FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

Summer Worship
The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

July 2, 2023

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE 10,000 Reasons — Matt Redman

Contemporary Ensemble

WELCOME

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GATHERING HYMN — #563

Lift Every Voice and Sing — LIFT EVERY VOICE

1 Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies;
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on, till victory is won.

2 Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet, with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our parents sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

*Please stand if you are able.

3 God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by Thy might led us into the light;
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee;
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand may we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.

EMBODIED CONFESSON

WE LISTEN

SCRIPTURE Matthew 5:38-48 Phil Fair

Leader: The word of the Lord;

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON The Rev. J.C. Austin

"The Gospel According to Ted Lasso: Moving Towards Better?"

WE RESPOND

*SERMON HYMN

What Does the Lord Require of You *(See insert – in the style of a round)* MOON

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory He's Always Been Faithful Sarah Groves
Contemporary Ensemble

*Doxology

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me – from *Glory to God* GLORY TO GOD

1 Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise…

As our Savior Christ has taught us, so we pray:

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.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Music During Communion Variation on *Amazing Grace* setting Jean Englais

*SENDING HYMN #564

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies MATERNA

1 O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with servanthood
From sea to shining sea!

2 O beautiful for pilgrim feet,
Whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness!
America! America!
God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law!

3 O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved,
And mercy more than life!
America! America!
May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness
And every gain divine.

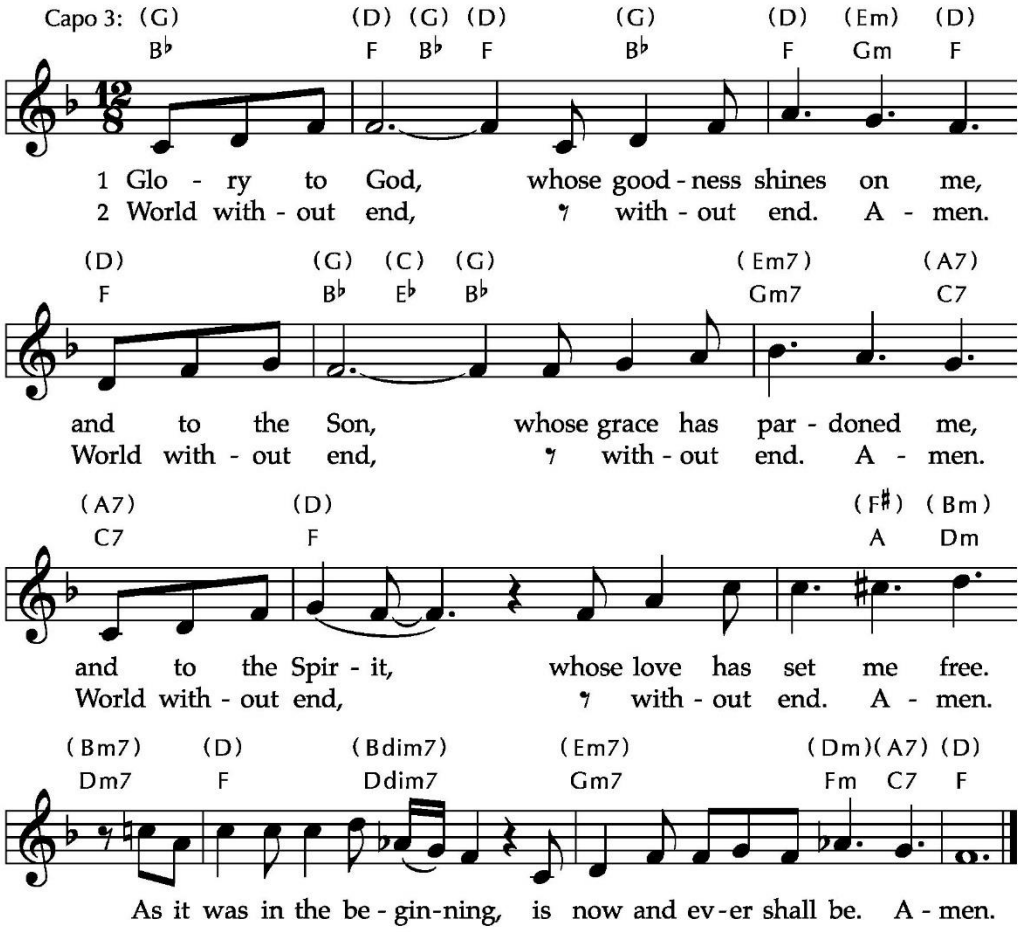
4 O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam,
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with servanthood
From sea to shining sea!

*BENEDICTION
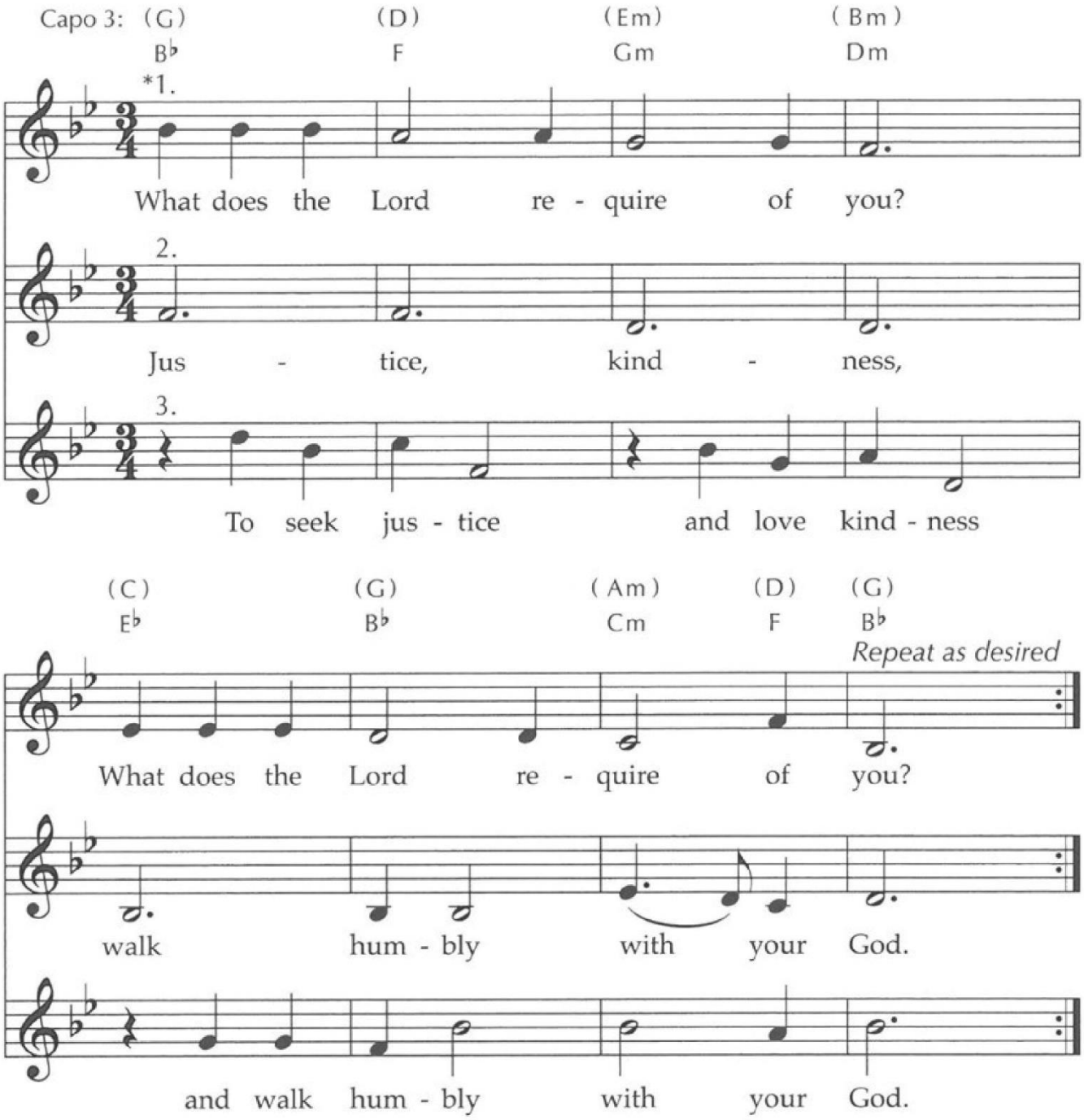
POSTLUDE Voluntary on "America the Beautiful" arr. Chad Stanton

SERVICE MUSIC

582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me



What Does the Lord Require of You? 70



**The three melodic phrases may be sung consecutively, as a canon, or in any combination.*

This text is a very slight paraphrase of the latter part of Micah 6:8. That verse sums up in a single sentence the legal, ethical, and covenantal requirements of religion. The intertwining of these commitments can be suggested by singing these phrases in an overlapping canon.

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