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to the Brim } *God's*
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Cover Art: *Under God's Wing*
by Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity
Inspired by Psalm 27
Acrylic on raw canvas with digital drawing

The beauty of the psalms is that they are personal; they are prayers that are honest, desperate, and undeniably human. The psalms remind us that theology is not just something we think about—it's something that we live. Scholars think the author of this psalm may have been seeking asylum in the temple, fleeing persecution. Learning that contextual detail expanded the psalm for me—it was no longer just my personal prayer, but the prayer of someone fighting for their life.

The day I began working on this image, I learned that 40 Afghan families would be seeking refuge in the city I call home. With that in mind, I read the psalm again, imagining the words spoken from the lips of one forced to flee their home. When I finished the psalm, I gritted my teeth and prayed my own desperate plea: "Please, make it so, God. May your protection expand to everyone. Please." I invite you to read the psalm again from a similar vantage point. When you do this, how does your faith grow fuller? How does this impact your sense of who God is?

When I began this image, I drew a young boy peeking out from the open folds of a canvas tent in a refugee camp. I added rugged stones lining the bottom hem of the tent, holding the flimsy fabric in place. But then I felt compelled to turn the tent flap into a wing with feathers lined in gold. At that point, all the details of the boy's setting no longer mattered. I erased them from the scene. I saw clearly the promise of this psalm: you are under God's wing. May you dwell there, surely and safely, all your days long.

—Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity

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The Worship of God

Second Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 13, 2022

*All Are invited to sing during worship! Masks are recommended but not required.
For anyone who would like to wear a mask but does not have one,
they are available at the back of the sanctuary.*

Prelude

“My Life Flows On”

Pam Weis

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING
by Robert Lowry, arr. David Angerman

Welcome

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

✠ Call to Worship

One: If God is like a hen,

All: we are under God's wing.

One: If God is like a table,

All: we each have a seat.

One: If God is like a house,

All: we are safe from the storm.

One: If God is like a party,

All: we're invited to dance.

One: If God is like a melody,

All: our names are the lyrics.

One: If this is God's house,

All: then all are welcomed. All are loved. All belong.

One: Let us worship Holy God.

“Full to the Brim”

Words and Music by
Christian McIvor ©2022

Full to the brim, God's love is overflowing.

Full to the brim, God's grace, in us, is growing.

Let us pour out living streams

as we realize God's dream,

living lives that are full to the brim.

Baptism

Mia Reese Ng

† Opening Song

“Better is One Day”

Words and Music by Matt Redman

Verse 1:

**How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord almighty;
For my soul longs and even faints for You.
For here my heart is satisfied within Your presence,
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.**

Chorus:

**Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,
Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere.
Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,
Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere.**

Verse 2:

**One thing I ask and I would seek,
To see Your beauty;
To find You in the place Your glory dwells.**

(Chorus)

Bridge:

**My heart and flesh cry out for You the living God,
Your Spirit's water for my soul.
I've tasted and I've seen, come once again to me;
I will draw near to You, I will draw near to You.**

(Chorus 2x)

Children's Message

April Alston

Call to Confession

Christian Melvor

Family of faith, we come to confession not to wallow in our own guilt.
Instead, we come to confession because we know that change starts with being honest.
So in a desire to grow and change, let us pray to a God who loves us like a mother hen.
Let us confess our sins together. . .

Prayer of Confession

One: When the Pharisees tried to stop Jesus, Jesus said,

**All: “I will keep on.”
I will keep on healing**

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† Please rise in body or spirit.

**I will keep on teaching.
I will keep on preaching.
I will keep on flipping the tables of injustice.
I will keep on treating every person like a child of God.
I will keep on believing that this world can change.
I will keep on, and keep on, and keep on until God's promised day.
Forgive us, God for the times when we stop.
Amen.**

Words of Forgiveness

Christian McIvor

One: Family of faith, because Jesus' love just keeps going, we can trust that that love and grace exists for us.

So rest in this good news:

All: No matter what we have done, or left undone, God is ready to forgive us.
Even now, as we confess our brokenness, our sins, and our shortcomings to God,
we are loved, we are forgiven, and we are being made new. Thanks be to God for
offering us a love like that! Amen.

† Offertory Hymn

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

Words by George Matheson,
Music by Christopher Miner

**O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.**

**O light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.**

**O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.**

**O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.**

† Doxology

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

O WALY WALY;

Words by Neil Weatherhogg,
Music: Scottish Folk Melody

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

† Please rise in body or spirit.

Prayer of Dedication

Lilian Chan-Grant

Scripture Reading

Luke 13:31-35

David Cross

Sermon

"Under God's Wing"

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Silent Reflection

Musical Reflection

"Like a River in My Soul"

arr. Tim Osiek

GBC Adult Choir

I've got peace like a river, like a river in my soul.

I've got peace like a river, soothing river, calmly flow.

When the world closes in, feel the stillness within.

I've got peace like a river, like a river in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean, like an ocean in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean, endless ocean, deep and full.

When you're lost and alone, let the waves bring you home.

I've got love like an ocean, like an ocean in my soul (in my soul...).

I've got joy like a fountain, like a fountain in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain, like a fountain in my soul.

When your hope nearly dies, just remember, once again

You shall rise!

I've got joy like a fountain, love like an ocean, peace like a river,

In my soul (like a fountain, like an ocean, like a river),

In my soul.

Pastoral Prayer

Anna Beth Cross

Invitation

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

✠ Hymn of Response

"Bring Many Names"

WESTCHASE;

Words by Brian Wren,

Music by Carlton R. Young

Bring many names, beautiful and good,

celebrate, in parable and story,

holiness in glory, living, loving God.

Hail and Hosanna! Bring many names!

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✠ Please rise in body or spirit.

**Strong mother God, working night and day,
planning all the wonders of creation,
setting each equation, genius at play:
Hail and Hosanna, strong mother God!**

**Warm father God, hugging every child,
feeling all the strains of human living,
caring and forgiving till we're reconciled:
Hail and Hosanna, warm father God!**

**Old, aching God, gray with endless care,
calmly piercing evil's new disguises,
glad of good surprises, wiser than despair:
Hail and Hosanna, old, aching God!**

**Young, growing God, eager, on the move,
saying no to falsehood and unkindness,
crying out for justice, giving all you have:
Hail and Hosanna, young, growing God!**

**Great, living God, never fully known,
joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,
closer yet than breathing, everlasting home:
Hail and Hosanna, great, living God!**

Celebrating Community

Steve Rose

Benediction

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

As you leave this place,
may you be awestruck by the beauty of this world.
May you laugh, and may it be contagious.
May you overflow with love for those around you.
May you be effusive with hope and quick to point out joy.
And in all of your living, and breathing, and being,
may you find yourself full to the brim with God's Holy Spirit,
and may it change your life.
In the name of the Lover, the Beloved, and Love itself—
go in peace, full to the brim. Amen.

Postlude

"God of Grace and God of Glory"
Tim Hendrix

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arr. L. Smith

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