

Gilead Presbyterian Church
January 10, 2021

Convinced of God's Grace, we affirm that there can be no exclusiveness in the body of Christ. We welcome all regardless of race, ethnic heritage, national origin, age, ability, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic standing; and we encourage the full participation of all in the life of our congregation.

WELCOME

OPENING MUSIC "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us" Lani Smith
Piano, Penny Cameron; Organ, Mary Temple by Wm.B. Bradbury

OPENING SCRIPTURE Lamentations 3:22-23

Leader: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases.

People: The LORD's mercies never come to an end.

Leader: They are new every morning;

People: Great is the faithfulness of the LORD.

HYMN "God of the Marching Centuries"

Words by Rev. D.P. McGeachy, D.D.

Music by C.W. Dieckmann

**1. God of the marching centuries, Lord of the passing years,
Leading a people's victories, sharing a people's tears, —
Seal us as now we worship Thee, here on this moment's height;
Star of the way our parents found, be still our guiding Light.**

**3. Thankfully now we courage take, humbly we pledge our all,
If we may service find with Thee, if we may hear Thy call;
Here where we see Thy people's need, here where they must not die, —
There we shall find Thy fellowship and will not pass Thee by.**

God of the Marching Centuries

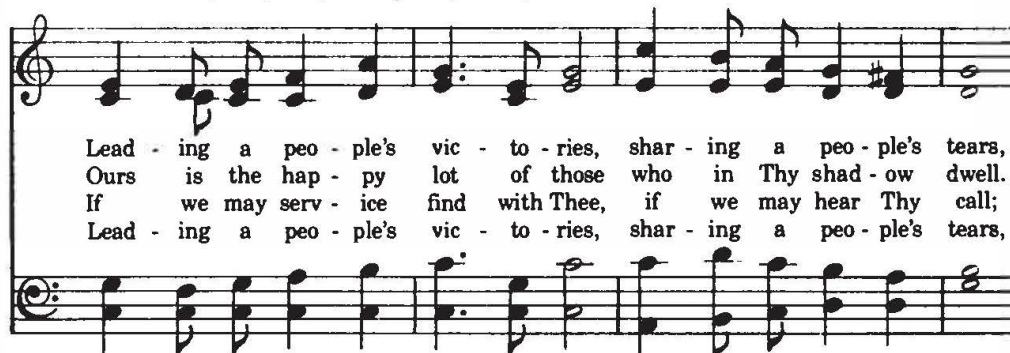
Tune: "Gaines"

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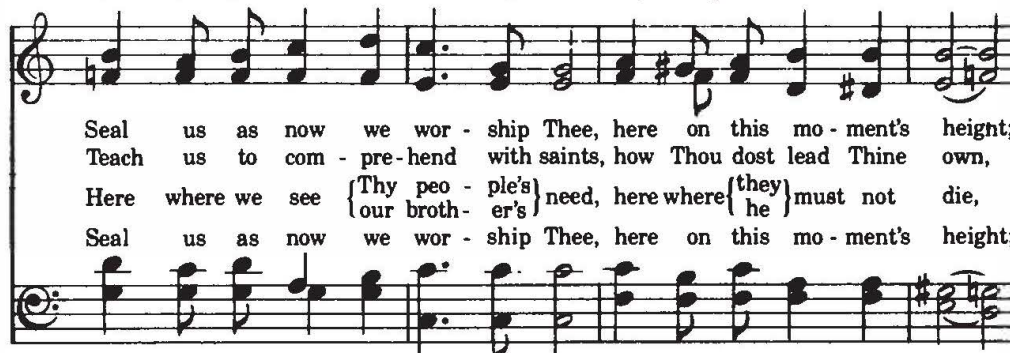
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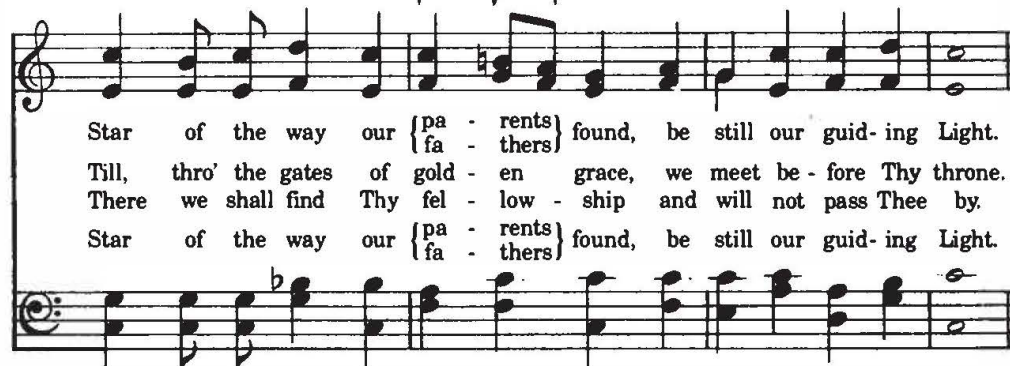
1. God of the march - ing cen - tu - ries, Lord of the pass - ing years,
2. Thou art the strength of all the past; teach us to mark it well;
3. Thank - ful - ly now we cour - age take, hum - bly we pledge our all,
4. God of the march - ing cen - tu - ries, Lord of the pass - ing years,



Lead - ing a peo - ple's vic - to - ries, shar - ing a peo - ple's tears,
Ours is the hap - py lot of those who in Thy shad - ow dwell.
If we may serv - ice find with Thee, if we may hear Thy call;
Lead - ing a peo - ple's vic - to - ries, shar - ing a peo - ple's tears,



Seal us as now we wor - ship Thee, here on this mo - ment's height;
Teach us to com - pre - hend with saints, how Thou dost lead Thine own,
Here where we see {Thy peo - ple's} need, here where {they} must not die,
our broth - er's {he} Seal us as now we wor - ship Thee, here on this mo - ment's height;



Star of the way our {pa - rents} found, be still our guid - ing Light.
fa - thers
Till, thro' the gates of gold - en grace, we meet be - fore Thy throne.
There we shall find Thy fel - low - ship and will not pass Thee by.
Star of the way our {pa - rents} found, be still our guid - ing Light.
fa - thers

Written for the Centennial of Decatur Presbyterian Church in 1925. Words were written by Dr. D. P. McGeachy, Pastor of the Church and a trustee of Agnes Scott College. The music was written by C. W. Dieckmann, F.A.G.O., a member of the Church and Head of the Music Department at the College. The tune "Gaines" was in honor of Dr. F. H. Gaines, former pastor of the Church, and the first President of the College.

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OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear Loving God, mere days after Christmas, we confess that we have already forgotten some of the real meaning of the holiday. We have spent too much time and thought on the things that we have, or don't have, and not enough time and thought on being good, kind and loving. We have worried and been afraid, even though we know you will take care of us. Help us, as the new year proceeds, to remember what matters, and what brings our hearts peace, so that we can share that peace with others. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† THE OFFERING

THE GLORIA

Glory to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 1:1-5

¹ In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness God called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 21:1-5

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, beautiful as one adorned for their wedding day. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. God will dwell with them; they will be God's people, and God will be fully present with them; ⁴ the Most High will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." ⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new."

SERMON

"New Now"

Rev. Martin McGeachy

MEDITATION MUSIC

"Moment by Moment"

by May Whittle Moody

PASTORAL 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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BLUE HYMNAL #262 "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

1. God of the ages, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

2. Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay;
Thy word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

3. From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase;
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

BENEDICTION and PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE

"Pass Me Not"
Piano, Penny Cameron; Organ, Mary Temple

tune: William H. Doane
arr. by Lani Smith

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▶ If you would like a hymnal to use at home for our streaming worship, please contact Pastor Martin.

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