

ZION'S REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Rev. June Boutwell, Senior Pastor
Lori Seinar-Roknick, Director of Music Ministries
May 30, 2021 10:30 a.m.

Memorial Day

*Where the past and the future with Jesus Christ are celebrated
so the present can be lived abundantly.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship all those joining us on-line and those in the sanctuary. It is good to gather as the body of Christ.

The Altar flowers are placed in memory of my husband Bill, a Korean Vet and my brother Tom who was killed in WWI and Family, by LaWanda Johnston.

THE SOLEMN DECLARATION

Josie Harbaugh, Lector

Leader: And now may we prepare our hearts and minds for worship as we are gathered in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT

Iris Wentling, Acolyte

PRELUDE "My Country Tis of Thee" Phillip Keveran (CCLI#7133695)

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP Isaiah 61:1-2 New International Version (NIV)

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Josie Harbaugh, Lector

Leader: Happy are the people who serve the God of Jacob.

People: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.

Leader: We gather to praise and worship our God

People: and to pledge our loyalty and our service.

Leader: May God bless our gathering and our remembering, our hearing and our speaking,

People: May we be blessed to be a blessing to our community, to our nation, and to the world.

OPENING HYMN "Beautiful Savior"

Münster Gesangbuch, 1677

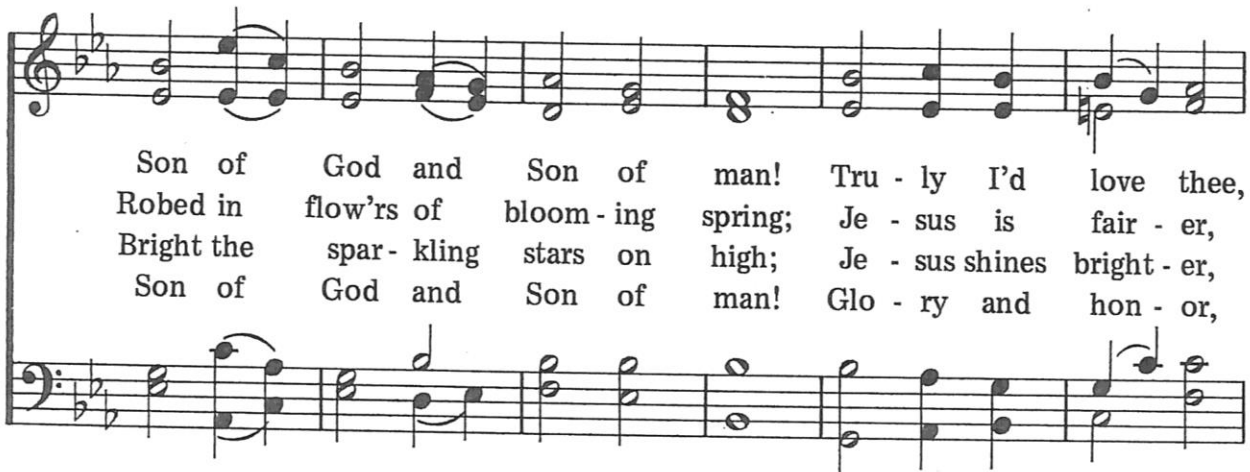
Schlesische Volkslieder, 1842

Tr. Joseph Augustus Seiss, 1823-1904

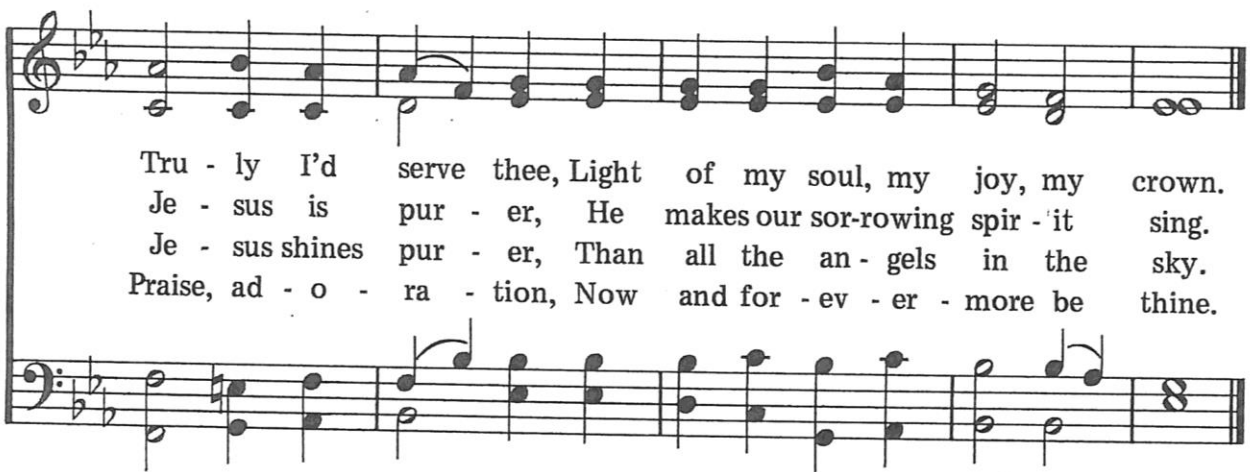
SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU 5.6.8.5.5.8.

Silesian Melody


1. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2. Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood-lands,
 3. Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon-light,
 4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of man! Tru - ly I'd love thee,
 Robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er,
 Bright the spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er,
 Son of God and Son of man! Glo - ry and hon - or,



Tru - ly I'd serve thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 Je - sus is pur - er, He makes our sor-rowing spir - it sing.
 Je - sus shines pur - er, Than all the an - gels in the sky.
 Praise, ad - o - ra - tion, Now and for - ev - er - more be thine.

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you inspire us with love for all persons and concern for the well-being of all creation. Forgive us for the arrogance that leads to moral blindness, for desires for vengeance and retaliation, and for willingness to sacrifice others for our own security and greed. Give us today the strength and courage to transform the compassion of our hearts into acts of peace, mercy, and justice. Empower us to live out the caring presence of the merciful and generous persons we claim to be. Make us channels of your peace, bearers of healing, women and men who hear and respond to pleas for justice in our world. Lord, hear our prayers....

A MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION AND PRAYER

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS AND LOVE

A SONG OF PRAISE (Gloria Patri)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, it is now and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH AND 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.

PRAYER RESPONSE

**Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your spirit in this place,
Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 12:9-16b

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with

those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly;

CHOIR ANTHEM “Consider the Lilies” Natalie Sleeth (CCLI#698899)

SERMON *A Good Soldier*

Gracious God, may the words of my mouth and the meditations of all our hearts be pleasing and acceptable in your sight, our rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above you heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “Onward, Christian Soldiers” (bulletin page 5)

THE BENEDICTION

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

THE POSTLUDE “My Country, Tis of Thee” Phillip Keveren (CCLI#7133695)

MEDITATION: Wallace Bruce – 19th century American poet, from “Memorial Day”
Who kept the faith and fought the fight; The glory theirs, the duty ours.

Onward, Christian Soldiers

Sabine Baring-Gould, 1864

ST. GERTRUDE 6.5.6.5.D. with Refrain
Arthur S. Sullivan, 1871

1. On-ward, Chris-tian sol - diers, March-ing as to war, With the cross of
2. Like a might-y ar - my Moves the church of God; Broth-ers, we are
3. Crowns and thrones may per - ish, King-doms rise and wane, But the church of
4. On-ward, then, ye peo - ple, join our hap-py throng, Blend with ours your

Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore; Christ the roy - al Mas - ter Leads a -
tread - ing Where the saints have trod; We are not di - vid - ed, All one
Je - sus Con-stant will re - main; Gates of hell can nev - er 'Gainst that
voic - es In the tri-umph song; Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or Un - to

gainst the foe; For-ward in - to bat - tle, See his ban-ners go.
bod - y we, One in hope and doc - trine, One in char - i - ty.
church pre - vail; We have Christ's own prom-ise, And that can-not fail.
Christ the King; This through count-less a - ges Men and an-gels sing.

On - ward, Chris-tian sol - diers, March-ing as to war,

With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.

TODAY

Sunday School 9:15

Worship 10:30

Prayer Chain meeting in the Jackson Conference Room.

MONDAY

Happy Memorial Day! The office will be closed.

TUESDAY

Immerse Class 11:00.

Knitters Group 1:30.

Good Shepherd Center Full Board 7:00 at First Presbyterian Church.

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WEDNESDAY

Finance and Consistory Mtgs.

THURSDAY

GHS Baccalaureate 7:00.

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday School at 9:15. (last day)

Worship at 10:30.

Celebration Sunday!

Congregational Mtg.

LOOKING AHEAD

The Ordination and Installation of Elders will be held on June 13.

MONDAY, JUNE 14 at 6:00 pm

CRAFT NIGHT!

Make wooden firecrackers as a gift or to keep. They are easy to make and all materials will be provided. We will also be making fleece blankets and kits are available. In fact, there are about 60 kits on the stage in Fisher Hall which, once completed, will be sent to Hoffman Homes for Youth in Littlestown, PA.

Come on out for an evening of fun and fellowship!
Refreshments will be served.