

Worship for 24 October 2021  
Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church

One: The Lord has filled our mouths with laughter.

**ALL: Our tongues will shout with joy!**

One: The Lord had done great things for us,

**ALL: And we are glad indeed.**

One: This is the day that the Lord has made.

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

\*Hymn of Invitation #65 – "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Prayer of Confession

*Holy God, you know us better than we know ourselves. You see our need when we are blind to it. You have made us to be yours. In your compassion, forgive us for our lack of faith and the harm we do to others and to your earth. Forgive us for turning away from your will, for ignoring the cries of our neighbors, for failing to listen to what is most nourishing even for ourselves. Let our faults all from your eyes as you open ours. Hear this and answer, in Jesus' holy name. Amen.*

Scripture – Jeremiah 31:7-9; Mark 10:46-52 (see reverse)

Reflection - "Cry Out"

Prayers of the People & 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**

Offering/Offertory

\*Doxology #606

Affirmation of Faith

*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.*

\*Hymn of Thanksgiving #450 - "Be Thou My Vision"

Announcements & Blessing

- Today: Following this morning's worship service, the Session will meet in the Fellowship Hall.
- Oct. 7: Session is hosting a farewell reception after worship for the Cashings as they begin a new season in their lives. Please join us in wishing them blessings on their journey to Cooperstown, New York. Please see a Session members for any questions.
- Nov. 7: Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 a.m. The Rev. Dr. Fred Holbrook will lead us in worship.

**Jeremiah 31:7-9**

For thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

**Mark 10:46-52**

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus, son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go, your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

**#65 – "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"**

- 1) Guide me, O though great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but thou art mighty,  
Hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till  
I want no more.
  
- 2) Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me  
all my journey through. Strong deliverer strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still  
my strength and shield.
  
- 3) When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside. Death of death, and hell's destruction, land  
me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.

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TEXT: William Williams, 1762; stanza 1, trans. Peter Williams, 1771;  
stanzas 2-3, trans. William Williams, 1772; Public Domain

**#450 – "Be Thou My Vision"**

- 1) Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art; thou my best thought, by  
day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
  
- 2) Be though my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my soul's  
shelter, and thou my high tower, raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.
  
- 3) Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only, first  
in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.
  
- 4) High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own  
heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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