

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 24, 2020

10:30 a.m.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*Please sign the online Welcome Pad.  
Let us prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.*

## THE VISION OF GOD

VOLUNTARY: Trumpet Tune in D ..... David Johnson (1922-1987)  
*John Alexander, organ*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS..... Nate Sell

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: I lift up my eyes to the hills from where will my help come?  
All: **My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

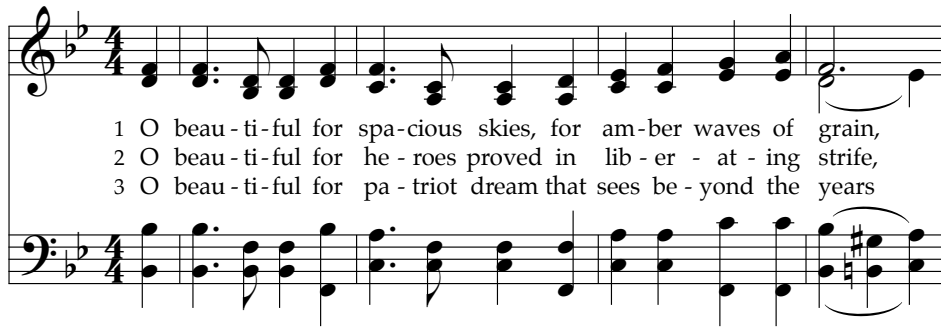
One: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.  
All: **The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.**

One: The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.  
All: **The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.**

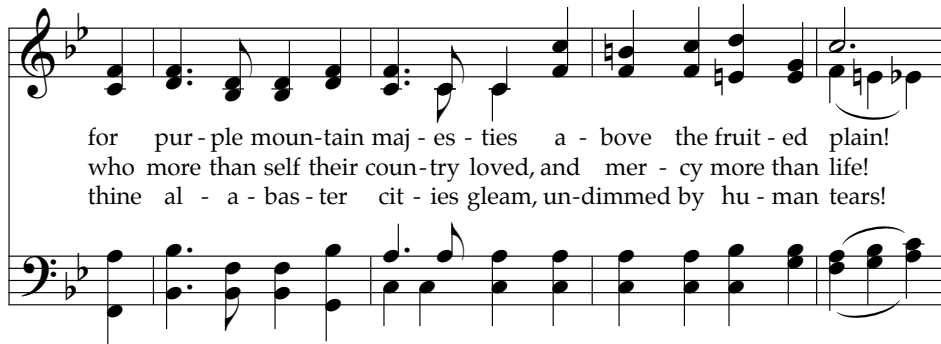
One: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.  
All: **Let us worship God!**  
*- Psalm 121*

HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 338 – O Beautiful for Spacious Skies..... (SEE PAGE 2)

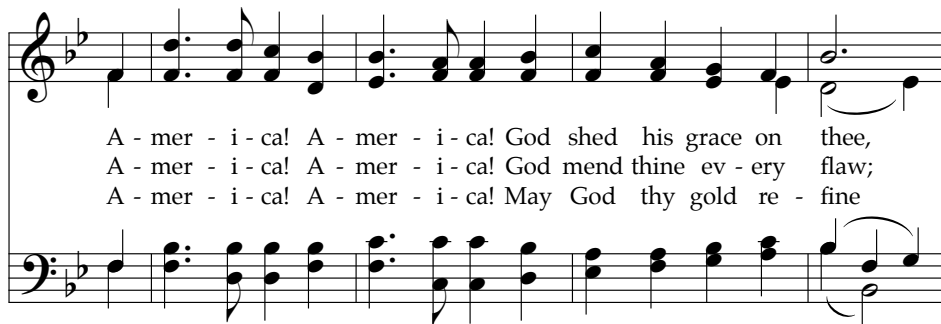
# O Beautiful for Spacious Skies 338



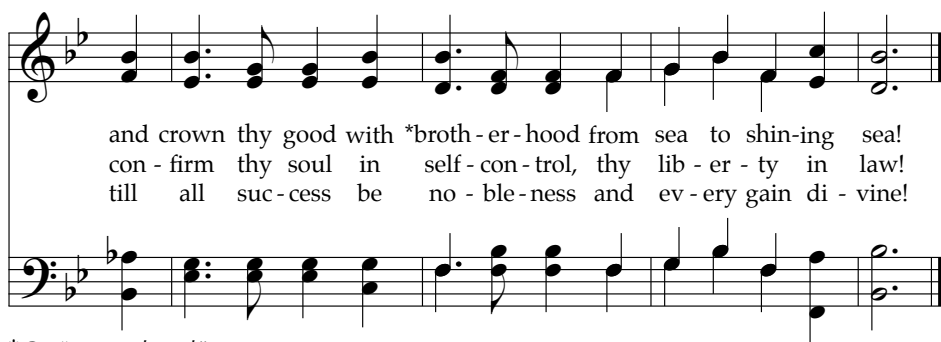
1 O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, for am-ber waves of grain,  
2 O beau-ti-ful for he-roes proved in lib-er-at-ing strife,  
3 O beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream that sees be-yond the years



for pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties a-bove the fruit-ed plain!  
who more than self their coun-try loved, and mer-cy more than life!  
thine al-a-bas-ter cit-ies gleam, un-dimmed by hu-man tears!



A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed his grace on thee,  
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God mend thine ev-ery flaw;  
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! May God thy gold re-fine



and crown thy good with \*broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea!  
con-firm thy soul in self-con-trol, thy lib-er-ty in law!  
till all suc-cess be no-ble-ness and ev-ery gain di-vine!

\*Or "servanthood"

This text (inspired by the vista from Pike's Peak and by a visit to Chicago's Columbian World Exposition) and tune (named MATERNA because it was composed for "O Mother, Dear Jerusalem") were joined in 1912. The combination proved immensely popular during World War I and afterwards.

## PRAYER FOR THE DAY

**For the healing of the nations, Lord we pray in one accord;  
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;  
to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.  
You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind;  
for our growing in your likeness, bring the life of Christ to mind,  
that by our response and service earth its destiny may find. Amen.**

*- taken from Hymn #346, verses 1&4*

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ..... Lisa Witherspoon

SCRIPTURE READING: *Philippians 1 selected verses*

SERMON: "T and P" .....Dolly Jacobs

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE: No. 39 – Great Is Thy Faithfulness.....(SEE PAGES 4 AND 5)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH .....Alexandra Mauney

**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.**

*- The Apostles' Creed, traditional*

## 39

## Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 \*Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.  
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.  
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

\*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22-23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!  
오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.  
날 마 다 자 비 를 베 꾸 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.  
일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!  
오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *concluding with 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.**

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

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MUSIC FOR MEDITATION: My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

arranged by Mack Wilberg (b. 1955)

*Chancel Choir Ensemble*

My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his Name;  
In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.  
He brings my wand'ring spirit back, when I forsake his ways,  
and leads me for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.  
When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay;  
One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.  
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;  
My cup with blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head.  
The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;  
O may thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise!  
There would I find a settled rest while others go and come,  
No more a stranger, nor a guest; but like a child at home.

*- paraphrase of Psalm 23*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION ..... Dolly Jacobs

CLOSING HYMN: No. 337 – My Country, 'Tis of Thee ..... (SEE PAGE 7)

VOLUNTARY: Variations and Fugue on 'Heil, Unserem König Heil'

Max Reger (1873-1916)

*John Alexander, organ*



"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" Text: Katherine Lee Bates; Music: Samuel Augustus Ward.

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Text: Thomas O. Chisholm; Music: William Marion Runyan.

"My Country, 'Tis of Thee" Text: Samuel Francis Smith; Music: *Harmonia Anglicana*.

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1 My coun - try, 'tis of thee, sweet land of  
 2 My na - tive coun - try, thee, land of the  
 3 Let mu - sic swell the breeze, and ring from  
 4 Our \*fa - thers' God, to thee, au - thor of

lib - er - ty, of thee I sing: land where my  
 no - ble free, thy name I love; I love thy  
 all the trees sweet free - dom's song. Let mor - tal  
 lib - er - ty, to thee we sing. Long may our

\*fa - thers died, land of the pil - grims' pride,  
 rocks and rills, thy woods and tem - pled hills;  
 tongues a - wake; let all that breathe par - take;  
 land be bright with free - dom's ho - ly light;

from ev - ery moun - tain - side let free - dom ring.  
 my heart with rap - ture thrills like that a - bove.  
 let rocks their si - lence break, the sound pro - long.  
 pro - tect us by thy might, great God, our King.

\*Or "parents"

This now-familiar patriotic song was written by a Baptist minister and received its first public performance at an Independence Day celebration by the Boston Sabbath School Union in 1831. It was written to replace a German patriotic text sung to the same tune.

## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

*Nate Sell, Sid & Cathy Batts Pastoral Resident*  
*Dolly Jacobs, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care*  
*Alexandra Mauney, Sid & Cathy Batts Pastoral Resident*  
*Lisa Witherspoon, Associate Director of Children's Ministry*  
*John Alexander, Director of Music and Principal Organist*  
*Robert Wells, Director of Chancel Choir*  
*Chancel Choir Ensemble*

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WE WELCOME YOU to the worship of God and to our community of faith. We are a church of growing disciples believing that worship is at the center of all we are and do as Christians.

### WORSHIP AND STUDY DURING CAMPUS CLOSING:

All church-related events are canceled until further notice. Our Sunday Livestream service will be available on our home page, [fpcgreensboro.org](http://fpcgreensboro.org), and also on our live streaming page, [fpcgreensboro.org/streaming-live](http://fpcgreensboro.org/streaming-live). Also check our Facebook page (First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro, North Carolina) as we are working to air the service there as well.

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