

ROCKVILLE PRESBYTERIAN FELLOWSHIP



Pastor Sam Alexander

APRIL 21, 2024

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
9:30 AM IN-PERSON AND ONLINE SERVICE – ZOOM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Carola Sanders

INTROIT

*(Please remain quiet for
other worshippers.)*

“More Love to Thee”

William H. Doane Arr. Marianne Kim

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 23

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

People: He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul.

Leader: He guides me along the right paths for his name’s sake.

People: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Leader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

People: You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Leader: Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,

All: for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

OPENING HYMN

“As the Deer”

Verses 1-3

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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All: Gracious God, you call us to draw near but we keep our distance all the while longing for your presence. We spend time coming to you in this place but are too afraid of your direction and discipline, to focus our lives on you beyond the walls of this building. There are those moments when we do but the truth is we generally avoid the brutal honesty required as we confess our sins to you. Jesus, Son and friend, help us trust in your goodness and your grace, believing that your correction brings life and joy. May we live in the light of your love so that others might see and draw near to you. *(Silent for Prayer of Confession)*

Pastor: In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ

All: Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: I Kings 18:17-35

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When he saw Elijah, he said to him, “Is that you, you troubler of Israel?” “I have not made trouble for Israel,” Elijah replied. “But you and your father’s family have. You have abandoned the Lord’s commands and have followed the Baals. Now summon the people from all over Israel to meet me on Mount Carmel. And bring the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal and the four hundred prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel’s table.” So, Ahab sent word throughout all Israel and assembled the prophets on Mount Carmel. Elijah went before the people and said, “How long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him.” But the people said nothing. Then Elijah said to them, “I am the only one of the Lord’s prophets left, but Baal has four hundred and fifty prophets. Get two bulls for us. Let Baal’s prophets choose one for themselves and let them cut it into pieces and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. I will prepare the other bull and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. Then you call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the Lord. The god who answers by fire—he is God.” Then all the people said, “What you say is good.” Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, “Choose one of the bulls and prepare it first, since there are so many of you. Call on the name of your god, but do not light the fire.” So, they took the bull given them and prepared it. Then they called on the name of Baal from morning till noon. “Baal, answer us!” they shouted. But there was no response; no one answered. And they danced around the altar they had made. At noon Elijah began to taunt them. “Shout louder!” he said. “Surely, he is a god! Perhaps he is deep in thought, or busy, or traveling. Maybe he is sleeping and must be awakened.” So, they shouted louder and slashed themselves with swords and spears, as was their custom, until their blood flowed. Midday passed, and they continued their frantic prophesying until the time for the evening sacrifice. But there was no response, no one answered, no one paid attention. Then Elijah said to all the people, “Come here to me.” They came to him, and he repaired the altar of the Lord, which had been torn down. Elijah took twelve stones, one for each of the tribes descended from Jacob, to whom the word of the Lord had come, saying, “Your name shall be Israel.” With the stones he built an altar in the name of the Lord, and he dug a trench around it large enough to hold two seahs of seed. He arranged the wood, cut the bull into pieces and laid it on the wood. Then he said to them, “Fill four large jars with water and pour it on the offering and on the wood.” “Do it again,” he said, and they did it again. “Do it a third time,” he ordered, and they did it the third time. The water ran down around the altar and even filled the trench.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Song of Songs (excerpted)

SERMON

Growing Intimacy through Prayer Pastor Sam Alexander

SERMON REFLECTION

*(Please remain quiet for
other worshippers.)*

“Solitude”

Jean Sibelius

MUSICAL OFFERING

*(Please remain quiet for
other worshippers.)*

“Down to the River to Pray”

Traditional Spiritual

RECEIVING THE PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *(Please remain
quiet for other worshippers.)*

“Impromptu”

Johnathan Kana

DEDICATION OF OFFERING AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CLOSING HYMN

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Verses 1,2,3

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *(Please remain
quiet for other worshippers.)*

“Lift High the Cross”

Sydney H. Nicholson Arr. Lloyd Larson

AS THE DEER

Psalm 42:1

Martin Nystrom

D A/C# Bm Dsus/A D/A

As the deer pant-eth for the wa-ter, so my

G A7sus A7 D G/A A7

soul long-eth af-ter Thee.

D A/C# Bm Dsus/A D/A

You a-lone are my heart's de-sire, and I

G Asus A7 D

long to wor-ship Thee.

Refrain Bm Bm/A G D/F#

You a - lone are my strength, my shield; To

G Bm/F# Em F#sus F#

You a - lone may my spir - it yield.

D A/C# Bm Dsus/A D/A

You a - lone are my heart's de - sire, — and I

G A7sus A7 D

long to wor - ship Thee.

Optional verses:

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| <p>2. You're my friend and You are my brother
Even though You are a King,
I love You more than any other,
So much more than anything.</p> | <p>3. I want You more than gold or silver,
Only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy giver
And the apple of my eye.</p> |
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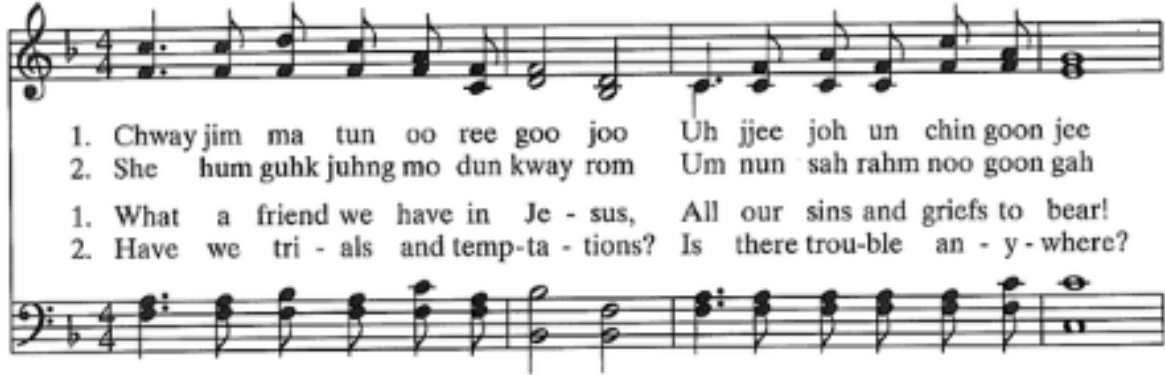
Jin Shil Ha Shin Chin Goo
What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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Joseph Scriven, c. 1855

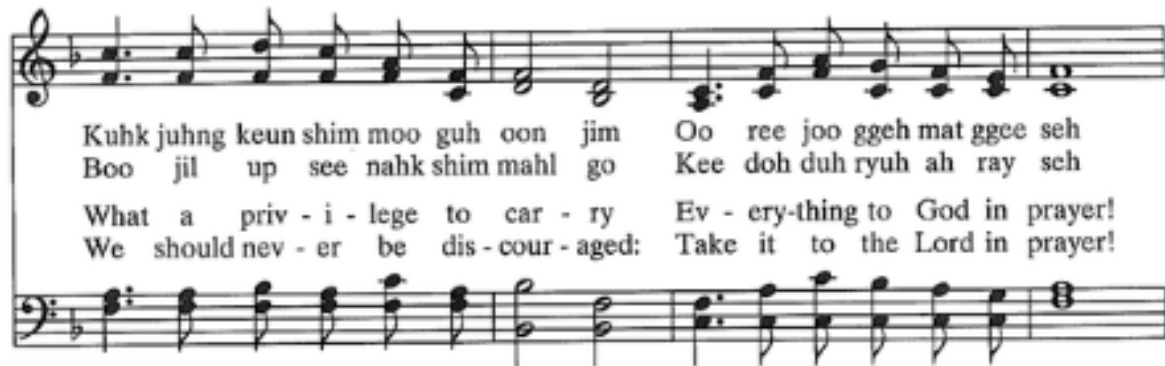
Transliteration of Korean: Myung Ja Yue

Charles Crozat Converse, 1868



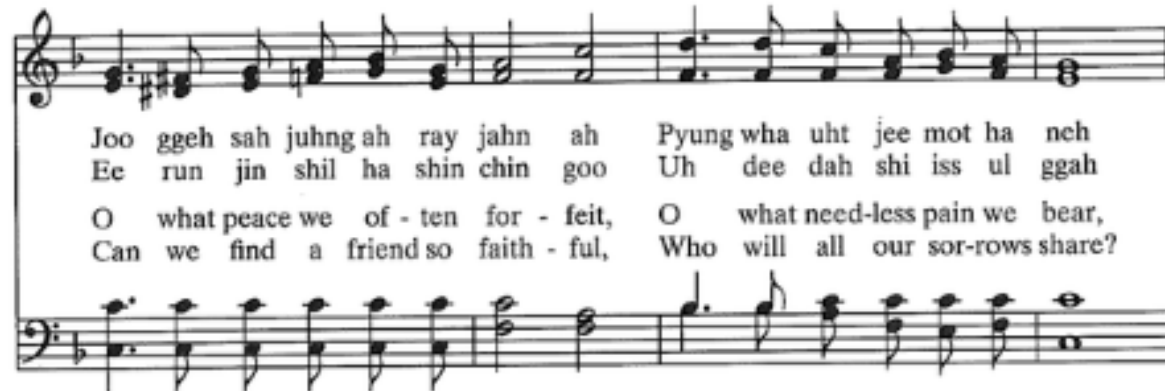
1. Chway jim ma tun oo ree goo joo Uh jee joh un chin goon jee
 2. She hum guhk juhng mo dun kway rom Um nun sah rahm noo goon gah

1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
 2. Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y - where?



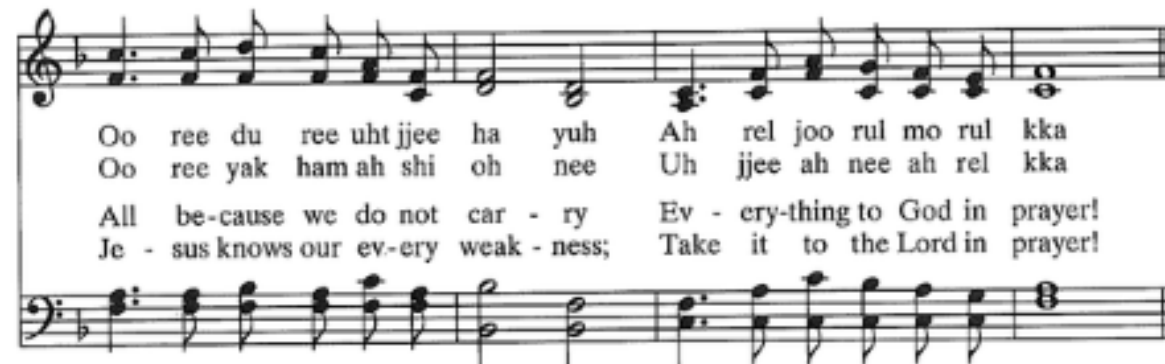
Kuhk juhng keun shim moo guh oon jim Oo ree joo ggeh mat ggee seh
 Boo jil up see nahk shim mahl go Kee doh duh ryuh ah ray sch

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged: Take it to the Lord in prayer!



Joo ggeh sah juhng ah ray jahn ah Pyung wha uht jee mot ha neh
 Ee run jin shil ha shin chin goo Uh dee dah shi iss ul ggah

O what peace we of - ten for - feit, O what need-less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful, Who will all our sor-rows share?



Oo ree du ree uhtjee ha yuh Ah rel joo rul mo rul kka
 Oo ree yak ham ah shi oh nee Uh jjee ah nee ah rel kka

All be-cause we do not car - ry Ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev-ery weak - ness; Take it to the Lord in prayer!

3. Kuhn shim guhk juhng moo guh ooh jim 3. Are we weak and heavy laden,
 Ah nee jin jah noo goon gah Cumbered with a load of care?
 Pee nahn chuh nun oo ree Ye su Precious Savior, still our refuge—
 Joo ggeh kee doh duh ree seh Take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Seh sahng chin goo myul see ha go Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
 Nuh rul joh rong ha yuh doh Take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Joo ch poo meh ahn gee uh suh In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
 Cham dwen wee ro baat get neh. Thou wilt find a solace there.

Announcements April 21, 2024

Worship Team	Hymn Leader: Dave Gaut Musical Offering: Choir
Birthday Blessings	4/24 Sharon Romulus 4/26 Galen Isadore
Centering Prayer Group	Centering Prayer Group every Friday at 10:30am in Pastor Sam's office.
Prayer Requests	Do you, a loved one, or a friend need prayer? Prayers are provided weekly to over 100+ people- please tell us what you would like to have put in your prayer. Prayer requests will be discreet. If you are not receiving the weekly prayers but would like to be included in the prayer chain, please let Pam know. Contact Pam Nelson, (707) 863-9111 pamnelson2412@gmail.com
Donations	The Salvation Army is in need of adult clothes, men's belts, shoes & socks, small & large containers of shampoo, disposable razors, meat cans & pouches
Shop with Scrip	Purchase from our existing inventory or by special order! Scrip is available every Sunday after service at the RPF office door
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