



Online Worship Resource (Sunday, January 22, 2023)

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Prelude: PEACE Stanton Lanier

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives.

Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” ~ John 14:27  
Jane Kerr, Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: Chuck Hasbrouck, Liturgist

Please stand as you are led and join me in our responsive Call to Worship:

The psalmist sings, one thing I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after:

**to live in the presence of the Lord all the days of my life,**

to behold the beauty of the Lord,

**and to inquire in God's temple.**

Sisters and brothers, God is good,

**and in love and mercy greets us here. Let us worship!**

**Opening Hymn:** #649 - Amazing Grace

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.

'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures.

He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun;

We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.

Call to Confession (Liturgist)

The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear? With humble hearts, let us confess our sins before God and one another. Let us pray . . .

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God, you have made us citizens of your heavenly kingdom, but we confess that we have set our minds on earthly things. We have let our desire for security restrain our commitment to serve the poor. We have let our fear of danger curb our obligation to love our enemies. We have let our love of things dull our generosity to the needy. We have let our craving for public status prevent our honesty about hidden sins. Yet, you know the desires of our heart and nothing is hidden from you. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, conform our sin-weakened bodies to the glory of Christ, that we may be the body of Christ for the world.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

God, our light and our salvation, does not forsake us or leave us with our sin.

**In Christ we are forgiven and offered the gift of healing mercy. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## **Response:** #468 -"In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified"

**In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified. In my life, Lord, be glorified today.**

**In your church, Lord, be glorified; be glorified. In your church, Lord, be glorified today.**

## Passing of the Peace

May the Peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## Time with Children

## Prayer for Illumination

(Liturgist)

Let us prepare our hearts to hear God's Word by praying together the prayer for Illumination:

We gather before your Word, O God. We want to hear with understanding, so give us attentive ears, open hearts, and inquisitive minds. By the power of your Spirit at work in the word read and proclaimed, make the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts acceptable to you, O Lord our protector and friend. Amen.

## Scripture Reading

## Psalm 27

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold[a] of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

2 When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—my adversaries and foes—  
they shall stumble and fall.

3 Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;  
though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

4 One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

5 For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

6 Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

7 Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

8 'Come,' my heart says, 'seek his face!' Your face, Lord, do I seek.

9 Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

10 If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up.

11 Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

12 Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence.

13 I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

14 Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Foxhole Faith

Rev. Michelle Fincher

**Hymn after Sermon: "Be Not Afraid"**

1. You shall cross the barren desert  
But you shall not die of thirst;  
You shall wander far in safety  
Though you do not know the way;  
You shall speak your words to foreign lands  
And they will understand,  
You shall see the face of God and live.

REFRAIN

Be not afraid  
I go before you always  
Come, follow me and I will give you rest.

2. If you pass through raging waters, in the sea  
You shall not drown;  
If you walk amid the burning flames  
You shall not be harmed.  
If you stand before the power of hell  
And death is at your side,  
Know that I am with you through it all. (REFRAIN)

3. And blessed are your poor  
For the kingdom shall be theirs;  
Blest are you that weep and mourn  
For one day you shall laugh;  
And if wicked men insult and hate you  
All because of me,  
Blessed, blessed are you (REFRAIN)

### **Call to offering** (Liturgist)

In gratitude for the great gift given to us of Jesus Christ, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God. Offering plates are available at the front and back of the sanctuary. Please pray with me our prayer of dedication. . .

### **Prayer of Dedication**

**O God, we have beheld your goodness to us and felt the comfort of your presence. With joy we offer the work of our hands, trusting that you will use these gifts to bless others with your peace and hope. In the name of Christ, we pray. 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.**

## **Closing Hymn:**

# 837 - "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;

What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

REFRAIN: Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning...

O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning.... (REFRAIN)

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning....

I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning.....(REFRAIN)

## **Benediction**

Postlude:

Amazing Grace

Arr. Hal Hopson

Virginia Harmony, 1831

## **Today's Worship Participants:**

Rev. Michelle Fincher, Jane Kerr, organist, Judy Viccellio, Director of Music,  
Chuck Hasbrouck, liturgist and Jonathan Jelsma, technology team