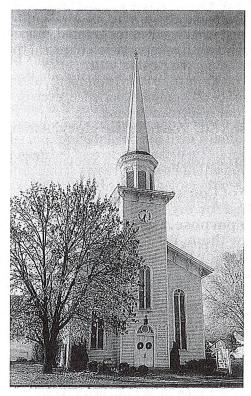
# Pirst Presbyterian Church IN VICTOR WHOEVER YOU ARE.

WHOEVER YOU ARE. HOWEVER YOU HAVE COME. YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.



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Pastor Nick Dorland
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Order of Worship February 5, 2023, 10am 5th Sunday after Epiphany \*Please stand if you are able.

Prelude

"How Great Thou Art" arr. by Lloyd Larson

Welcome & Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Creator God, because you make all that draws forth our praise and the forms in which to express it,

we praise you.

Because you make artists of us all, awakening courage to look again at what is taken for granted, grace to share these insights with others, vision to reveal the future already in being, we praise you.

Because you form your Word among us, and in your great work embrace all human experience, even death itself, inspiring our resurrection song,

we praise you. Yours is the glory. Amen.

\*Opening Hymn #466 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

**Unison Prayer of Confession** 

You asked for my hands, that you might use them for your purpose. I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them, for the work was hard. You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice. I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused. You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty. I closed them, for I did not want to see. You asked for my life, that you might work through me. I gave a small part, that I might not get too involved.

Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you only when it is convenient for me to do so, only in those places where it is safe to do so, and only with those who make it easy to do so. Father, forgive me, renew me, send me out as a usable instrument, that I might take seriously the meaning of your cross. Amen.

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

God the Creator brings you new life, forgives and redeems you. Take hold of this forgiveness, and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus. Amen.

\*Gloria Patri

\*Passing the Peace

Anthem

"O Worship the King" by Stan Bethel

**Unison Prayer for Illumination:** 

Our Lord and our God, now as we hear your Word.

fill us with your Spirit.

Soften our hearts that we may delight in your presence. Sharpen our minds that we may discern your truth. Shape our wills that we may desire your ways. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Scripture

Matthew 5:13-20

Salt and Light

13 "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. 14 "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. 15 People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

The Law and the Prophets

17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. 18 For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. 19 Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Sermon

"The Upside Down Nature of the Kingdom"

Hymn of Response #322

"Spirit of the Living God"

Offering \*Doxology \*Unison Prayer of Dedication

Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to render to you all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you, not with our lips only, but with our whole lives, turning the duties, the sorrows, and the joys of all our days into a living sacrifice to you, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

### Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

\*Closing Song #339

"Be Thou My Vision"

\*Benediction

Postlude

"Rondeau" by Jean-Joseph Mouret arr. by Hal H. Hopson

## **Church Calendar**

## Sunday, February 5

10:00 am

Worship Service

11:15 am

\*Annual Meeting

7:30 pm

A.A. & Al Anon

#### Tuesday, February 7

10:00 am

Free Panera

#### Friday, February 10

7:00 pm

A.A. Meeting

#### Saturday, February 11

8:00 am

Men's Breakfast

5-6:30 pm

Community Dinner (Breakfast for Dinner)

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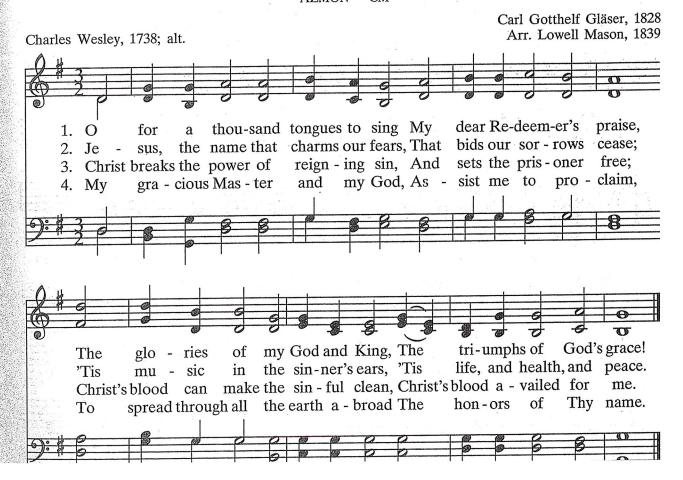
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Greeters & Fellowship: Linda Smith

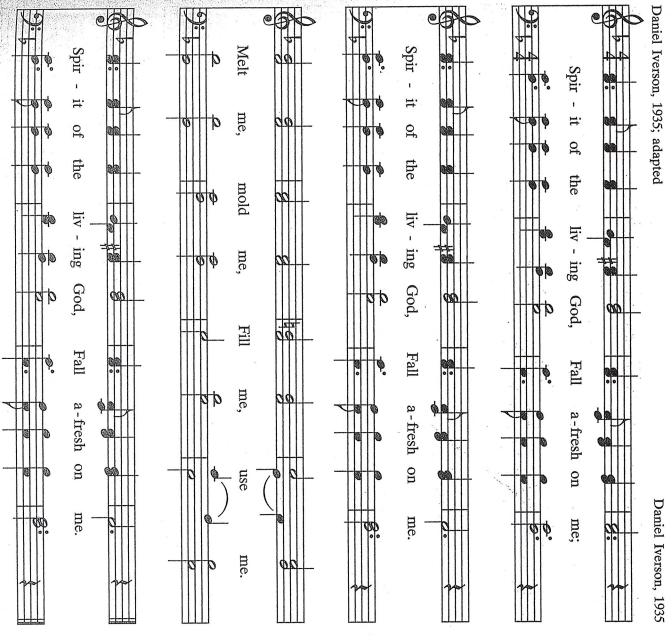
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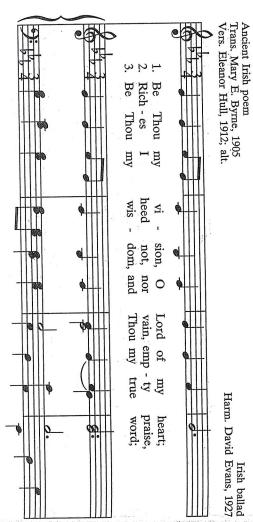
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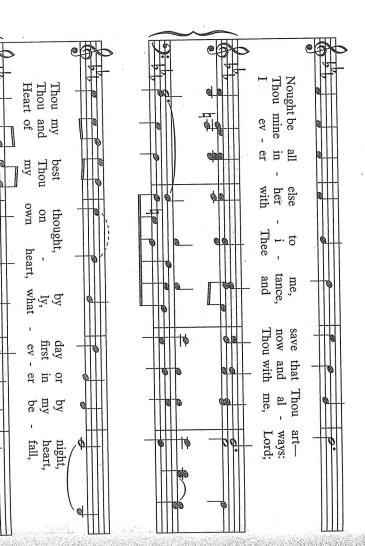


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