

WEST BERLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Established 1876

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5th Sunday Epiphany

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GATHERING TIME (10:15 – 10:30 AM) Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6145951009>

Dial 929 436 2866 or 312 626 6799 Meeting ID: 614 595 1009

WELCOME & PRELUDE

God is Good. **All the time.** & All the time. **God is good.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: In the sanctuary, God, the Holy One, whose glory fills the whole earth, calls us.

P: Beside the sea, along ordinary paths, in our daily work, God calls us.

L: We respond with our whole heart, singing God's praise and giving thanks.

P: In steadfast love, God fulfills the divine purposes for our lives.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us turn to the most holy One and confess our sin, confident in God's faithful and steadfast love for us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, though we walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve and deliver us. Though our lips are not clean, and our hearts are not pure, you call us. Forgive us, we pray, when we wander away from you, lost and at risk. Forgive us when our lives do not reflect your glory and the purposes you intend. Help us to comprehend your ways in the world. We long to feel your grace and glory, for in you, Emmanuel, we can be healed and set free; in Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In the temple, Isaiah heard these words: "Your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." God's grace toward us has not been in vain! This is the good news we have received: in Christ's death and resurrection, we have been saved. Thanks be to God!

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Gloria Patri"

No. 9

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION & FIRST READING

Psalm 138 Thanksgiving and Praise of David

¹ I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; ² I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted your name and your word above everything. ³ On the day I called, you answered me; you increased my strength of soul. ⁴ All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth. ⁵ They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord. ⁶ For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he perceives from far away. ⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me. ⁸ The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

YOUTH MESSAGE

God Forgives Our Sin

SPECIAL MUSIC

SECOND READING Isaiah 6:1-13 A Vision of God in the Temple

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty, and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ² Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³ And one called to another and said, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." ⁴ The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said, "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" ⁶ Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷ The seraph touched my mouth with it and said, "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." ⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" ⁹ And he said, "Go and say to this people: 'Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.'" ¹⁰ Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes and listen with their ears and comprehend with their minds and turn and be healed." ¹¹ Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said, "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; ¹² until the Lord sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. ¹³ Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled." (The holy seed is its stump.)

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON "There's a Holy Seed in Those Stumps"

HYMN "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" No. 578 (See attached)

ANNOUNCEMENTS - JOYS & CONCERNS – 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.

CALL TO OFFERING - PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING – DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER – Ruth Cogar

HYMN "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" No. 596 (See attached)

CHARGE, BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE

May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

Grant you joy, perfect peace, strength in every endeavor.

Lift your eyes and see his face, feel his grace forever.

May the Lord mighty God bless and keep you forever.

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

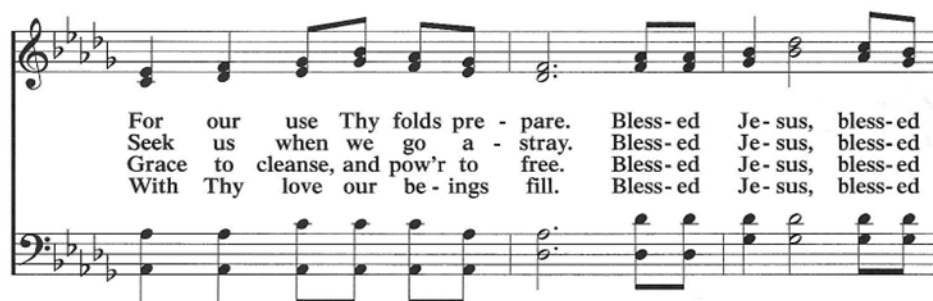
He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. John 10:3



1. Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us; Much we need Thy
 2. We are Thine; do Thou be - friend us; Be the Guard-ian
 3. Thou hast prom-ised to re - ceive us, Poor and sin - ful
 4. Ear - ly let us seek Thy fa - vor; Ear - ly let us



ten - der care. In Thy pleas - ant pas - tures feed us;
 of our way. Keep Thy flock; from sin de - fend us;
 tho' we be; Thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us,
 do Thy will. Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior,



For our use Thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed
 Seek us when we go a - stray. Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed
 Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free. Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed
 With Thy love our be - ings fill. Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed



Je - sus! Thou hast bought us; Thine we are. Bless - ed
 Je - sus! Hear, O hear us when we pray. Bless - ed
 Je - sus! Ear - ly let us turn to Thee. Bless - ed
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Leaning on the Everlasting Arms 596

The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.
Deuteronomy 33:27

1. What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, Lean-ing on the ev-er-
2. O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, Lean-ing on the ev-er-
3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, Lean-ing on the ev-er-

last-ing arms! What a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
last-ing arms! O how bright the path grows from day to day,
last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

Refrain

Lean - ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms! Lean - ing, lean -
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Lean - ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms! Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on

ing, Safe and se-cure from all a-larms; Lean - ing,
Je - sus, Lean - ing on Je - sus,

lean - ing, Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on Je - sus,

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