



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
GRADUATION SUNDAY

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
JUNE 21, 2020

“No Matter Who You Are or Where You Are on Life's Journey,  
You're Welcome Here”

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**PRELUDE:** “Pomp and Circumstance” *Patty Meyer*

**WELCOME**

SHIRLEY HARRIS CROCKETT AWARD RECIPIENTS

**SILENT MEDITATION and THE LIGHTING OF CANDLES**

*Please join by lighting a candle in your home*

**INTROIT: “I Wish I Knew How it Would Feel to Be Free”** *Mariam*

**CELEBRATION OF GRADUATES:**

From Pre-School  
Desmond Amidon Bode  
Parker Tidd

From 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
June Breismeister

From Sixth Grade  
Cara Fisher  
Mariam Diallo

From Eighth Grade

Jyn Rankin  
Sander Scott  
Genevieve Redmond

From High School  
Robbie Harnish  
Margaret Holland  
Warri Muhammed  
Jamie Peters  
Molly Peters  
Lily Quintero

From College Steps  
Emma Davis

Retiring after 33 years as a Speech & Language Pathologist  
Patrice Murray

**CALL TO WORSHIP**<sup>1</sup>: *Psalm 29*

Give to our God, O heavenly beings,  
Give to our God, glory and strength.

Give to our God a glorious name;  
worship our God in holy splendor.

The voice of our God is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the Lord, over mighty waters.

The voice of our God is powerful;  
the voice of our God is full of majesty.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;  
Our God breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

God makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of our God flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
Our God shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of our God causes the oaks to whirl,

<sup>1</sup> Adapted slightly from: Seeking Higher Ground, Service Prayers for Baptism of Christ Sunday was written by the Rev. Rosemary McCombs Maxey, a citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and is retired clergy and a member of Fellowship Congregational United Church of Christ, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

and strips the forest bare;  
and in God's temple all say, "Glory!"

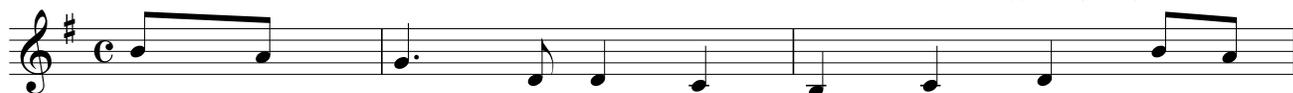
The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;  
Our God sits enthroned as ruler forever.

May our God give strength to the people!  
May the Lord bless the people with peace!

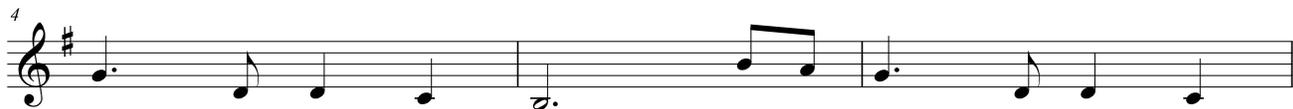
**OPENING HYMN: #327 "I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"**  
*Tony & Margaret Dale Barrand*

# I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry

John Ylvisaker 1985



1. I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be  
3. When you heard the won - der of the word I was  
5. In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too  
7. I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be



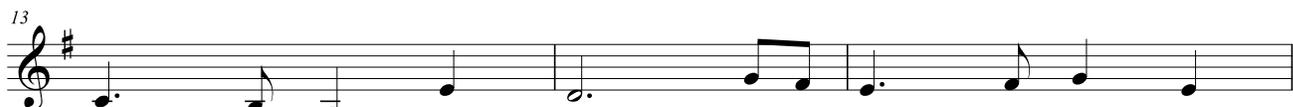
there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you  
there to cheer you on; you were raised to praise the  
old, no long - er young, I'll be there to guide you  
there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you



were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.  
liv - ing God, to whom you now be - long.  
through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.  
were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.



2. I was there when you were but a child, with a  
4. If you find some one to share your time and you  
6. When the eve - ning gen - tly clos - es in and you



faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you  
join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your  
shut your wear - ry eyes, I'll be there as I have



wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell.  
vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.  
al - ways been with just one more sur - prise.

## **INVOCATION**

Let us pray:

Creating, Calling, and Faithful God,  
we come to this time and place to be with you,  
to worship you, and to learn from you.  
May our time together  
be like your creation of light in the darkness  
that you called good.  
May it be that you would call us good  
while we respond to your call and as we listen to you. Amen.

## **CALL TO CONFESSION:**

People of God, we desire to be refreshed, renewed and changed.  
Let us listen again to God's calling our names  
to encourage us and strengthen our resolve  
to be God's people in faithfulness and peace-loving justice.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

Let us Pray

O God, we hear Your voice  
and we see the way of Jesus set before us.

But it's hard, dear God, to try again and again  
to live up to our baptismal vows  
and maintain our resolve to be Your people in the world.

In repentance we ask You to forgive us.  
Set us once again on a holy path that leads to You. Amen.

Let us take time in Silent confession...

## **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S CALL:**

Friends, God hears our prayers and sets before us the way of Jesus.  
God calls us and gives us enough grace and mercy to follow the way.  
Thanks be to God.

## **ANTHEM: "Take Me to the Water" *Virtual Choir***

**CONFIRMATION OF BAPTISM** for Lily Quintero  
*Lily was Baptized in the Broad Brook on Tuesday and today will confirm that Baptism.  
She became a church member in 2018.*

Pastor:

Our God created new life forms and brought them up from the waters of chaos,  
embraced them, and called them good.  
Jesus, Baptized in the river Jordan by John the Baptist,  
became living water for us and embraces all of us.  
Jesus embraces those who are poor, oppressed, marginalized

and all others who come seeking.  
We follow Jesus with our Baptism,  
marking a starting place for new life and new ways of being.  
We join Jesus in love and service.  
Let us prepare our hearts and minds to see, feel, and hear again the vows of  
Baptism.

### **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES**

Do you renew and affirm the promises made at your Baptism?  
I do.  
Do you recognize the call of God to be God's people always?  
I do.  
Do you embrace the way of Jesus in faith and ministry?  
I do.  
Do you accept the nurture of the Holy Spirit who renews your spirit each  
day?  
I do.  
Do you accept and embrace others who seek a liberating faith in God?  
I do.  
In affirming your Baptismal vows,  
remember your Baptism as a mark of acceptance  
and welcome into the care of Christ's church  
where you may begin again your Christian faith and life.

### **A UNISON PRAYER**

O God, we rejoice in Your grace, given and received.  
We thank You that You claim us,  
that You wash us, strengthen us, and guide us,  
that You empower us to live a life worthy of our calling.  
In the way of Jesus, make us as water in a dry and thirsty world.  
Establish us to be places of refreshment.  
Root us and nurture us in love,  
that with all Your people, that we may rightly and justly serve You.  
Fill us with Your fullness  
that our lives may overflow in service and love. Amen.

**ANTHEM: "Like a Tree Beside the Water"** *Andy & Robin Davis and Ellen & Larry Crockett*

CHILDREN'S STORY: The Oldest Student: How Mary Walker Learned to Read  
by Rita Lorraine Hubbard *read by Lily Quintero and Margaret Holland*

### **CHILDREN'S PRAYER**

**CONFIRMATION STATEMENT:** Lily Quintero

**ANTHEM: "There's a River Flowing in my Soul"** *Andy & Robin Davis*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** *written by Cara and Elizabeth Fisher*  
Let us pray...

We give you thanks for the summer time

And sunshine and days we can be outside to play  
For bike rides, hillside trails to walk  
Streams, river and ponds to play in.  
For birds tweeting, leaves blowing in the wind  
The shimmering poplar trees  
The minnows in the ponds  
Even with all this beauty, we know there is trouble in the world  
People suffering from the Corona Virus  
All the helpers who put their lives in danger  
The people fighting for equality between black and white people,  
People of all different races wherever they struggle.  
Help us to be aware of the part we play in injustice  
and of how we can be allies rather than part of the problem.  
Help us stand firmly behind the calls for new solutions.  
In all these things we know many people are going through changes in  
their lives and we lift up all graduates and, particularly, our graduates  
as they celebrate their accomplishments and move on to new  
challenges.

In Christ's name we ask this.

Amen

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** *It is our custom to join hands for the Lord's Prayer.*

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:**

Hymn #278 "Hear our Prayer, Oh Lord..."  
(played by Emma and Andy Davis)

**THE OFFERTORY**

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING**

**THE CLOSING HYMN: #609 "On Eagles Wings" Tom Green**

**On Eagle's Wings**

**On Eagle's Wings** *p. 1 of 2* *Michael Joncas*

Verse 1

3 1. 1. You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a -

6 bide in God's shad-ow for life, say to the Lord: "my

ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"

9 CHORUS

13 "And I will raise you up on ea - gle's wings, bear you on the

16 breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and

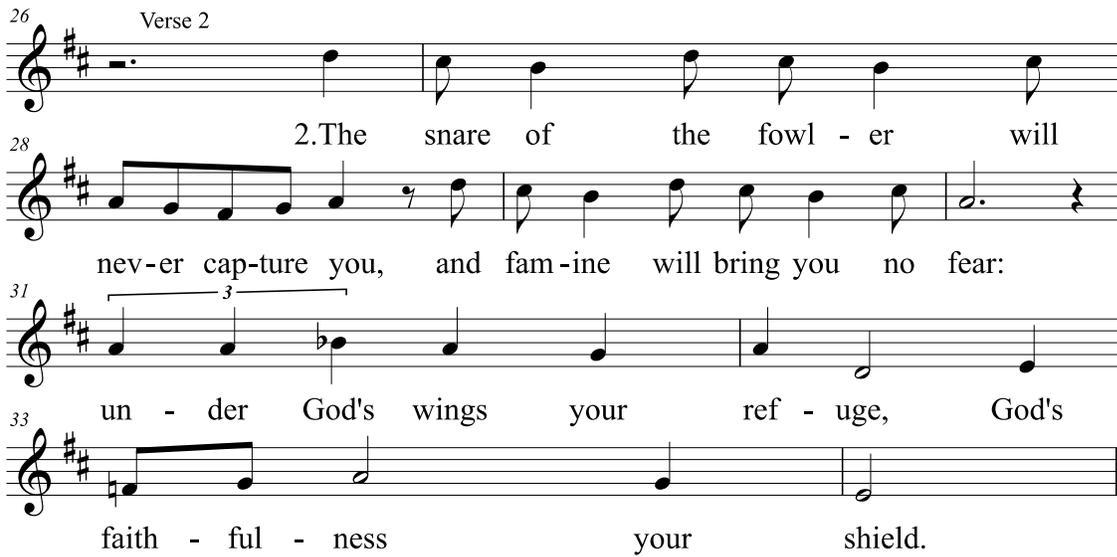
hold you in the palm of my hand."

19 Final Ending

22 And hold you, hold you in the

palm of my hand.

26 Verse 2



28 2. The snare of the fowl - er will  
nev - er cap - ture you, and fam - ine will bring you no fear:  
31 un - der God's wings your ref - uge, God's  
33 faith - ful - ness your shield.

35 Verse 3



38 3. You need not fear the ter - ror of the night, nor the  
ar - row that flies by day; though thou - sands fall a -  
41 bout you, near you it shall not come.

44 Verse 4



46 4. For to God's an - gels is giv - en a com - mand to  
guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will  
49 bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

**BENEDICTION**

**THREEFOLD AMEN:** Hymn #291

*Please take a moment to enjoy the postlude and then join us at “coffee hour”.  
The zoom link is below and on the Guilford Community Church homepage:  
[guilfordchurch.org](http://guilfordchurch.org)*

**POSTLUDE “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”** *Patty Meyer*