

***Immanuel***  
***PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH***



*Growing Together in the Way of Jesus*

**"The question of what it means to be human has now become inextricable from the question of who we are to each other."**

-Krista Tippet

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 18, 2021

## PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Anna Marie Hollar

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Sarah Sherman

CENTERING MUSIC Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

A. Sullivan

INTROIT

Let us with a Gladsome Mind

Sarah Sherman, soloist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liz Pruchnicki

HYMN

How Can I Keep from Singing

PRAYER OF APPROACH & CONFESSION

Rev. Strednak Singer

Holy One, teach us what it means to live like Stephen,  
Whose life and witness we remember today,  
Who died courageously teaching and speaking forgiveness  
Even with his last breath.  
Teach us to protect each other,  
That no one will be cast out in such a way,  
Rejected from the love of community.  
Lead us, God, into seeking understanding.  
Teach us how to make room and make space for each other,  
That we might learn more about You and each other  
Even when conversations make us uncomfortable.  
Help us to live in love  
And to share in the joy of learning from one another,  
Remembering daily that you create each and every one of us,  
And you will never, ever, let us go.  
Hear our confessions now in silence...

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Hear the sound of love poured out.

*(The baptismal font is filled. As Christians, we are united in community through the waters of Baptism. Water is poured as a reminder that God claims, forgives, and renews us to live out God's love as a community of faith.)*

Leader: O Lord, open our lips.

**People:** ***And our mouths will declare Your praise.***

Leader: Praise the Lord.

**People:** ***The Lord's name be praised.***

## GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen, Amen.

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### ANTHEM

I Love to Tell the Story  
Kathryn Mackensen, *soloist*

W. Fischer

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION & SCRIPTURE

Acts 6:1—7:2a, 44-60

Rev. Strednak Singer

### SERMON

“On Being a Witness”

Rev. Fulp-Eickstaedt

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### HYMN OF RESPONSE

Make Me a Witness

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Strednak Singer

### THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### OFFERTORY

By All Your Saints Still Striving

arr. R. Vaughan Williams

#### DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Liz Pruchnicki

### HYMN OF SENDING

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

CHARGE & BENEDICTION


POSTLUDE

Allegro Molto



D. Kabalevsky

# My Life Flows On


## How Can I Keep from Singing?




1 My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion.  
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.  
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? I know my Sav - ior liv - eth.  
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!


I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?  
 What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.  
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?



### Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.




Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?



E. E. HEWITT.

IRA B. WILSON.

1. Make me a wit-ness, dear Savior, for thee, Once I was blind-ed, but  
 2. Make me a wit-ness by showing in me Proof of my grace so a -  
 3. Make me a wit-ness, dear Savior, for thee; Each lov-ing serv-ice a

now I can see; Thine was the touch bro't me healing divine, Oh, let the  
 bundant and free; Rule in my heart my Redeemer and King, Let my life  
 trib-ute shall be, Telling to oth-ers by word or by deed Je-sus is

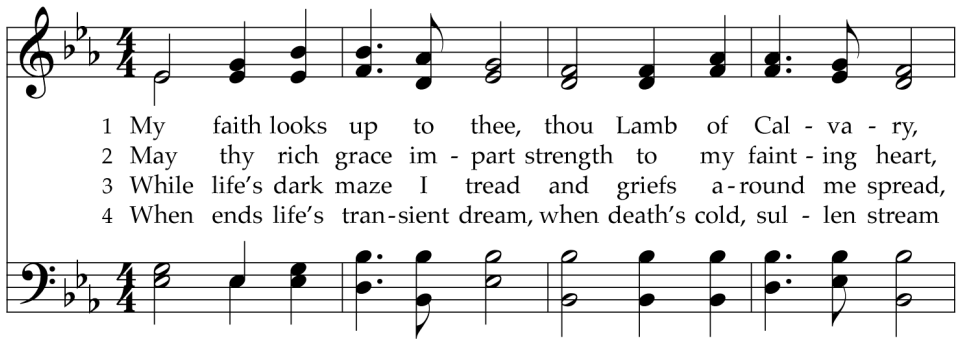
CHORUS.  
 glo - ry be ev - er-more thine! Tell-ing the sto - ry,  
 ech - o the words that I sing.  
 fill - ing my heart's deepest need. Telling the story, the

beau - ti - ful sto - ry, won - der - ful sto - ry of  
 beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful story, The won - der - ful sto - ry of love, the

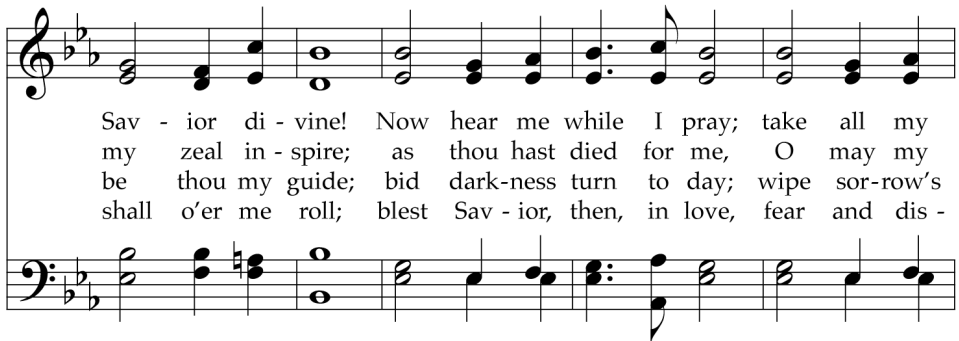
in - fi - nite love;..... Make me a wit - ness, a brave, faithful  
 sto - ry of infinite love; Make me a wit - ness, make me a

wit - ness, Till I shall see thee in mansions above.....  
 brave, faithful witness, Till I shall see thee in mansions, see thee in mansions above.

# My Faith Looks Up to Thee 829



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,  
 4 When ends life's tran-sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray; take all my  
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my  
 be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day; wipe sor-row's  
 shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love, fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine!  
 love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!  
 tears a - way; nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.  
 trust re-move; O bear me safe a - bove, a ran-somed soul!