly via call or text at 314-944-3334. Or by email at [pastorhenrion@gmail.com](mailto:pastorhenrion@gmail.com)

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# Serving the Church

Interested in serving the church in some way? Contact the church office at 314-822-2545 or by e-mail to [glendalepres@gmail.com](mailto:glendalepres@gmail.com) and we'd love to connect you.

## Sunday, April 28, 2024

**Liturgist** | Martha Keeley

**Song Leader** | Deb Rose

**Usher** | Leslen Sanders

**Greeter** | Bob Bidstrup

**Online Host** | Steve Chamberlin

**Sunday School** | Krobs

**Fellowship** | Jan Nolan

**Counters** | Peggy Mayfield, Bob Bidstrup

**Music Director** | Carol Schmidt

**Pastor** | Rev. Kathleen Henrion

## Sunday, May 5, 2024

**Liturgist** | Gabe Mueller

**Song Leader** | Paige Stroud

**Usher** | Bob Bidstrup

**Greeter** | Beth Ford

**Online Host** | Sonia Kesselring

**Communion** | Sonia Kesselring

**Fellowship** | Carol Cook

**Counters** | Vicki Sorrells, Peggy Mayfield

**Music Director** | Carol Schmidt

**Pastor** | Rev. Kathleen Henrion



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We are members of More Light Presbyterians and the Covenant Network, which are working toward a fully inclusive church.