

*Welcome to Roland Park Presbyterian Church.
We're glad you're here!*

March 19, 2023



*To pay attention,
this is our endless and proper work.*

~ Mary Oliver



ROLAND PARK
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY

March 19, 2023

10:30 AM

CENTERING OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Chorale prelude on "Rathbun"
Esther Lee, organ

Homer Whitford

Words of Welcome

Thank you for joining us today. We hope that today's service will be meaningful for you.

You can always visit us at our website for the latest happenings and information.

<https://www.rolandparkchurch.org/>

If this is your first time with us, you can email Pastor Mark to introduce yourself and learn more about the congregation: pastor@rolandparkchurch.org

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***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Keep alert for Christ coming among us.

We come with eyes open to see.

Looking for ways to love our neighbor,

We come with hearts open to receive.

Ready to let your light shine,

We come with hands open to serve.

***HYMN #451**

Open My Eyes, That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

Open My Eyes, That I May See 451



1 O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.
2 O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic-es of truth thou send-est clear.
3 O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad-ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.



Place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un-clasp and
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev-ery-thing false will
O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil-dren



set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
dis - ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy



will to see. O-pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sovereign God, all time is in your hand,
and yet we confess that we want you to work to our timetable.
We recognize that the world is not as it should be
and we long for your coming to make things right,
yet we delay and slow down because justice is not profitable or comfortable.
We pray for you to change things now, when we want them fixed,
yet we make excuses about how we are not ready to change.
Forgive us, Lord, for our lamps are going out,
and we have stumbled in the shadows as we sought our own way.
Forgive us, and let your forgiveness fill us to overflowing that we may have light to share,
and so include others in the work you set before us each day.
Re-ignite our passion for your kingdom,
and guide us to faithfully walk with you whenever, and wherever, you lead,
for however long it takes to see your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

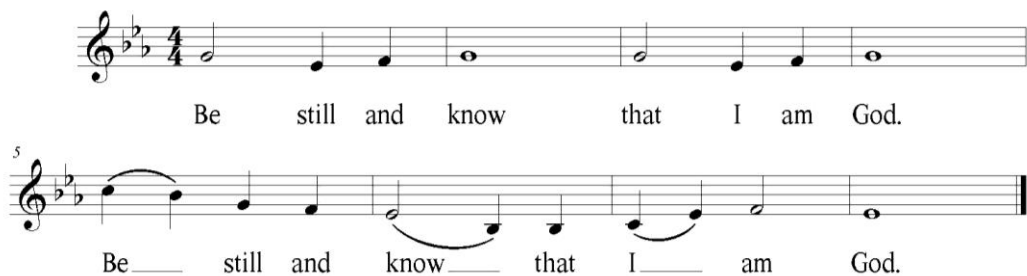
Time of Silent Prayer

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

*The assurance of God's love is steadfast.
However, during the Season of Lent we will refrain from saying the assurance aloud
and spend more time in silent prayer together.
When we return to speaking the words of assurance at Easter,
they will be all the sweeter because we have experienced their absence.*

Be Still and Know That I Am God (Hymn #414 alt.)

PSALM 46



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: "Be still and know that I am God." The second staff continues the melody for the second line: "Be still and know that I am God." The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined to indicate phrasing or breath marks.

Be still and know that I am God.

Be still and know that I am God.

PASSING THE PEACE

*At this time children are invited to "Bridge to Worship"
where they will engage in an age-appropriate worship activity.
They will return to the sanctuary by the end of the service.*

ANTHEM

This Little Light of Mine
Chancel Soloists

arr. Mark Hayes

MOMENT OF SILENT CONTEMPLATION

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

The time has come and we are equal parts excited and tired, O God. We have both worked and waited for a long time. Awaken us to your presence, and enliven us with your possibility. Give us even a glimpse of your foolishness that is wiser than human wisdom, for we hear your coming and we want to be ready to be part of the next chapter of your story. We ask in the name of Jesus the Christ, who comes to fulfil your kingdom among us. Amen.

GOD'S STORY

Matthew 25: 1-13

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later the other young women came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Practicing Our Faith: Attentiveness

Pastor Mark

***HYMN #767**

Together We Serve

SAN ANSELMO

Together We Serve

767

Capo 3: (G) (D) (Em) (Bm7)
 B^b F Gm Dm7

1 To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love,
 2 We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope,
 3 We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor,
 4 To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and work,

(C) (G) (Am7) (Dsus) (D)
 E^b B^b Cm7 Fsus F

in - vit - ing God's world to the glo - ri - ous feast.
 a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
 the bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need care.
 re - mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow strong.

(G) (D) (C) (Bm)
 B^b F E^b Dm

We work and we pray through sor - row and joy,
 We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
 We of - fer a home to those who will come,
 To - geth - er we serve in Spir - it and truth,

(G) (C) (G) (Am) (D7) (G)
 B^b E^b B^b Cm F7 B^b

ex - tend - ing God's love to the last and the least.
 un - til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.
 our hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.
 re - mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

During the prayer there will be a time for you to give voice to your own prayers, after which the leader will say, "Lord, in your mercy," or "Lord, we give thanks," and the entire congregation responds, "Hear our prayer."

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.

OFFERING

*We offer our time, talent and treasure in gratitude to God. Thank you for your gifts in support of our shared ministry. For your convenience, we offer these electronic giving options (fees involved):
Use PayPal @RolandParkChurch or Text RPPC to 73256 and follow prompts.*

Offertory

Keep Your Lamps
Chancel Choir

arr. Andre Thomas

*Doxology (Hymn #606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

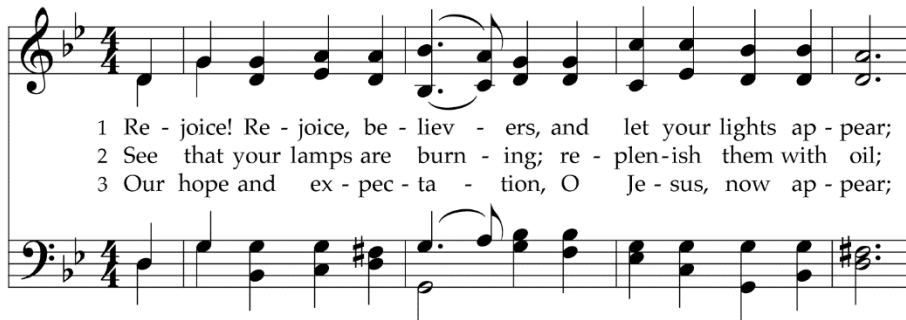
*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #362

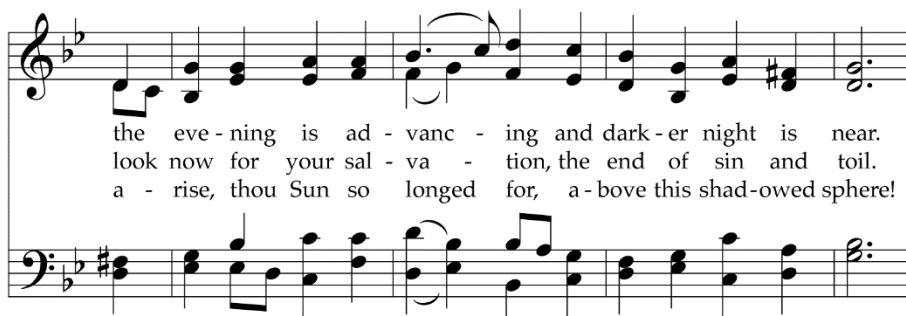
Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

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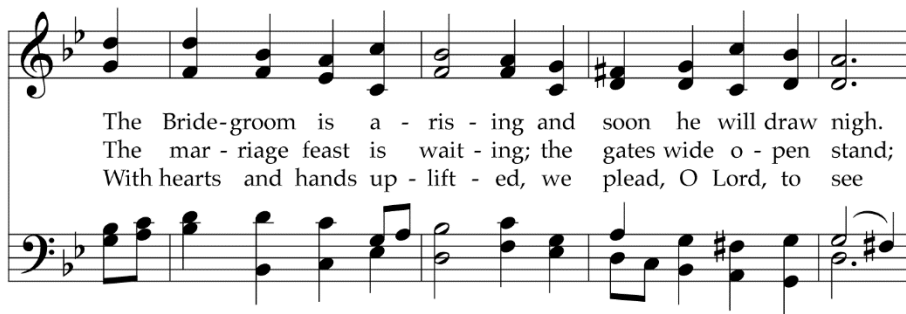
362 Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers



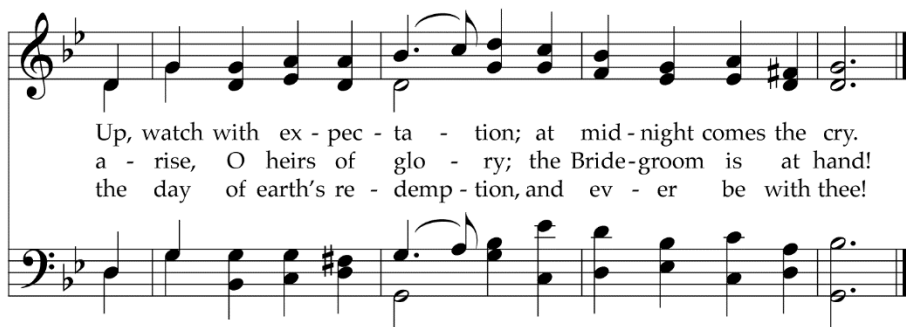
1 Re - joice! Re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing; re - plen-ish them with oil;
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing and dark - er night is near.
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this shad - owed sphere!



The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon he will draw nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, watch with ex - pec - ta - tion; at mid - night comes the cry.
a - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the Bride - groom is at hand!
the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

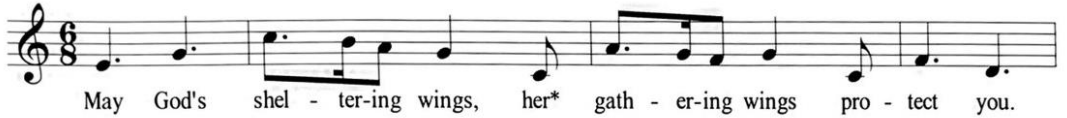
***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Following today's service you are invited to join us for a time of fellowship.

***SENDING MUSIC**

May God's Sheltering Wings

Judith Snowdon



May God's shel - ter-ing wings, her* gath - er-ing wings pro - tect you.

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May God's nur - tur-ing arms, her* crad - ling arms sus - tain you _____ And

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'til we meet a - gain May God hold you in _____ her* love.

his or their*

POSTLUDE

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
Esther Lee, organ

James Biery

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS TODAY

*We look to our Lord for strength and healing. We look to each other to see our Lord in action. We remember all those in harm's way, those recovering from natural disasters, refugees and people in conflict, and facing new challenges. Among our church family: **Sandy Budd** (daughter-in-law of Margaret Budd), **Ruth Billet**, the community of Roland Park and **David & Danny Guillaume** along with the staff and children of Kay Papa Nou & Unity House.*

IN PREPARATION FOR NEXT SUNDAY

March 26, 2023
10:30 AM Worship

Fifth Sunday in Lent
Compassion
Matthew 25: 31-46



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1. Download and open the free AudioFetch app from the app store on your device
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3. Connect your device to air pods or earbuds to listen to real time audio streaming

Pursuing Justice · Practicing Hospitality · Engaging Curious Faith

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