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Presbyterian Church

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**Fifth Sunday
after Pentecost
June 23, 2024**

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Thomas Shaw

Let us open our hearts and minds to the rhythm of the gathering music

Prelude

"Ständchen" (Serenade - Opus 17, no. 2) Richard Strauss
Rachel Weinfeld, soprano; Ken Shafer, piano

Come out, come out, step lightly my love, lest envious sleepers awaken,
So still is the air, no leaf on the boughs above from its slumber is shaken.
Then lightly, dear maiden, that none may catch, the tap of thy shoe, or the clink of the latch.

On top toe, on tip toe as moon spirits might, wondering over the flowers
Come softly down, through the radiant night, to me in the rose hidden bowers
The lilies are dreaming around the dim lake in odorous sleep, only love is awake.

Come nearer, Ah, see how the moonbeams fall, through the willow's drooping tresses
The nightingales in the branches all shall dream of our caresses
And the roses waking with morning light, flush red, flush red,
with the rapture born of the night.

***Gathering Words**

Erica Ewing

We gather in this place to worship our God who is a calming presence
in our times of confusion.

Who is the comforter in our nights of struggle.

We gather with fellow pilgrims, as we seek to follow Jesus.

The brother to those swamped by fears,

And a friend to all overwhelmed by loss.

We are brought together by the Spirit who lives in the depths of our souls.

She is the serenity who travels with us on this up-and-down journey we call life.

***Opening Prayer**

Erica Ewing

Let us pray ...

God our Savior and strength, when we fear that we are perishing, cast about on windswept waters, you send Jesus to still the storm. Speak to us with power and love to calm our troubled souls so that we may live in faith; through Jesus Christ our peace. Amen.

***Opening Hymn No. 840**

"When Peace like a River"

Ville du Havre

Call to Confession

Erica Ewing

*Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who labor and are heavily burdened, and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly
in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden
is light." Let us confess our sins against God and neighbor.*

Prayer of Confession

Erica Ewing

**O Christ whose voice brought peace to the waves, we pray for a glimpse of your peace
in our lives. When all around us has given way to chaos, ground us in your presence.
When the struggle for justice seems endless and we grow tired, refresh us by your
mercy. Help us to see that you are in the boat with us, even when we are certain that
it is sinking. Forgive us when we doubt the power of your grace, O Lord,
and make us agents of your reign. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Erica Ewing

Friends, hear the Good News. Lord, you have shown us how much you love us.
**It was while we were yet sinners that Christ has shown us
"the way the truth and the life" we should lead.**
Friends, believe the Good News!
In Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.

***The Peace**

Erica Ewing

*In God's amazing grace is our only peace.
Forgiven once again by grace, let us participate in God's peace together.
I invite you to turn to the people around you and share the peace of God with one another.*

*"The Peace of Christ be with you."
And also with you.*

***Musical Offering No. 789**

"Jesus, Savior, Lord, Now to You I Come"

Saranam

Ständchen (Opus 106, no. 1)

Johannes Brahms

*The moon shines over the mountain, just right for the people in love;
A fountain purls in the garden – otherwise silence far and wide.*

*By the wall in the shadows, three students stand
With flute and fiddle and zither, and sing and play.*

*The sound steals softly into the dreams of the loveliest of girls,
She sees her fair-headed lover and whispers "Remember me."*

We offer our gifts of money, talents, time, and energy—the gifts of our lives in gratitude for God's relentless love and grace for all. These gifts represent our commitment to heed God's call and join God in God's mission of healing and transforming our world.

Prayer of Illumination

Rev. Gary R. Friend

Scripture Reading

Mark 4:35-41 (NRSV)

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Sermon

Jesus Calming Life's Storms

Rev. Gary R. Friend

Hymn No. 185

"Lonely the Boat"

Bai

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Erica Ewing

Prayer of the people

Erica Ewing

We ask these things through the power of your Spirit and in the name of Jesus the Christ,
who taught us to pray, saying:

**Our God in heaven, holy is your name.
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done, on earth as is in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours.
Now and forever. Amen.

*Closing Hymn No. 182

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

Kingsfold

*Benediction

Rev. Gary R. Friend

Go now into a world beset by storms of worries and fears.
Let us go to the far side of despair, bringing God's hope to all huddled on that shore.
Go now into all the places where people are afraid.
Let us set out from the shore of our comfortable lives,
bringing the good news of Jesus' grace to all.
Go now to the distant shores torn apart by violence and oppression.
Let us set out with the Spirit as our guide, crying out to all, "Peace! Be still!"

Postlude

"The Year's at the Spring"

Amy Beach

"God's in His heaven – All's right with the world!"

The service continues with fellowship.

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

*Hymns are from the Glory to God Hymnal.

*The Gathering Words, Opening Prayer and Prayer of Confession were adapted from Rev. Teri Peterson. The Call to Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness were adapted from Rev. Thom Shuman.

*Sunday service assistant: Erica Ewing

*Music: Tom Shaw, organ; Rachel Weinfeld, soprano; Ken Shafer, piano

Rachel Weinfeld, soprano, is in her debut season with OLO. A Michigan native, she has a Bachelor of Music degree from Ball State University and a Master of Music degree from University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. In addition to performing, Rachel is also a voice teacher and coach, teaching at the University of Vermont and through her own private studio. Welcome, Rachel!



To continue to assure the safety of all, the offering plate is located on a table in the back of the sanctuary. If you are moved to support our ministry, we invite you to place your gifts in the plate.



GIVE NOW

You may also give online through our website by clicking on the "GIVE NOW" button at the bottom of the home page.

Your generosity helps us to fulfill our calling to engage in God's transformative mission in our community.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, June 23

- Worship Service – 10 am – Mackey Hall
- Wooster Friends Meeting – 10.30 am – The Meeting Place

Monday, June 24

- Scout Troop 61 – 6.30 pm – Mackey Hall

Thursday, June 27

- Dance and Exercise – 8:30 am – Mackey Hall

Sunday, June 30

- Worship Service – 10 am – Mackey Hall
- Wooster Friends Meeting – 10.30 am – The Meeting Place



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840 When Peace like a River

It Is Well with My Soul

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
 3 He lives: O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought. My
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well with my soul;
 It is well with my soul;
 with my soul;

This text is a remarkable expression of faith born of grief. The author, an active Presbyterian layman who had just lost four daughters in a tragic shipwreck, wrote it while sailing to Paris to meet his wife, who had survived. The tune was named for the ship that sank.

TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

it is well; it is well with my soul.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves, a treble staff and a bass staff, both in the key of B-flat major (three flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The music is a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady rhythm. The lyrics are 'it is well; it is well with my soul.' The score ends with a double bar line.

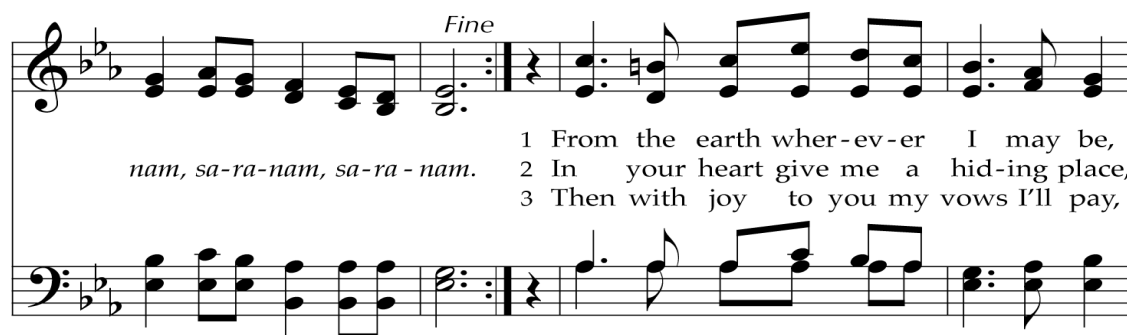
789 Jesus, Savior, Lord, Now to You I Come

Saranam, saranam

Refrain



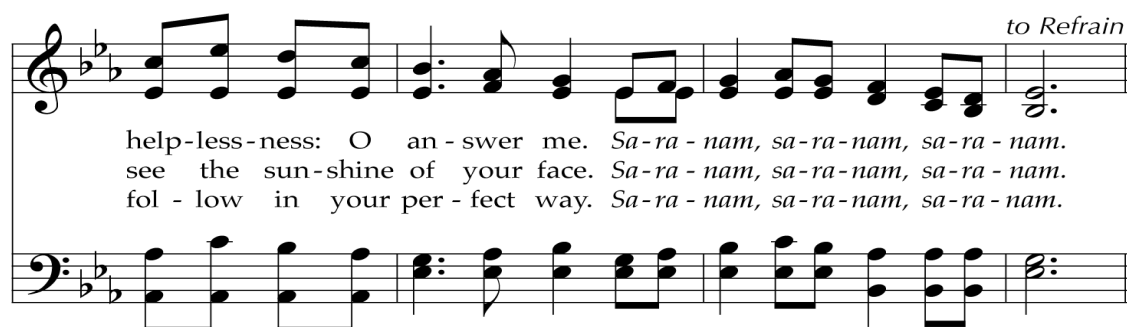
Je - sus, Sav - ior, Lord, now to you I come. Sa - ra -
You're my rock, my ref - uge, my heaven - ly home. Sa - ra -



Fine
nam, sa-ra-nam, sa-ra - nam. 1 From the earth wher-ev-er I may be,
2 In your heart give me a hid-ing place,
3 Then with joy to you my vows I'll pay,



out of des - per - a - tion and through ag - o - ny, I cry in
and be - neath your wings let me find shel-tering grace; O let me
and give thanks for all your mer - cy ev - ery day. I'll hum - bly

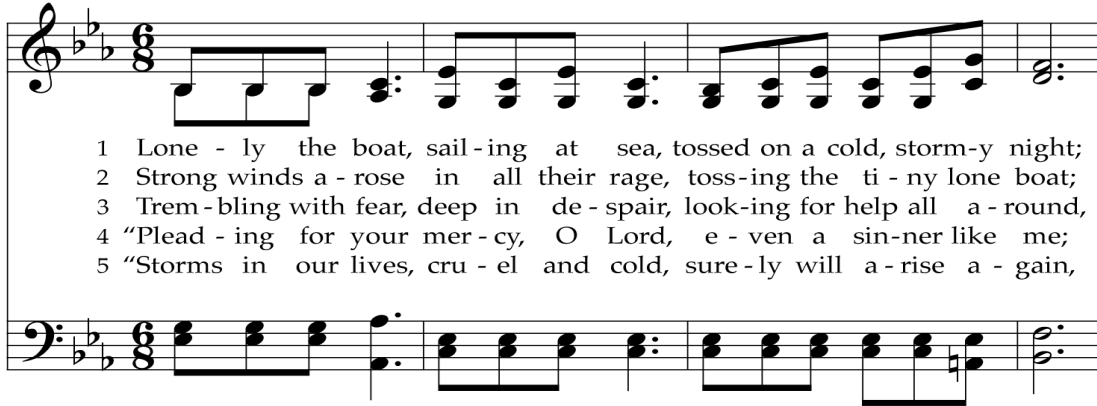


to Refrain
help-less-ness: O an - swer me. Sa-ra - nam, sa-ra - nam, sa-ra - nam.
see the sun-shine of your face. Sa-ra - nam, sa-ra - nam, sa-ra - nam.
fol - low in your per - fect way. Sa-ra - nam, sa-ra - nam, sa-ra - nam.

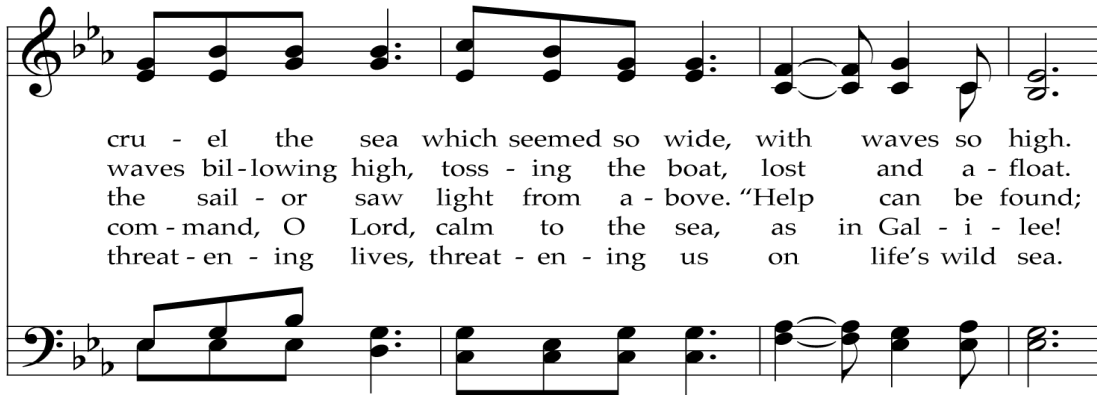
Claimed by both Pakistanis and Indians, this is one of the most popular South Asian hymns. The text represents a Christian adaptation of Psalm 61, and the psalm's theme is reinforced by the mantra-like repetition of the word "saranam," meaning "I take refuge" or "surrender."

Lonely the Boat

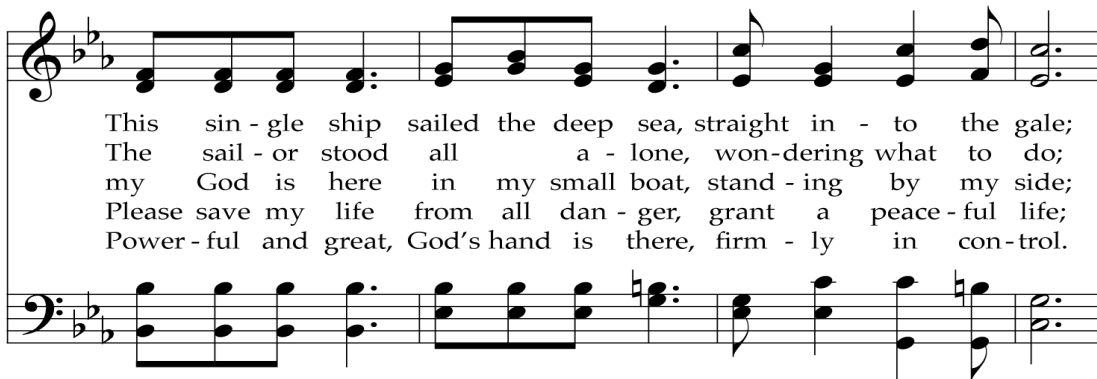
깜깜한 밤



1 Lone - ly the boat, sail - ing at sea, tossed on a cold, storm-y night;
 2 Strong winds a - rose in all their rage, toss - ing the ti - ny lone boat;
 3 Trem - bling with fear, deep in de - spair, look - ing for help all a - round,
 4 "Plead - ing for your mer - cy, O Lord, e - ven a sin - ner like me;
 5 "Storms in our lives, cru - el and cold, sure - ly will a - rise a - gain,

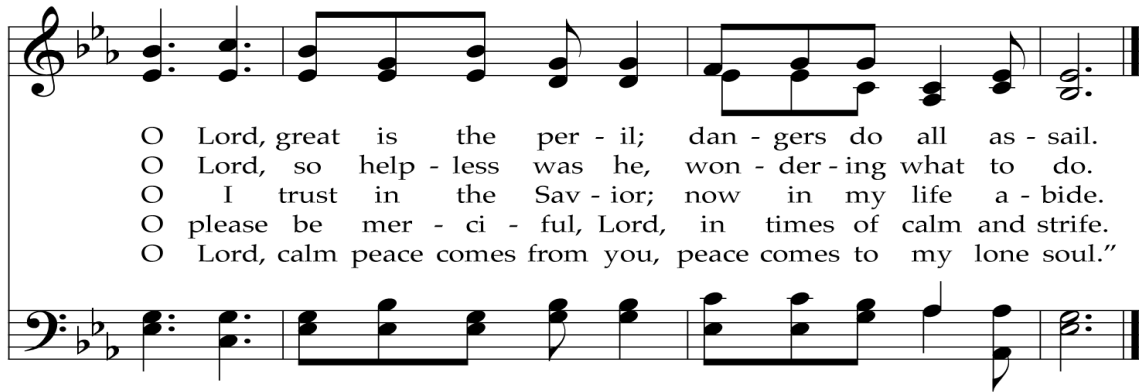


cru - el the sea which seemed so wide, with waves so high.
 waves bil - lowing high, toss - ing the boat, lost and a - float.
 the sail - or saw light from a - bove. "Help can be found;
 com - mand, O Lord, calm to the sea, as in Gal - i - lee!
 threat - en - ing lives, threat - en - ing us on life's wild sea.



This sin - gle ship sailed the deep sea, straight in - to the gale;
 The sail - or stood all a - lone, won - dering what to do;
 my God is here in my small boat, stand - ing by my side;
 Please save my life from all dan - ger, grant a peace - ful life;
 Power - ful and great, God's hand is there, firm - ly in con - trol.

This Korean hymn effectively uses the story of Jesus' calming of the storm (Matthew 8:23–27/Mark 4:35–41/Luke 8:22–25) as a parallel for the strength and comfort available to individuals on "life's wild sea." The universal immediacy of this image transcends cultural barriers.



KOREAN

- 1 캄캄한 밤 사-나운 바-람 불--때
만경창파 망-망한 바-다에
외로운배 한-척이 떠-나가니
아- 위태하구나 위-태하구나
- 2 비바람이 무-섭게 몰-아치--고
그 놀란물 큰- 파도 일-때에
저벧사공 어-쩔줄 몰-라하니
아- 가련하구나 가-련하구나
- 3 절망중에 그- 사공 떨-면서--도
한 줄기의 밝-은빛 보-고서
배안에도 하-나님 계-심믿고
오- 기도올린다 기-도올린다
- 4 아버지여 이- 죄인 굶-어보--사
성난풍랑 잔-잔케 하-시고
이불쌍한 인-생을 살-리소서
오- 우리 하나님 우-리 하나님
- 5 모진바람 또- 험한 큰- 물결--이
제아무리 성-내어 덮-쳐도
권능의 손 그- 노를 저-으시니
오- 맑은 바다라 맑-은 바다라

182 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;

lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
 the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
 look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad; I
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream; my
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and

found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
 thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
 in that light of life I'll walk till trav - eling days are done.

Each stanza here pairs an invitation from Jesus with a response from the narrator. These three invitations recall how Jesus welcomed those who were heavy laden (Matthew 11:28), offered living water (John 4:10-14), and identified himself as the light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5).