



Hymn #290

As with Gladness Men of Old

1. As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold
As with joy they hailed its light leading onward beaming bright,
So most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to Thee.
2. As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly manger bed
There to bend the knee before him whom heav'n and earth adore
So may we with willing feet ever seek the mercy seat.
3. As they offered gifts most rare at that manger rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy pure and free from sin's alloy
All our costliest treasures bring Christ to Thee our heav'nly King.
4. Holy Jesus every day keep us in the narrow way
And when earthly things are past bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide, where no clouds Thy glory hide.

Welcome and Announcements

- **Welcome Visitors!** Please fill out the visitors' card from the pew rack in front of you and place it in an offering plate near the exits of the sanctuary.
- **Nursery Care** is available during worship for children three and under.
- **Sunday School:** age 4 through grade 12 begins after Children's Time.
- **New Members' Class:** If you are interested in joining RPPC or in learning more about us, please join our new members' class which will be held between services on Sunday mornings, January 11 – February 8.
- **Women's Bible Study** will resume meeting on January 15 from 6:30 – 8 pm in Friendship Hall then continue meeting each Thursday through February 26. They will be studying "The Armor of God" with Priscilla Shirer. Sign up at <https://bit.ly/RPPC-ArmorofGod> where you will also find information on ordering the book. We hope you will join us!
- **Men's Bible Study** will resume meeting on January 8 from 6:30 – 8 pm in the church parlor. All men are invited to join!
- **Rooted** is an opportunity to go deeper in your relationship with God. It will be held at 7pm Tuesdays, beginning January 13. Find more information about Rooted in the back of the sanctuary and if you have any questions, Tom Horne would be happy to answer them.
- **January Mission Collection:** We are collecting new or gently used winter coats, hats, gloves, and hoodies for Chester Eastside and CityTeam. Donations may be placed in the wooden collection box in Friendship Hall.

Opening Prayer

Song

Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)

1. You made the starry hosts, you traced the mountain peaks.
You paint the evening skies with wonders.
The earth, it is your throne, from desert to the sea; all nature testifies your splendor.

Chorus

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, sing his greatness, all creation.
Praise the Lord, raise your voice, You heights and all you depths,
From furthest east to west, ILet everything that has breath, praise the Lord.*

2. You reached into the dust, in love your Spirit breathed.
You formed us in your very likeness, to know your wondrous works,
To tell your mighty deeds, To join the everlasting chorus.

Repeat Chorus

- 3 Let symphonies resound, let drums and choirs ring out,
All heaven hear the sound of worship. Let every nation bring
Its honors to the King, a roar of harmonies, eternal.

Chorus 2

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, sing His greatness, all creation.
Praise the Lord, raise your voice, you heights and all you depths, from furthest east to
west,
You distant burning stars, all creatures near and far, from sky to sea to shore,
Sing out forevermore, let everything that has breath praise the Lord!*

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Song

Hallelujah Feeling

1. Some days I climb the mountains, some days I touch the clouds,
Some days my best friend has been the cold hard ground.
There's mercy new each morning, comfort through the night.
My eyes are fixed on Jesus, and I'm gonna be alright.

Chorus

*I got that hallelujah feeling down in my soul. I got the hallelujah feeling and it won't let go.
I've been born again, yes and amen. No matter what comes I know
I got that hallelujah feeling down in my soul. Hallelujah, hallelujah.*

- 2 Oh, just because it's raining doesn't mean the sun won't shine.
There's a season for the struggle and a season for the prize.
But my hope is never fading 'cause it's anchored in the truth.
My Father goes before me and His joy will see me through.

Repeat Chorus

Bridge 2x

When everything is shaking, got that solid rock like pavement.
I might bend but I'm not breaking. I know who's on my side.

Repeat Chorus

Children's Time Unison Prayer of Confession

Dave Knox
Wayside Presbyterian

Gracious God, we confess that we have longed too much for the comforts of this world. We have loved the gifts more than the giver. In your mercy, help us to see that all the things we pine for are shadows, but you are substance; that they are quicksands, but you are mountain; that they are shifting, but you are anchor.

We plead your forgiveness on the merits of Jesus Christ. Accept his worthiness for our unworthiness, his obedience for our sinfulness, his fullness for our emptiness, his glory for our shame, and through his death grant us true life. (*Silent Prayers of Confession*)

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Song

Holy Water

1. God, I'm on my knees again, God, I'm begging please again,
I need you; Oh, I need you. Walking down these desert roads,
Water for my thirsty soul, I need you; Oh, I need you.

Chorus

*Your forgiveness... is like sweet, sweet honey on my lips,
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears; Like holy water on my skin.*

2. Dead man walking, slave to sin, I wanna know about being born again.
I need you, Oh, God, I need you. So take me to the riverside.
Take me under, baptize. I need you. Oh, God I need you.

Repeat Chorus

Bridge (4x)

I don't wanna abuse your grace. God, I need it every day.
It's the only thing that ever really makes me wanna change.

Repeat Chorus

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Ordination and Installation of Officers

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 6:10-17

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the

evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Sermon: The Arsenal: The Sword of the Spirit
Communion Prayer

Pastor Jim

Sharing the Bread & Cup

Song During Communion (solo)

New Wine

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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Song

Lead on, Good Shepherd

1. Well, I've been turned 'round, but I've never been lost.
Seen the water get troubled, but we walked across.
When my knees were shaking, You held my hand,
Turning my problems to a promised land.

Chorus

*Lead on, Good Shepherd, I'll follow all my days. There ain't nothing sweeter
Than to watch You make a way. You've walked me through the valley,
But You never steered me wrong, so lead on, Good Shepherd, lead on.*

2. Seen some mighty deep canyons that You brought me through.
Seen some mighty big mountains that just up and moved.
Glory, glory hallelujah, yeah, that's my song,
Walking with my Father into the great unknown.

Repeat Chorus

Bridge (2x)

Step by step, day by day, lead me on, Lord I pray.
Road gets dark, walk by faith, lead on, Good Shepherd.

Ending

*Lead on, Good Shepherd, lead on, Good Shepherd. Lead on, Good Shepherd
Lead on, Good Shepherd. Lead on, Good Shepherd, lead on.*

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Benediction

Closing Chorus

Lead On, Good Shepherd

Step by step, day by day, lead me on, Lord I pray.
Road gets dark, walk by faith, lead on, Good Shepherd.
*Lead on, Good Shepherd, lead on, Good Shepherd. Lead on, Good Shepherd
Lead on, Good Shepherd. Lead on, Good Shepherd, lead on.*