

Sunday, September 5th

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements



*Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

People: I will sing praises to God all my life long.

Leader: Happy are those whose help is in God, creator of heaven and earth, who is forever faithful;

People: seeking justice for the oppressed and for the hungry;

Leader: setting prisoners free and opening the eyes of the blind;

People: lifting up those who are bowed down and loving the righteous.

Leader: The Lord protects strangers and upholds the orphan and widow;

People: but the way of the wicked is brought to ruin.

Leader: The Lord our God will reign forever, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

*Hymn # 773 – Heaven Shall Not Wait

*Heaven shall not wait for the poor to lose their patience, the scorned to smile, the despised to find a friend:
Jesus is Lord; he has championed the unwanted; in him injustice confronts its timely end.*

*Heaven shall not wait for the rich to share their fortunes, the proud to fall, the elite to tend the least: Jesus is
Lord; he has shown the master's privilege: to kneel and wash servants' feet before they feast.*

*Heaven shall not wait for the dawn of great ideas, thoughts of compassion divorced from cries of pain: Jesus is
Lord; he has married word and action; his cross and company make his purpose plain.*

*Heaven shall not wait for triumphant Hallelujahs, when earth has passed and we reach another shore: Jesus is
Lord in our present imperfection; his power and love are for now and then for evermore.*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

You love us with open arms, O God. Forgive us when we do not put your love into practice: when we do not challenge the injustice around us; when we are not generous with the gifts we have to share; when we are slow to compassion and quick to judgment; when we contribute to the brokenness of the world instead of helping to make it whole. Forgive us, O God, of the ways we fall short. Free us to try again, and let your love lead the way. 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

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Scripture: James 2:14-17

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Faith and Works

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

**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.**

Special Music

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your heart.

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayers 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.**

The Sharing of the Meal

Prayer After Communion

**Holy God, we thank you for this feast of grace and life. As we have been served, help us to serve our
neighbors. As we have been fed, help us to feed all who are hungry. As we have been loved, help us to love
the world – because in Christ you have loved us. Amen.**

***Hymn # 769 – For Everyone Born**

*For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread, A shelter, a space, a safe
place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead, And God will delight when we are creators of justice and
joy, compassion and peace: Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!*

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For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share, With wisdom and grace, dividing the power, for woman and man, a system that's fair, And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace: Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song, The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong, And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace: Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

For just and unjust, a place at the table, abuser, abused, with need to forgive, In anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy, for just and unjust, a new way to live, And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace: Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be, To work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free, And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace: Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

***Charge and Benediction**

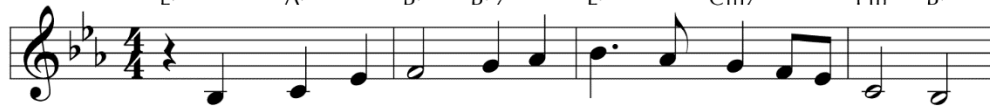
***Congregational Response: Hymn # 606 – Doxology**

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

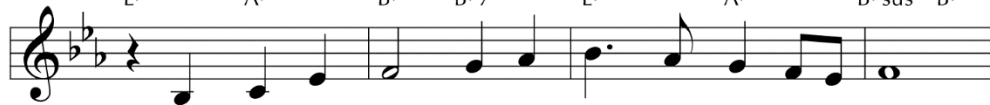
Heaven Shall Not Wait 773

Capo 1: (D) (G) (A) (A7) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)
 E^b A^b B^b B^b7 E^b Cm7 Fm B^b



1 Heaven shall not wait for the poor to lose their pa-tience,
 2 Heaven shall not wait for the rich to share their for-tunes,
 3 Heaven shall not wait for the dawn of great i - de - as,
 4 Heaven shall not wait for tri - um - phant Hal - le - lu - jahs,

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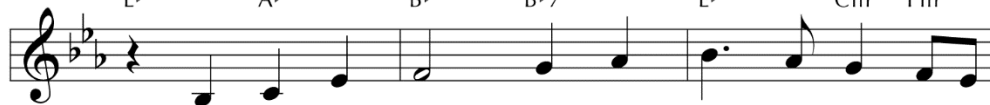
the scorned to smile, the de-spised to find a friend:
 the proud to fall, the e - lite to tend the least:
 thoughts of com - pas - sion di-vorced from cries of pain:
 when earth has passed and we reach an - oth - er shore:

(Bm7) (Em) (F#m) (Bm7) (D) (Em7) (A)
 Cm7 Fm Gm Cm7 E^b Fm7 B^b



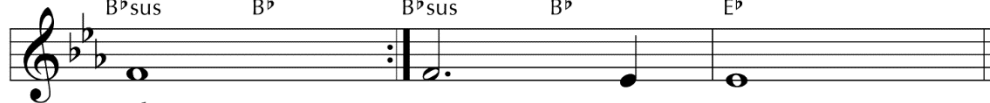
Je - sus is Lord; he has cham - pioned the un - want - ed;
 Je - sus is Lord; he has shown the mas - ter's priv - ilege:
 Je - sus is Lord; he has mar - ried word and ac - tion;
 Je - sus is Lord in our pres - ent im - per - fec - tion;

(D) (G) (A) (A7) (D) (Bm) (Em)
 E^b A^b B^b B^b7 E^b Cm Fm



in him in - jus - tice con - fronts its time - ly
 to kneel and wash ser - vants' feet be - fore they
 his cross and com - pa - ny make his pur - pose
 his power and love are for now and then for

1-3 4
 (Asus) (A) (Asus) (A) (D)
 B^bsus B^b B^bsus B^b E^b



end. ev - er - more.
 feast.
 plain.

This stirring, prophetic hymn is organized around two recurring four-syllable phrases, the first of which introduces an idealized scenario of what Dietrich Bonhoeffer would call "cheap grace," while the second announces the "costly grace" of God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ.

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

769 For Everyone Born



1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,
5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,
to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,
to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,
for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,
for young and for old, the right to be - long,
for just and un - just, a new way to live,
for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

This hymn from a noted New Zealand hymnwriter affirms that God's hospitality transcends the barriers erected by human society and that we who have been created in God's image are called to live in ways that reflect our Creator's values: justice and joy, compassion and peace.

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Refrain

B *All* E E/G# A2 Bsus B

and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and

E E/G# A2 Bsus B

joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes,

C#m C#m/B A2

God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,

Bsus B (E) *Fine* A2 E Bsus B

jus-tice and joy!