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**HARBINGER**  
*open minds open hearts*

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A PRELUDE TO WORSHIP

This week's opening sentences come from Psalm 97, a song of praise to the sovereign Lord. But, how do we offer praise in the midst of a mighty swirling tempest? We are scared, distracted, off-balance, and definitely not ready to praise. As you listen to the piano prelude that opens the service, take a moment to absorb the hymn's lyrics...take a breath, calm your mind, open your heart, and prepare to worship...

PEACE, PEACE...BE STILL

Lord, the tempest is raging. The billows are tossing high.  
The sky is o'er shadowed with blackness. No shelter or help is nigh.  
Care you not that we perish? How can you sleep  
When each moment is madly threatening a grave in the angry deep?

*The winds and the waves shall obey my will. PEACE...BE STILL  
Whether the wrath of the storm-tossed sea or demons or men  
or whatever it be  
No water can swallow the ship where lies The Lord of ocean  
and earth and skies.  
PEACE, PEACE...BE STILL*

Lord, with anguish of spirit I bow in my grief today.  
The depths of my sad heart are troubled, Oh, waken and save, I pray.  
Torrents of sin and of anguish sweep o'er my sinking soul  
And I perish, I perish, dear Lord, Oh, hasten and take control.

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Whether the wrath of the storm-tossed sea or demons or men  
or whatever it be  
No water can swallow the ship where lies The Lord of ocean  
and earth and skies.  
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Lord, the terror is over! The elements sweetly rest.  
Earth's sun in the calm lake is mirrored and heaven's within my breast  
Linger, o blessed Redeemer, Leave me alone no more.  
And with joy I shall make the blest harbor and rest on the blissful shore!

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WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, July 5, 2020 | online, 10:00a | Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



Prayer of Preparation

“Child of the covenant, you have been sealed  
by the Holy Spirit in baptism,  
and marked as Christ's own forever.”

—Book of Common Worship of the PC(USA)

Gathering and Preparing for God's Word

Prelude *Peace Be Still* arr. Page

Welcome and Announcements

Sentences of Scripture from Psalm 97:1, 6

The Lord is king!  
Let the earth rejoice;  
let the many coastlands be glad!

The heavens proclaim his righteousness;  
and all the peoples behold his glory.

Hymn #365 *God Reigns! Let the Earth Rejoice* MARION  
**See hymn sheet.**

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

O God of might and mercy, We confess that fear, doubt, and worry  
can be such giants in our lives.

Each day we allow them to wash over us until they become bigger than you,  
until we come to believe that you do not care for us.

When the good we have known crumbles beneath our feet and we are mired  
down in hopelessness and self-pity, we admit that we need you.

When we cannot hide from the evil that is all around us because some  
of it is also in us, we cry out for your saving mercy.

Remind us that you are with us.

Remind us to listen to you.

Help us to open our lives to you so that we can be healed, marked,  
and propelled into the service of others in the name of Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

Response *Peace of God Be With You* AS=SALAAMU LAKUM  
**See hymn sheet.**

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Lesson, *Ephesians 1:11-14*

Gospel Lesson, *Mark 4:35-41*

Sermon "Marked"

Anthem *Write Your Blessed Name*

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Responding to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith, *The Apostles' Creed*  
I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic Church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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.**

Hymn #361 *O Christ the Great Foundation* AURELIA  
**See hymn sheet.**

Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Toccata in G Major* Dubois

Leading Worship this Morning

Mary Kathleen Duncan, *preaching*

Leigh Stuckey, *liturgist*

Grier Mullins, *lay reader*

Nancy Smith, *organist*

Emily Sweezey, Judy McKenney, Hunter Ditsch, Mark Kemp, *vocalists*

# God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice! 365

(Psalm 97)

1 God reigns! Let earth re - joice! Let o - ceans  
 2 God's fire ig - nites the clouds with judg - ment  
 3 False i - dols rise to claim the weak - ness  
 4 The ra - diance of God's light beams joy in -

shout God's might! Borne up by truth and righ - teous - ness, God's  
 swift and just; the e - vil find their deeds in vain; God's  
 of our pride, but can - not touch the faith - ful ones; for  
 to our days; now filled with God's own peace and love, our

*Refrain*

throne is our de - light.  
 foes are brought to dust. Re - joice! Re -  
 God stands at our side.  
 hearts re - sound with praise.

Re - joice!  
 Re - joice!

The theme of rejoicing that unites Psalm 97 is fittingly emphasized here by the refrain that ties together these four stanzas. Instead of the intimacy with God celebrated in other psalms, the primary concern here is to proclaim God's power over all false gods that tempt us.

# 448 Peace of God Be with You

*As-salaamu lakum*

Am G F Am G F C  
 Peace of God be with you. Peace of God be with you. Sa -  
 As - sa - laa - mu la - kum. As - sa - laa - mu la - kum. Sa -  
 Dm F Am G F Am  
 laam, sa - laam. Peace of God be with you.  
 laam, sa - laam. As - sa - laa - mu la - kum.

ARABIC

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 . السلام لكم

Both being Semitic languages, Arabic and Hebrew have many similar words, as can be heard here in *Salaam*, which sounds much like *Shalom*. This setting uses the same words and music in all but one phrase, making this brief song easy to learn in either English or Arabic.

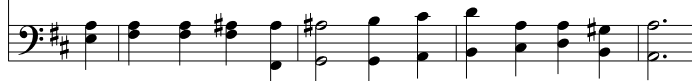
# O Christ, the Great Foundation 361



1 O Christ, the great foun - da - tion on which your peo - ple stand  
 2 Bap - tized in one con - fes - sion, one church in all the earth,  
 3 Where ty - rants' hold is tight - ened, where strong de - vour the weak,  
 4 This is the mo - ment glo - rious when he who once was dead



to preach your true sal - va - tion in ev - ery age and land:  
 we bear our Lord's im - pres - sion, the sign of sec - ond birth:  
 where in - no - cents are fright - ened, the righ - teous fear to speak,  
 shall lead his church vic - to - rious, their cham - pion and their head.



pour out your Ho - ly Spir - it to make us strong and pure,  
 one ho - ly peo - ple gath - ered in love be - yond our own,  
 there let your church a - wak - ing at - tack the powers of sin  
 The Lord of all cre - a - tion his heaven - ly king - dom brings:



to keep the faith un - bro - ken as long as worlds en - dure.  
 by grace we were in - vit - ed; by grace we make you known.  
 and, all their ram - parts break - ing, with you the vic - tory win.  
 the fi - nal con - sum - ma - tion, the glo - ry of all things.



The text was written by a leading Chinese educator, author, and editor who chaired the commission that prepared an important ecumenical Chinese hymnal, *Hymns of Universal Praise* (1936). This familiar tune invites comparison of these words with its usual text (see no. 321).