

# AFRICA EXCHANGE PROJECT 2023 MISSION TRIP

Sunday, August 13, 2023



Pomerini Kindergarten equipment dedicated to Africa Exchange Project founder, Bob Ahearn. Bob's nephew, Jim, holds a portrait of Bob given to the Ahearn family in gratitude by the Pomerini community.

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**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Prelude	<i>Morning Has Broken</i>	<i>Gaelic Melody, arr. Halberg</i>
Call to Worship	<i>Isaiah 55, 1-3, 6-7</i>	<i>Ruth Griffin</i>
*Opening Hymn	<i>I Love the to Tell the Story</i>	
Welcome and Announcements		<i>Mattie Schadt</i>
Responsive Prayer of Invocation		<i>Mattie Schadt</i>

*One:* Holy God, you were favorable to your land;  
you restored the fortunes of your people.  
You forgave their iniquity and pardoned all their sin.

**All: Restore us again, O God of our foundation,  
and put away your indignation towards us.  
Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,  
and grant us your salvation.**

*One:* God will speak peace to the people,  
to those who repent in their hearts.  
God's redeeming justice is at hand.

**All: Bathe us again, O God of our transformation,  
And anoint us with steadfast love and faithfulness.  
Let your faithfulness spring up from the ground,  
and righteousness fall down from the sky. Amen.**

*(Psalm 85)*

*Jim Ahern*

\*The Peace of Christ

*One:* "The Peace of Christ be with you."

**All: And also with you!**

Matthew 25:34-40

*Jim Ahern*

Blessing

Anthem

*Gabriel's Oboe*

*Ennio Morricone*

Sermon

"Reflection on the Recent Trip to Tanzania"

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*Hymn	<i>Blessed Be the Tie That Binds</i>	
Prayers of the People		<i>Rev. Debbie Clark</i>
The Lord's Prayer	<p><i>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. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.</i></p>	
Invitation to the Offering		<i>Rob Schadt</i>
Offertory		
Doxology	<i>Each week, we sing and sign an inclusive Doxology (ASL).</i>	
	<p><i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God for all that Love has done. Creator, Christ, &amp; Spirit one. Amen.</i></p>	
*Closing Hymn	<i>Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped</i>	
Benediction	<i>Romans 15:5-6</i>	<i>Ruth Griffin</i>
Postlude	<i>Precious Lord, Take My Hand</i>	<i>Thomas Dorsey</i>



*A Plymouth Church welcome and a hearty thank-you to **Susan Minor**,  
our guest accompanist this morning.*

*Following the Closing Hymn, we encourage the congregation to remain risen, in body  
or spirit, to receive the Benediction, which is both blessing and commission. You may sit  
for the Postlude in quiet contemplation.*

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## I Love to Tell the Story

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat  
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it, like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis true;  
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else could do.  
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.  
 'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

This text is drawn from the second part of a fifty-stanza poem on the life of Christ written in 1866, during the author's recovery from a serious illness. The tune named for her first appeared three years later, and the composer was responsible for the creation of the refrain.



Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry  
to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

## Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

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John Fawcett, 1782; alt.

Gal. 3:28; 6:2; Col. 3:13-15

1 Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;  
2 Be - fore our God we come and pour our ar - dent prayers;  
3 We share each oth - er's woes, each oth - er's bur - dens bear,  
4 When we are called to part it gives us in - ward pain,  
The shar - ing of a com - mon life is like to that a - bove.  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
And of - ten for each oth - er flows a sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

An English Baptist minister, John Fawcett published a number of poetic works. His entire ministry was spent at a church near Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire, where he wrote most of his hymns to follow his sermons.

Tune: DENNIS S.M.  
Melody by Johann G. Nägeli (c. 1768-1836)  
Adapt. Lowell Mason, 1845

## Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped

Ps. 68:4, 32; Ps. 105

Joachim Neander, 1680

Transl. Madeleine Forell Marshall, 1993

1 Sing praise to God, who has shaped and sus - tains all cre -  
 2 Praise God, our guard - ian, who lov - ing - ly of - fers cor -  
 3 Sing praise to God, with sin - cere thanks for all your suc -  
 4 Sing praise, my soul, the great name of your high God com -

a - tion! Sing praise, my soul, in pro - found and com -  
 rec - tion, Who, as on ea - gle's wings, saves us from  
 cess - es. Mer - ci - ful God ev - er loves to en -  
 mend - ing. All that have life and breath join you, their

plete ad - o - ra - tion! Glad - some re - jice — or - gan and  
 sin - ful de - jec - tion. Have you ob - served, how we are  
 cour - age and bless - us. On - ly con - ceive, what god - ly  
 notes sweet - ly blend - ing. God is your light! Soul, ev - er

trum - pet and voice — join - ing God's great con - gre - ga - tion.  
 al - ways pre - served by God's pa - ren - tal af - fec - tion?  
 strength can a - chieve: strength that would touch and car - ess us.  
 keep this in sight: a - men, a - men nev - er end - ing.

Joachim Neander was a dedicated, caring pastor of the Reformed Church in Düsseldorf, Germany. This was the most familiar of his fifty-six hymn texts, which were published along with many of his original tunes in 1680, the year of his death.

Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8.  
 Erneuertem Gesangbuch, Stralsund, 1665  
 Adapt. and harm. William S. Bennett, 1863



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