

**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.**

ANTHEM

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”  
with “I Need Thee Every Hour”

arr. Mark Hayes

*(Chancel Choir, recorded on March 1, 2020, conducted by Mark Hayes)*

*Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand.*

*I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.*

*Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.*

*Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home, lead me home.*

*When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,*

*When my life is almost gone;*

*Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.*

*Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

—Thomas A. Dorsey, 1938

*I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord.*

*No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.*

*I need Thee, O I need Thee. Every hour I need Thee!*

*O bless me now, my Savior; I come to Thee.*

—Annie S. Hawkes, 1872

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

**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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

CALL TO OFFERING

HYMN #156

“Sing of God Made Manifest”

SALZBURG

*(stanzas 1,2)*

**Sing of God made manifest in a child robust and blest,  
to whose home in Bethlehem where a star had guided them,  
Magi came and gifts unbound, signs mysterious and profound:  
myrrh and frankincense and gold grave and God and king foretold.**

**Sing of God made manifest when at Jordan John confessed,  
“I should be baptized by you, but your bidding I will do.”  
Then from heaven a double sign—dove-like Spirit, voice divine—  
hailed the true Anointed One: “This is my beloved Son.”**

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 1:1-5; Mark 1:7-11; John 10:10 (NRSV)

SERMON

“Abundant Life”  
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #610

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

AZMON

**O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear redeemer’s praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God’s grace.**

**The name of Jesus charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease,  
sings music in the sinner’s ears brings life, and health, and peace.**

**Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive;  
the mournful waken to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.**

**My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.**

**To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given  
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”

Mark Sedio

Stephanie Carson, Music Director  
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

# 163 Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice

1 Wild and lone the proph-et's voice ech-oes through the des - ert still,  
 2 "Bear the fruit re - pen-tance sows: lives of jus - tice, truth, and love.  
 3 With such preach-ing, stark and bold, John pro-claimed sal - va - tion near,

call - ing us to make a choice, bid - ding us to do God's will:  
 Trust no oth - er claim than those; set your heart on things a - bove.  
 and his time-less warn-ings hold words of hope to all who hear.

"Turn from sin and be bap-tized; cleanse your heart and mind and soul.  
 Soon the Lord will come in power, burn-ing clean the thresh-ing floor:  
 So we dare to jour - ney on, led by faith through ways un - trod,

Quit-ting all the sins you prized, yield your life to God's con - trol.  
 then will flames the chaff de - vour; wheat a - lone shall fill God's store."  
 till we come at last like John to be - hold the Lamb of God."

While all four gospels identify John the Baptist with the prophecy of Isaiah 40:3, this text (well set to a vigorous Welsh tune) draws on the report of his preaching in Matthew 3:1-12. The final lines recall that he was the first to name Jesus "the Lamb of God" (John 1:29, 36).

## Sing of God Made Manifest 156

1 Sing of God made man - i - fest in a child ro - bust and blest,  
 2 Sing of God made man - i - fest when at Jor - dan John con - fessed,  
 3 Sing of God made man - i - fest when Christ came as wed - ding guest,  
 4 Sing of God made man - i - fest on the cloud - capped moun - tain's crest,

to whose home in Beth - le - hem where a star had guid - ed them,  
 "I should be bap - tized by you, but your bid - ding I will do."  
 and at Ca - na gave a sign, turn - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
 where the law and proph - ets waned so that Christ a - lone re - mained:

ma - gi came and gifts un - bound, signs mys - te - rious and pro - found:  
 Then from heaven a dou - ble sign—dove - like Spir - it, voice di - vine—  
 fur - ther still was love re - vealed as he taught, for - gave, and healed,  
 glimpse of glo - ry, pledge of grace, given as Je - sus set his face

myrrh and frank - in - cense and gold grave and God and king fore - told.  
 hailed the true A - noint - ed One: "This is my be - lov - ed Son."  
 bring - ing light and life to all who would lis - ten to God's call.  
 towards the wait - ing cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.

"Epiphany" means "manifestation" or "showing forth," and this text cites key disclosures of Jesus as Messiah: the coming of the Magi, his baptism by John the Baptist, the wedding at Cana. All are summed up in the Transfiguration, recalled on the Last Sunday after the Epiphany.

# O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my  
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and  
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new  
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -  
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my  
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the  
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en  
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the  
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!  
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.  
 to re - joice; the poor in heart be - lieve.  
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.  
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

## SPANISH

1 *Mil voces para celebrar  
 a mi Libertador,  
 las glorias de su majestad,  
 los triunfos de su amor.*

## KOREAN

1 만 입이 내게 있으면  
 그 입 다 가지고  
 내 구주 주신 은총을  
 늘 찬송하겠네

This text comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.