

. IN OUR PRAYERS

Healing- Jennifer Bullington, Step-daughter of Sharon Johnson,
Andy Imhof, son –in-law of Sharon Johnson for pain relief
Janet Rondeau’s nephew, Shirley Mockel, Ruth Gagnon, Tricia Cusack, Beverly
Sliter and Rodney Schroder

Around the Word: Inmates of Modelo De Penitentiary in the Dominican
Republic

DEACONS	ELDERS
Greg Migirditch	Pam Evans Hayden
Jeffrey Irwin	Melissa Gilligan
Kathleen Leahey	Judy Massey

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*We cherish the joyful noises of your children as an integral part of our worship. We
embrace the wiggles and curious questions that come along*

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Please rise, in body or spirit; lines in **bold type** are read or sung aloud by the people.

WE REACH UP, ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

Votum

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Come, let us gather to worship the Lord, who calls us together from all walks of life.

We come together, drawn by the love of Christ that binds us in unity.

In this sacred space, let us praise the God of all creation, who stirs our hearts to joy and thanksgiving.

We lift our voices and our hearts, celebrating the enduring presence of God in our midst.

*Hymn **Our Hope, Our Life**

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*God's Greeting

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, **we confess that we often fail to seek your presence in our daily lives. We get caught up in our own plans and forget the needs of those around us. We resist your call to open our hearts to the stranger, to the friend, and even to our own family members. Forgive us for the times we have not been a reflection of your love. Heal what is broken in us, restore what is lacking, and turn our hearts back to you. Amen**

265 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

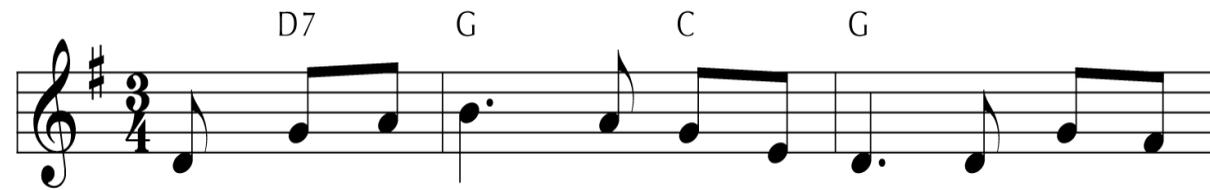
1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring hon - ors pe -

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
throng to crown his head; his name, like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
leap to loose their chains; the wea - ry find e -
cu - liar to our King; an - gels de - scend with

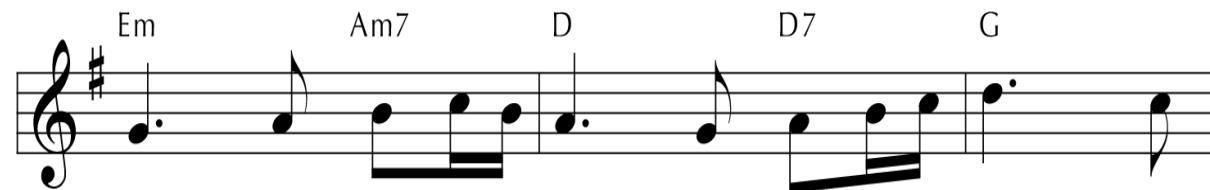
shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume, shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - men!

Our Hope, Our Life

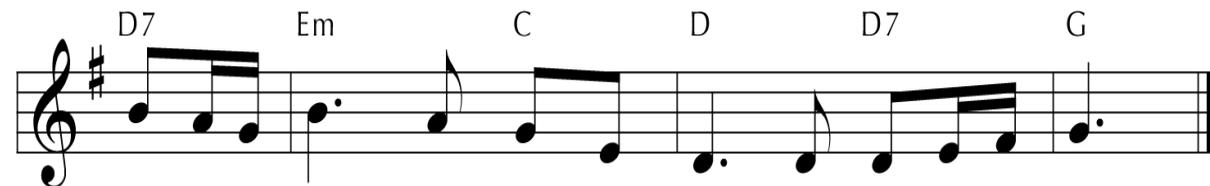
(Psalm 49)



1 Our hope, our life are in the Lord, the God we
 2 Some flaunt their gold; some trust its power, but what they
 3 Though wealth or learn - ing may be ours, or fame that
 4 Be - yond this age of shame and sham we glimpse a



hon - or and con - fess. Why crave re - nown or
 cher - ish will de - cay; and still the ran - som
 spreads through - out the land, the shack - les of mor -
 bet - ter des - ti - ny: the Lord will lift us



op - u - lence? They fade, those things we now pos - sess.
 for a soul re - mains a price too great to pay.
 tal - i - ty pre - vent so much that we have planned.
 free from death to dwell in praise e - ter - nal - ly.

Words of Assurance**God's Hope for our Living****Gloria Patri**

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.

Ministry of Music**Passing of the Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with you
And also with you

WE REACH IN, RECEIVING GOD'S GIFTS IN WORD**Prayer for Illumination****Scripture Lesson****Acts 1:1-11**

The is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Meditation**Left for What?****WE REACH OUT, SHARING LOVE AND SERVICE**

Call to the Offering

Offertory

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessing flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of Intercession and Lord's Prayer

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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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory now and forever Amen.

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Litany of Thanksgiving for Mother's Day

On this Mother's Day, we gather to give thanks and celebrate the vast tapestry of motherhood. Together, let us acknowledge and honor all forms of maternal presence in our lives.

With grateful hearts, we give thanks.

For mothers who have given birth, for adoptive mothers and stepmothers, for all who choose to mother, we give thanks for your boundless love and dedication.

Bless their hands and fill their hearts with joy.

For grandmothers, aunts, and guardians, for those who nurture, teach, and guide, we give thanks for your wisdom and your comforting presence.

May their wisdom continue to inspire and guide us.

For those who have experienced loss, who mourn a child or bear the silent weight of longing, may you find comfort in community and strength in shared hope.

Surround them with love and comfort.

For those with strained or complex relationships, seeking healing or acceptance, may this day bring moments of reconciliation and peace.

Grant them peace and healing.

For women who have chosen not to be mothers, respecting their choice, we celebrate the diverse ways they contribute to our lives and communities.

Honor their paths and enrich their lives with your grace.

For all women, who in their own ways, show us the face of nurturing love, strength, and resilience, we give thanks.

Celebrate their contributions and fortify their spirits.

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Today, let us embrace the full spectrum of motherhood and womanhood, recognizing the unique and vital roles each play in weaving the fabric of our society.

We give thanks for all who mother, today and always. Amen.

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Announcements:

A Happy Mother's Day to the special women in our lives.

Rodney has resigned as Custodian here at Blooming Grove. We will honor and thank him for his many years of service in this position at a later date!

However, Consistory is looking to fill this position. You will find the job description in the back if you or some one you know are interested in this role.

Reading Scripture with God (Lectio Divina)

Are you curious or wondering if GOD has a message for you? If yes, then YOU are welcome to join other folks as we read one passage from the Bible and ask ourselves what GOD might be saying to each one of us. *You can share that personal insight or you can "pass"*. ALL people are welcome. Visitors are encouraged to come, listen and experience for yourself. Bibles are provided. Please bring paper and pen/pencil.

We meet in the Ammerman library room.

Sessions are held twice per month on the **second and fourth Wednesdays.**

Please arrive by 10:25 AM with a start time at 10:30 Usually we are finished by 11:30 AM depending on how many people attend. Contact Sharon for more information.