

The Community Church in Harrington Park, NJ
Mid-Week Lenten Service

March 8, 2023

7:30 PM

Order of Service

PRELUDE

Amy Duran, piano

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 18

Leader: O my soul, bless God! God, my God, how great You are! Beautifully, gloriously robed,

People: Dressed up in sunshine, and all heaven stretched out for Your tent.

Leader: You built Your palace on the ocean deeps, made a chariot out of clouds and took off on wind-wings. You commandeered winds as messengers, appointed fire and flame as ambassadors.

People: What a wildly wonderful world, God! You made it all, with Wisdom at Your side, made earth overflow with Your wonderful creations.

Leader: The glory of God—let it last forever! Let God enjoy His creation!

People: Oh, let me sing to God all my life long, sing hymns to my God as long as I live!

HYMN SING

(The congregation will make 3 selections.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we put a little too much stock in what we can do. A friend is hurting, and we want to know exactly what words we can use to make it all better. We hope for our son or daughter to take up active faith, and we want to know the precise process we can follow to make that happen. We don't understand that we can't influence all events, that we're not the master of worlds. We forget to leave room for You to be involved, Holy Spirit. We neglect the idea that steadfastness, faithfulness, and love are sometimes the best thing we can do. We pray all this through Christ, who offers us forgiveness. Amen.

HEARING OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

LIVING THANKFULLY AS FORGIVEN PEOPLE

*GLORIA PATRI

#813

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Amazing Grace"

Maya Eng, Sarah Tillack, Rhoda Tillack

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 1:11-14

p. 192 (NT)

MEDITATION

"Seeing the Real World"

Pastor Sayer

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

JOYS, THANKS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN

"The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, Is Ended"

reverse side

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Poured Out for You"

Amy Duran, piano

Austin North

*Please stand if you are able.

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The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, Is Ended

John Ellerton, 1870

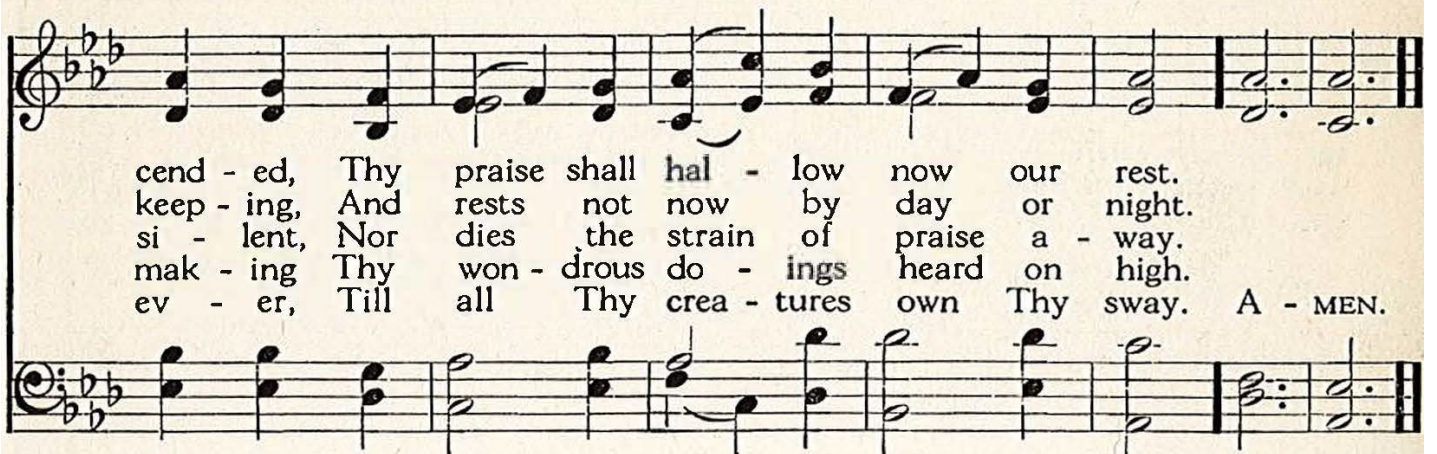
(SECOND TUNE)

ST. CLEMENT: 9. 8. 9. 8.
Clement C. Scholefield, 1874


1. The day Thou gav - est, Lord, is end - ed, The dark - ness
 2. We thank Thee that Thy Church un - sleep - ing, While earth rolls
 3. As o'er each con - ti - nent and is - land The dawn leads
 4. The sun that bids us rest is wak - ing Our breth - ren
 5. So be it, Lord; Thy throne shall nev - er, Like earth's proud



falls at Thy be - hest; To Thee our morn - ing hymns as -
 on - ward in - to light, Through all the world her watch is
 on an - oth - er day, The voice of prayer is nev - er
 'neath the west - ern sky, And hour by hour fresh lips are
 em - pires, pass a - way; Thy King - dom stands, and grows for -



ced - ed, Thy praise shall hal - low now our rest.
 keep - ing, And rests not now by day or night.
 si - lent, Nor dies the strain of praise a - way.
 mak - ing Thy won - drous do - ings heard on high.
 ev - er, Till all Thy crea - tures own Thy sway. A - MEN.