

# *First Presbyterian Church of Dryden*

*Established 1808*

*Sunday, April 7, 2024*

*Matthew Gibbons, guest preacher*



*We proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ,  
feed the hungry, welcome the stranger,  
and love our neighbors as ourselves.*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

GATHERING TOGETHER

Welcome & Announcements

Choral Introit

“O Bless the Lord, My Soul,” vv. 1, 2

by Samuel Wesley & James Montgomery

Gathering Prayer

In Unison

*Gracious God, you have summoned us to this place, and we believe you will speak to us here. We are grateful, O God, for the rich heritage you have given us. You have shaped our hearts and seen our deeds. Now we come together to receive further instruction from your Word. Teach us what we need to know in order to live faithfully in this troubled world. Lead us beyond the routines of worship to a genuine encounter with you. Amen.*

DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

✠ Gathering Psalm

Psalm 103

Call: Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

**Response:** *Bless the Lord, O my soul; and forget not all of his goodness,*

Call: Who forgives your iniquity, who heals all your diseases.

**Response:** *Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name.*

Call: Who redeems your life from destruction, who crowns your life with kindness and tender mercy.

**Response:** *Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name.*

✠ Hymn of Praise

“Praise Him! Praise Him!”

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Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

The proof of God’s amazing love is this: while we were sinners, Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In humility, let us confess our sin before God.

*O Lord, most high and yet very near, in the name of Christ we come before you, acknowledging our waywardness and sin. We have missed the mark of your high calling and followed paths of disobedience. But through Christ you have redeemed us and embraced us as your people. Guide us, O Lord, as we seek to follow you; direct our feet as we walk in the path you have chosen for us. Take command of our lives so that as your people we may reflect the light of your presence. Amen.*

Hear the good news! This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

Welcome Friends at Home

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People

**HEARING THE WORD**

Children's Message

*Children (PreK-5<sup>th</sup> grade) are invited to Kids' Club.*

Choral Anthem

**"With a Voice of Singing"**

by Martin Shaw

Scripture Reading

John 16:33

NT p. 111

Message

Suffering: The Unwanted Gift

**RESPONDING TO THE LORD**

Hymn of Response

**"It Is Well with My Soul"**

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Call to Offering

Giving our Gifts

✠ Doxology

**"Gloria Patri"**

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✠ Prayer of Thanksgiving & *The Lord's Prayer*

**SENDING WITH THE SPIRIT**

✠ Closing Hymn

**"O Jesus, I Have Promised"**

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✠ Blessing

✠ Choral Benediction

**"A Blessing"**

by Martin Shaw, arr. by Maurice Jacobson

✠ Postlude

✠ All are invited to stand as they are able.

Credits: Gathering Prayer based on prayer by Lavon Bayler, *Gathered by Love*. Prayer of Confession author unknown. Call to Confession and Assurance of Pardon from *The Book of Common Worship*, PCUSA. Prayers of the People, Prayer of Thanksgiving, and Blessing from Homiletics Online.

## *Welcome to our Church!*

Thank you for worshiping with us.

If you are a visitor, we invite you to fill out a Welcome Card, which you will find in the pew rack. You can place the card in the offering plate.

Let us know if we can assist you.

## *Sunday Servants*

<u>Ushering:</u>	Chuck & Linda Nydam	<u>AV System:</u>	Tim & Dave Parsons
<u>Organist:</u>	Michael Singbusch	<u>Flowers:</u>	Flower Committee
<u>Guest Preacher:</u>	Matthew Gibbons	<u>Kids Church:</u>	Dan Carpenter
<u>Liturgist</u>	Brenda Carpenter		

*All for the glory of God.*

# Praise Him! Praise Him!

## Verse 1:

Praise Him! praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!  
Sing, O Earth, His wonderful love proclaim!  
Hail Him! hail Him! highest archangels in glory;  
Strength and honor give to His holy name!  
Like a shepherd Jesus will guard His children,  
In His arms He carries them all day long:

## Refrain:

Praise Him! praise Him! tell of His excellent greatness;  
Praise Him! praise Him! ever in joyful song!

## Verse 2:

Praise Him! praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!  
For our sins He suffered, and bled and died;  
He our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation,  
Hail Him! hail Him! Jesus the Crucified.  
Sound His praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows;  
Love unbounded, wonderful, deep and strong:

## Refrain

## Verse 3:

Praise Him! praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!  
Heav'nly portals loud with hosannas ring!  
Jesus, Savior, reigneth forever and ever;  
Crown Him! crown Him! Prophet and Priest and King!  
Christ is coming! over the world victorious,  
Pow'r and glory unto the Lord belong:

## Refrain

Text: Fanny J. Crosby

Music: Joyful Song, Chester G. Allen

# It Is Well with My Soul

Verse 1:

When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

Refrain:

It is well (It is well) with my soul, (with my soul,)  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Verse 2:

Though Satan should buffet, tho' trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

Refrain

Verse 3:

My sin – O, the bliss of this glorious thought,  
My sin – not in part but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Refrain

Verse 4:

And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,  
"Even so" – it is well with my soul.

Refrain

Text: Horatio G. Spafford

Music: *Ville Du Havre*, Philip P. Bliss

# 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.

Text: *Gloria Patri*; Traditional, 2<sup>nd</sup> century

Music: *Meineke*, Christoph Meineke

# O Jesus, I Have Promised

## Verse 1:

O Jesus, I have promised  
To serve Thee to the end;  
Be Thou forever near me,  
My Master and my Friend:  
I shall not fear the battle  
If Thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway  
If Thou wilt be my guide.

## Verse 2:

O let me feel Thee near me,  
The world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
The tempting sounds I hear:  
My foes are ever near me,  
Around me and within;  
But, Jesus, draw Thou nearer,  
And shield my soul from sin.

## Verse 3:

O Jesus, Thou hast promised  
To all who follow Thee,  
That where Thou art in glory,  
There shall Thy servant be;  
And, Jesus, I have promised  
To serve Thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
My Master and my Friend.

Text: John E. Bode

Music: *Angel's Story*, Arthur H. Mann