

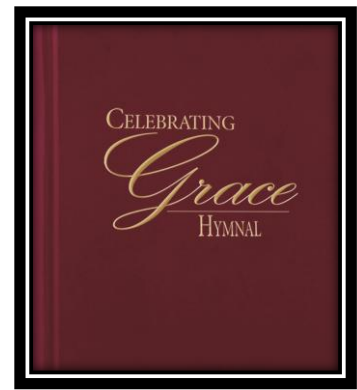
# Millbrook Baptist Church

January 31, 2016

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Dedication of the *Celebrating Grace Hymnal*

We Worship Our Lord



Ringing of the Hour

Greeting and Community Life

Patti Lingafelt

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;**

**Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. (Ps. 95:1-2)**

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*~ When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride, ~  
It is as though the whole creation cried Alleluia!*

Prelude

Doxology (Hayes)

Ron Heckman

Lighting of the Candles

Procession of the Hymnals

Call to Worship

Youth

Prologue of Praise

*Psalm 103:1-5a and Ephesians 5:18b-20<sup>1</sup>*

Anthem

*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High (606)*

Invocation (spoken in unison)

Rebecca Hewitt-Newson

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune our hearts to sing thy grace;**

**Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise;**

**Teach us some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;**

**Praise the mount! We're fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love. Amen. (91)**

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*~ How often, making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound, ~  
As music moved us to a more profound Alleluia!*

\*Hymn of Praise 506

*When the Morning Stars Together*

HOLY MANNA

\*Passing of the Peace

Molly Shoulta

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Prayer of Confession

**Holy One, Holy Three, you call all who dwell on earth to follow you, singing songs of praise. We confess, however, that your song has been silenced within us. We are unwilling to sing new songs—or to embrace sisters and brothers whose songs are different from our own. We sing as we live—as if pleasing ourselves were more important than pleasing you. Forgive us. Cleanse our hearts of all that stifles your voice within us. Join our songs with your whole Church so that in all we sing, speak, or do, we may act to your glory, not our own.<sup>2</sup> (continue in silent confession)**

Hear us, O Lord, and forgive us for the sake of your Son, who taught us to pray these words which we sing today:

Hymn 382

*Our Father God, Who Art in Heaven*

MORNING SONG

Words of Assurance  
\*Hymn of Assurance 587

*The Testimony of John Newton*<sup>3</sup>  
*Amazing Grace*

Bob Cyrus, Elizabeth Hanes, & Lacy Maddox  
NEW BRITAIN

Children's Invitation to Gather

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing* (306)

sung by the Children's Choir

Children's Message

Lloyd Spruill

Anthem

*Too Splendid for Speech* (18)

Chancel Choir

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*~ So has the church, in liturgy and song, in faith and love, through centuries of wrong, ~  
Borne witness to the truth in every tongue, Alleluia!*

Scripture  
\*Hymn 423

*1 Corinthians 15:1-4*  
*This Is the Threefold Truth* (st. 1, 3, 4)  
(The choir will sing the first stanza; the congregation please join on stanzas 3 and 4)

Jerry Radcliffe  
ACCLAMATIONS

Testimony of Hymnist Alfred H. Ackley  
Hymn 622

*He Lives*

Katelyn McWhorter  
ACKLEY

Scripture  
Hymn 573

*1 Peter 1:3-9*  
*It Is Well with My Soul*

Bob Jones  
VILLE DU HAVRE

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*~ And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night when utmost evil strove against the light? ~  
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight: Alleluia!*

Worship in Giving

Offertory Prayer (spoken in unison)

led by Jane Pearce

**O God, in gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today,  
To serve your cause, to share your love and show to all your way.  
O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,  
Teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done. Amen. (707, alt.)**

Offertory

*It Is Well with My Soul* (Bober)

Emma Tharrington

\*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology*

OLD 100<sup>th</sup>

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen. (707, alt.)***

A Responsive Psalm

*Psalm 100*<sup>4</sup>

led by Jane Pearce

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing.

(singing) ***O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise.  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace. (332)***

Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;  
In thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou has bought us, thine we are;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou has bought us, thine we are.** (405)

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.  
Give thanks to him, bless his name.

**All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore,  
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.** (371)

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

(refrain) **Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed, thy hand hath provided;  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.** (48)

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*~ Let every instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!~  
And may God give us faith to sing always Alleluia!*

\*Dedication of *Celebrating Grace Hymnal*

Litany

*Psalm 96:1-4*

led by Andrea Dellinger-Jones

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.**

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

**For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.**

Prayer of Dedication

To you, O God,

**We offer our thanks and praise. We know that your creative power is the source of every  
good gift. Today we take delight in the special gift of these hymnals.**

(singing) **Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.** (312)

Thank you for members of this congregation whose vision, energy, and resources have helped to  
make this new hymnal available for our use.

**Thank you for all those who worked to create this song collection for your wider church:  
composers, poets, editors, publishers, and committee members.**

**Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.**

Thank you for the gift of music that stirs our hearts,

**Instructs our minds,**

Strengthens our spirits,

**And sets our bodies in motion.**

Thank you for old songs that keep us connected with saints and traditions from our past,

**And for new songs that create a legacy for future generations.**

Thank you for songs from our culture that express our heritage in familiar melodies and rhythms,

**And for songs from other cultures that open us to the variety of ways in which your people  
offer praise around the world.**

**Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.**

We thank you for the gifts of music and song through which creation has offered you praise and thanksgiving, confession and lament, prayers and petitions.

**May this new hymnal inspire our own songs in times of joy and sorrow. Enable us to sing in one voice as your gathered people, and to join in harmony with all who worship you.**

By your grace, may the words and melodies shape our faith for years to come, and in ways that forever give glory to you, the Triune God.

**AMEN!**<sup>5</sup>

\*Hymn of Response 309

*When, in Our Music, God is Glorified*

ENGELBERG

\*Blessing

As you go, let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Col. 3:16-17)

\*Congregational Response—Hymn 523, st. 1

*God Be with You*

GOD BE WITH YOU

*“We, the light of Christ, return to the world.”*

\*Postlude

*We’re Marching to Zion (Young)*

Patti Lingafelt

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<sup>1</sup>PBL.

<sup>2</sup>[www.pcusastore.com/Content/Site119/Basics/57612HymnalDedi\\_00000017561.pdf](http://www.pcusastore.com/Content/Site119/Basics/57612HymnalDedi_00000017561.pdf).

<sup>3</sup>by John and Audra Parker, from *Hymn Readings for Christian Worship* © 1997 by Church Street Press.

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Millbrook Baptist Church shares God’s love by being an open and inclusive community of faith, developing Christian disciples through spiritual growth, and serving the world through mission and ministry.

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