

First Congregational Church of Ithaca
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost (October 4, 2020)

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

Prelude Fugue in B-flat Major J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** (Adapted from Psalm 121)

I lift up my eyes to the hills - from where will my help come?

My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

The LORD will not let our foot be moved; the LORD is our keeper.

The LORD is our shade.

The LORD will keep your life.

The LORD will keep our going out and our coming in from this time on and forevermore.

***Hymn** I Come with Joy (insert, #515)

***Confession and Assurance of Grace**

The grace of God overflows for us through Jesus Christ who came into the world to save humanity. Trusting in God's grace, let us pray:

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

The mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. We are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Sung Response** *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.*

Scripture Lessons Psalm 80:7-15
Matthew 21:33-46

Anthem How Can I Keep from Singing Robert Wadsworth Lowry

Sermon "Putting a Punchy Parable into Practice"

***Hymn** Brave Enough (insert)

Morning Prayers and Lord's Prayer

Litany Prayer

Leader: We pray to God

People: Hear us, O God

Sung Response *Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me (twice).
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

Sharing our Gifts

***Doxology** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn** Brave Enough (insert)

Sharing the Lord's Supper

Communion Music Te Deum: Prelude Marc-Antoine Charpentier

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Teach us, O God, to follow the example of Christ's sacrifice in this holy meal: to hand ourselves over in love for you, for one another, and for all people. May we take part in your work of suffering and redeeming love by lifting up the oppressed, binding the brokenhearted, challenging the powerful, and drawing all into a community of love. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

(Adapted from the UCC Book of Worship)

***Hymn** How Great Thou Art Insert # 625)

***Benediction**

Postlude Prelude in B-flat Major J. S. Bach

*** Congregation stands (*live-streamers, feel free to lift your hearts!*)**

Participating Today

The Rev. Dr. David A. Kaden, Senior Minister
Susan Fast, Director of Caring Ministries
Dr. William Cowdery, Director of Music
David J. Kaden, Tech Support
Patricia Baxter, soprano soloist
Paul Viscuso, accordion

I Come with Joy

515

Capo 3: (D)
F

(G)
B $\flat$

(A)
C

(D)
F

(Bm)
Dm



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has

(Asus)
Csus

(Am)
Cm

(G)
B $\flat$

(F $\sharp$ m)
Am

(D)
F



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the

(Em)
Gm

(D/F $\sharp$)
F/A

(G)
B $\flat$

(A)
C

(Am7)
Cm7

(D)
F



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com-mu - nion bread, in Christ's com-mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

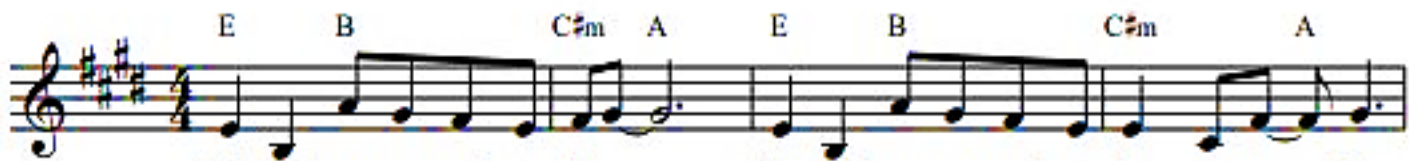
Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text affirms that Christian unity is not achievement but gift, one renewed each time we gather for the Lord's Supper. Each of us enters as an "I" and leaves as part of "we." The unadorned language of this text is well matched to the simple shape note tune that sets it here.

BRAVE ENOUGH

from COMPASSION CAMP

AMANDA MEISENHEIMER



We are brave e-nough to love.____ We are brave e-nough to show com-pass - ion.



We are brave e-nough to lis - ten and tell the truth._____



We are brave e-nough to love.____ We are brave e-nough to show com-pass - ion.



We are brave e-nough to lis - ten and tell the truth._____



We can be brave,_____ we can be brave,_____



_____ be - cause we're filled with love from the bot - tom of God's



heart, we can be____ brave,_____ we can be____ brave!_____

O Lord My God

How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
 2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der and hear the
 3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion and take me



all the *worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees, when I look down from
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then *I shall bow in

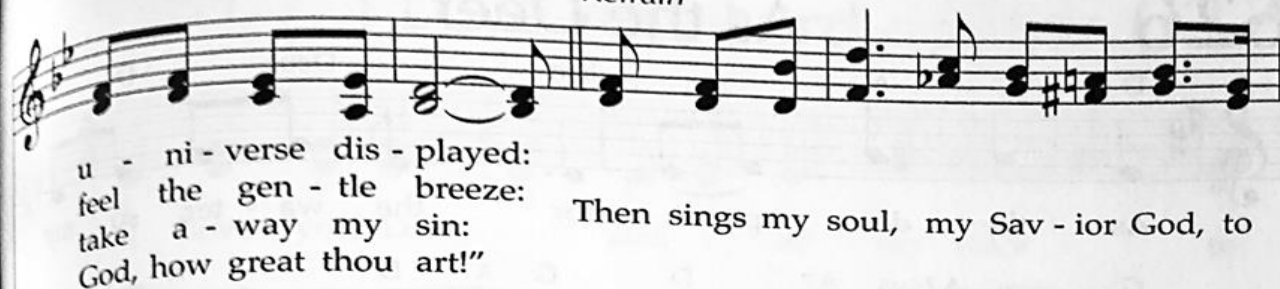


hear the *roll-ing thun-der, thy power through-out the
 loft-y moun-tain gran-deur and hear the brook and
 bur-den glad-ly bear-ing, he bled and died to
 hum-ble ad-o-ra-tion, and there pro-claim, "My

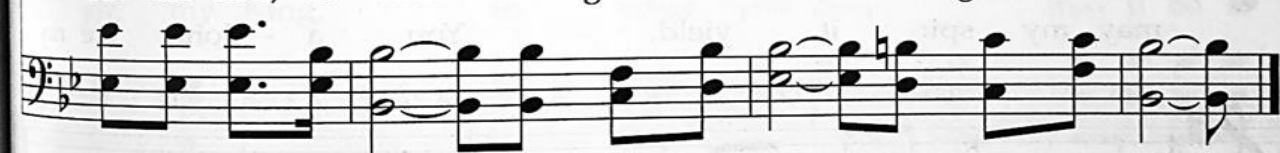
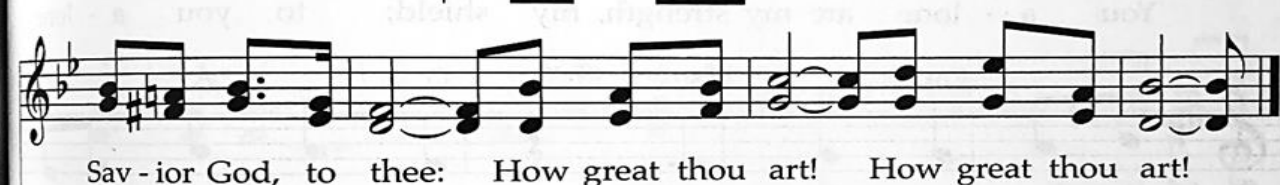
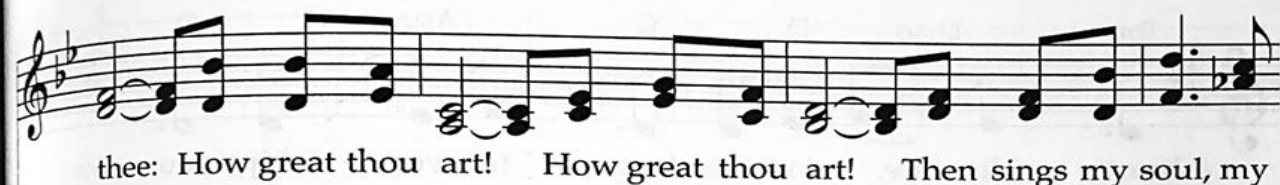


*Author's original words are "works," "mighty," and "shall I bow."

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



KOREAN

1 주 하나님 지으신 모든 세계
 내마음 속에 그리어 볼때
 하늘의 별 울려 퍼지는 뇌성
 주님의 권능 우주에 찬네

*렘 주님의 높고 위대하심을
 내영혼이 찬양하네
 주님의 높고 위대하심을
 내영혼이 찬양하네

2 숲속이나 험한산 골짜에서
 지저귀는 저 새소리들과
 고요하게 흐르는 시냇물은
 주님의 숨씨 노래하도다 후렴

3 주 하나님 독생자 아낌없이
 우리를 위해 보내주셨네
 십자가에 피흘려 죽으신 주
 내모든 죄를 대속하셨네 후렴

4 내주 예수 세상에 다시 올 때
 저천국으로 날 인도하리
 나 겸손히 엎드려 경배하며
 영원히 주를 찬양하리라 후렴

SPANISH

1 Señor, mi Dios, al contemplar los cielos,
 el firmamento y las estrellas mil,
 al oír tu voz en los potentes truenos
 y ver brillar al sol en su cenit,

Estribillo Mi corazón se llena de emoción.
 ¡Cuán grande es Él! ¡Cuán grande es Él!
 Mi corazón se llena de emoción.
 ¡Cuán grande es Él! ¡Cuán grande es Él!

2 Al recorrer los montes y los valles
 y ver las bellas flores al pasar,
 al escuchar el canto de las aves
 y el murmurar del claro manantial, Estribillo

3 Cuando recuerdo de tu amor divino
 que desde el cielo al Salvador envió,
 al buen Jesús, que por salvarme vino
 y en una cruz por mí sufrió y murió, Estribillo

4 al dulce hogar, al cielo de esplendor;
 te adoraré, cantando la grandeza
 de tu poder y tu infinito amor. Estribillo