Welcome and Announcements



*Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us delight in the law of the Lord.

People: Our joy is found in the love of God and neighbor. Leader: Come, let us be nourished by the Living Water.

People: Together, we will worship the one who enables us to thrive.

*Hymn # 65 – Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, your call to discipleship is demanding. You call us to reorder our lives by the kingdom you are bringing in Jesus Christ. Yet we still pass by the ones you especially notice: people who are poor and hungry; people who weep. We have not stood with those who are hated, bullied, and excluded. Comfortable with the way things are, we are too complacent, even complicit with injustice and prejudice. Forgive us, O God, and turn us back to your gospel. We pray this now, for our sake, and for the sake of your world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Hope for the Resurrection

Affirmation of Faith: The Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God,

whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people,

to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

Ignoring God's commandments,

we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,

accept lies as truth,

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exploit neighbor and nature,

and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love,

the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people

to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry,

God delivered the children of Israel

from the house of bondage.

Loving us still,

God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,

like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,

God is faithful still. Amen.

Special Music

Ordination and Installation of Officers

Responsive Litany

Leader: There are different gifts,

People: but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

Leader: There are different ways of serving God,

People: but it is the same Lord who is served.

Leader: God works through different individuals in different ways,

People: but it is the same God who achieves his purpose through them all.

Leader: Each one is given gifts by the Spirit.

People: To use for the common good.

Leader: Together we are the body of Christ,

People: and individually members of it.

Presentation of Officers

Constitutional Questions

Questions for the Congregation

Prayer of Ordination and Prayer of the People

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.

Charge to Elders and Deacons

Welcome to the Ministry

^{*}Hymn # 821 – My Life Flows On (How Can I Keep from Singing?)

^{*}Charge and Benediction

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*Congregational Response: Hymn # 606 - Doxology

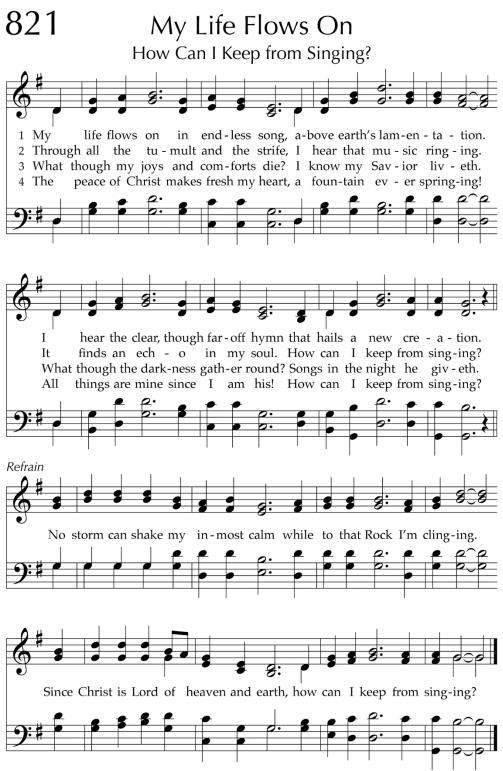
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Postlude



Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.

LIVING AND DYING IN CHRIST



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.