

WEST BERLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Established 1876

Dr. Robert J. Gustafson, Pastor

Edmund Cox, Liturgist

Julia Roll and Edmund Cox, Organists

Amy Martindale, Principal Vocalist

Guest Musician, John Morgan

Trinity Sunday – Father's Day

June 15, 2025

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: O Holy Trinity, One God in Three Persons,

P: we behold in the splendor of creation your majesty and our responsibility.

L: O Holy Trinity, One God in Three Persons,

P: we behold in the face of Jesus Christ your divinity and our humanity.

L: O Holy Trinity, One God in Three Persons,

P: we behold in the Spirit of truth your glory and our calling. Bound to you forever, we will ever praise your name!

CALL TO CONFESSION

By faith in Jesus Christ, we are given access to the grace of God. Standing in that grace, we now confess our sins before God, seeking forgiveness and peace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth. Yet we put aside your majesty, seeking our own power and gain. We set aside our responsibility for the earth entrusted to our care. By both carelessness and design, we pollute air, land, and waters. In our greed, we use more resources than we rightly need. We confess that we do not fully comprehend the damage we have done to the birds of the air, the creatures of the sea, and the animals that live in forests and fields. Forgive us, we pray. Let your majesty fill our senses, and pervade our actions, that we may become better stewards of creation. Call us, in every infant's cry, to care for one another so that all your people flourish. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, we are still standing in the grace of Christ. Because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, we are set free to love God and neighbor, and to work for the reconciliation of the world. We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. 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 8

Divine Majesty and Human Dignity

¹ O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. ² Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger. ³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; ⁴ what are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? ⁵ Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor. ⁶ You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, ⁷ all sheep

and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, ⁸ the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. ⁹ O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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

YOUTH MESSAGE Recognition for Father's Day

SPECIAL MUSIC John Morgan

SECOND READING Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

The Gifts of Wisdom

¹ Does not wisdom call and understanding raise her voice? ² On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; ³ beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: ⁴ "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all who live.

Wisdom's Part in Creation

²² "The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. ²³ Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. ²⁴ When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. ²⁵ Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, ²⁶ when he had not yet made earth and fields or the world's first bits of soil. ²⁷ When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, ²⁸ when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, ²⁹ when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, ³⁰ then I was beside him, like a master worker, and I was daily his delight, playing before him always, ³¹ playing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

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

SERMON "Wisdom – Following Her Advice "

HYMN "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" No. 625 (See attached)

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES – Coltin Sparks, Berlin H.S.; Tyson Baugher, Cameron (NC) H.S.

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.

HYMN "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" No. 607 (See attached)

CHARGE, BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE

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

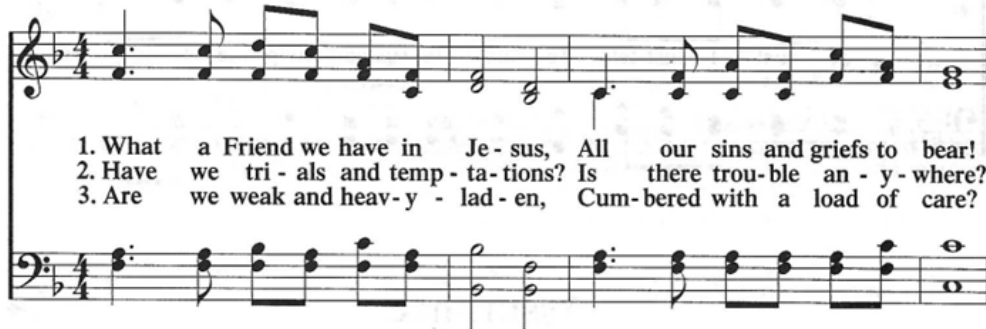
Grant you joy, perfect peace, strength in every endeavor.

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

May the Lord mighty God bless and keep you forever.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

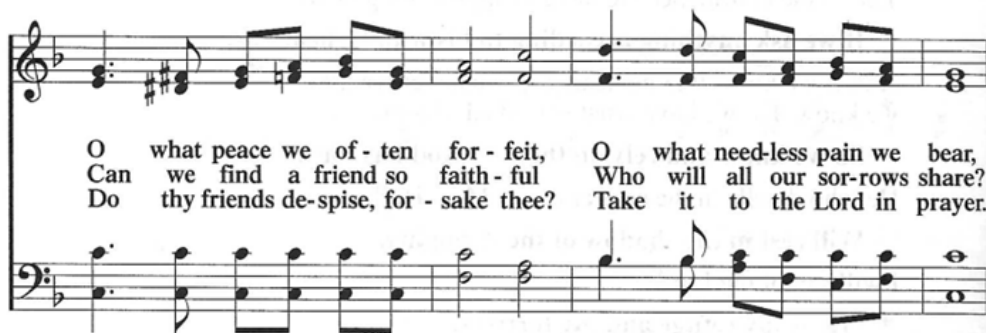
*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything...
present your requests to God. Philippians 4:6*



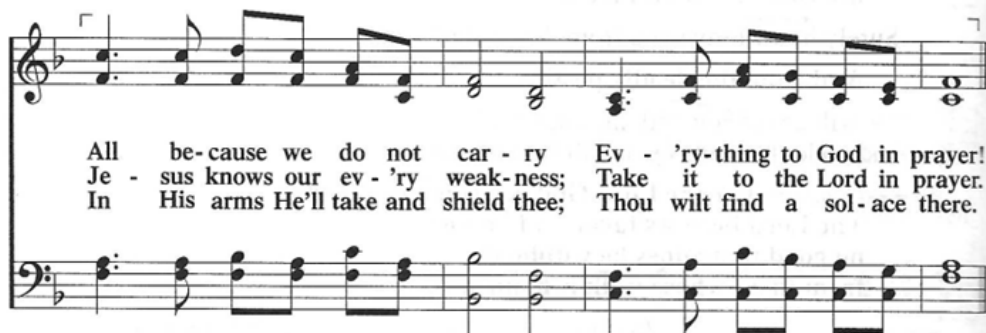
1. What a Friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3. Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our Ref - uge! Take it to the Lord in prayer.



O what peace we of - ten for - feit, O what need - less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share?
Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness; Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

WORDS: Joseph M. Scriven, ca. 1855
MUSIC: Charles C. Converse, 1868

CONVERSE
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Just a Closer Walk with Thee

I can do everything through him who gives me strength. Philippians 4:13

1. I am weak but Thou art strong; Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
 2. Thro' this world of toil and snares, If I fal-ter, Lord, who cares?
 3. When my fee - ble life is o'er, Time for me will be no more;
 Refrain: Just a clos - er walk with Thee— Grant it, Je - sus, is my plea.



Refrain D.C.

I'll be sat - is - fied as long As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.
 Who with me my bur - den shares? None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.
 Guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er To Thy king - dom shore, to Thy shore.
 Dai - ly walk - ing close to Thee— Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.



WORDS and MUSIC: Anonymous

CLOSER WALK
Irregular