

On the cover: 1304-1306 Fresco Arena Chapel, Padua, Italy

Giotto shows Christ in profile, reaching up toward Heaven, his hands piercing through the frame of the image.

About the Prelude

The Prelude is a musical offering to help move the hearts and minds of the gathering community from the daily struggles of life to the worship of God. This is the first movement from Messiaen's suite composed for the doctrine of the Ascension. The music uses unusual modes with prominent dissonance in the harmonies, as well as irregular, syncopated rhythms. These characteristics, along with the slow tempo, bring out the sense of mystery and eternity that Messiaen found in the church's teachings.

"Just as our pupils dilate to let in more light, prayer adjusts our eyes to see God in the darkness."

- Tish Harrison Warren

"Intercessory prayer is the purifying bath into which the individual and the fellowship must enter into every day."

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!"

- Joseph Scriven

GATHERING

(Silence during the Prelude is requested in preparation for worship.)

PRELUDE

Majesty of Christ praying that His Father should glorify Him Olivier Messiaen

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy. For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

(Psalm 47:1-2)

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

O God, your Son, Jesus, prayed for his disciples, and sent them into the world to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. By your Holy Spirit, hold the church in unity, and keep it faithful to your Word, so that, breaking bread together, we may be one with Christ in faith and love and service, now and forever. Amen.

(The Cross and Bible lead the procession, symbolic of the centrality in worship of Jesus Christ—the Living Word, and the Bible—the written Word.)

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 263

CORONATION

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins,
God, who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (I John 1:8-9)

In humility and faith, let us confess our sin to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God,
in your presence we confess
our sinfulness, our shortcomings,
and our offenses against you.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

(Silent confession)

Kyrie

Hal H. Hopson

(Sung responsively by the choir and congregation)

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

About Hymn 263

This 18th-century text celebrating the sovereignty of Christ has been through several expansions and contractions before reaching its present form. It is set here to the oldest American hymn tune in continuous use since first published in 1793, which was written for it. TEXT: Stanzas 1-3, Edward Perronet, 1779, 1780; stanzas 2-3, alt. John Rippon, 1787; stanza 4, John Rippon, 1787; MUSIC: Oliver Holden, 1793; desc. Michael E. Young, 1979.

Call to and Prayer of Confession

A call to confession expresses God's initiative in calling for repentance and vowing forgiveness in Christ. As members of Christ's body, we confess the reality of sin, captivity, and brokenness in personal and common life and ask for God's saving grace.

Assurance of Pardon

A declaration of forgiveness proclaims the good news of God's mercy and offers the assurance of pardon in Jesus' name. The liturgist pours water into the font, which reminds us of the grace and cleansing of our Baptism, and the baptismal call to new life in Christ.

Prayer for Illumination

A Prayer for Illumination calls on the Holy Spirit to empower the reading, understanding, proclaiming, and living of God's word. This sense of utter reliance on the illumination of the Spirit is an important and distinctive mark of the Reformed tradition.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the Good News: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*The Peace

Since God in Christ has forgiven us, let us also forgive one another.

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

(Please exchange the peace with the words, "The peace of Christ be with you.")

*ACT OF PRAISE

(Hymn 513) FESTIVAL CANTICLE

This Is the Feast of Victory

(The congregation is invited to sing with the choir.)

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation. Refrain.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

(Everyone is asked to sign the Friendship pad, which is located on the center aisle end of each pew.)

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Hear the Word of God! Our ears are open.

Isaiah 45:1-7

(Old Testament, pages 674-675 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Psalm 47

 $(8:30 \ a.m.)$

Hymn 261, (vs. 1, Choir alone; vs. 2, All sing)

GENEVAN 47

(11:00 a.m.)

O Clap Your Hands

John Rutter

O Clap Your Hands

Rutter composed this

bright and rhythmic

O clap your hands together all ye people:
O sing unto God with the voice of melody.
For the Lord is high and to be fear'd:
he is the great King upon all the earth.

He shall subdue the people under us:
and the nations under our feet.
He shall choose out an heritage for us:
even the worship of Jacob whom he loved.
God is gone up with a merry noise,
and the Lord with the sound of the trump.

O sing praises, sing praises unto our God:
O sing praises sing praises unto our King.
For God is the King of all the earth:
Sing ye praises with understanding.

O clap your hands...

John 17:1-11

(New Testament, page 111 in your pew Bible)

SERMON

"What's it like being prayed for?"

Guy D. Griffith

"I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours." (John 17:9)

(A moment for meditation)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(See page 34 of your hymnal for text to the Nicene Creed.)

setting of Psalm 47:1 -7 in 1973 for Lionel Dakers and the Incorporated Association of Organists in the UK. The Psalm encourages us to exalt God as the king of "all the earth" with hands, voices and instruments. The original Hebrew mentions the shofar, which is translated as trumpet in this King James Version of the text. This is the psalm appointed for the Day of Ascension (this past Thursday) in the Revised Common Lectionary, because it mentions God going up with a shout.

Affirmation of Faith

Responding to the word proclaimed, we affirm our faith in the holy, triune God. The affirmation of faith is drawn from sentences of scripture or the creeds, confessions, and catechisms.

To GIVE, please scan the QR code below.

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

This anonymous text, usually called the Prayer of Saint Francis, is a widely known Christian prayer for peace. Often associated with the Italian Saint Francis of Assisi (c. 1182-1226), but entirely absent from his writings, the prayer in its present form has not been traced back further than 1912. Sebastian Temple, a South African Franciscan brother, composed this musical setting in 1967. The hymn is an anthem of the Royal British Legion and is usually sung at its annual Festival of Remembrance. It became popular in the U.S. in 1997, when it was sung for the televised funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales.

There is a Balm in Gilead

This African-American spiritual offers a longdelayed answer to the prophet Jeremiah's question, "Is there no balm in Gilead?" No earthly remedy can compare with the healing that comes from a sense of God's presence; nothing else can heal "the troubled soul." Earlene Rentz (b. 1956) is a longtime music educator who lives in Lexington, KY.

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

Anthems

(8:30 a.m.) Make Me a Channel of Your Peace Sebastian Temple/arr. Holstein

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred let me bring your love. Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved, as to love, with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness only light,
and where there's sadness ever joy.

O Master...

Make me a channel of your peace.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Make me a channel of your peace.

(11:00 a.m.) There is a Balm in Gilead Spiritual, arr. Earlene Rentz

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole, There is a balm in Gilead to heal a troubled soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain, But then a joyful spirit revives my soul again. *There is a balm...*

If you cannot sing like an angel, if you cannot pray like Paul, You can tell a wondrous story of joy and hope for all.

There is a balm... There's a balm.

*DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Doxology

A short hymn of praise to the triune God (God, Jesus Christ, Holy Spirit).

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PREPARATION OF THE LORD'S TABLE

*INVITATION

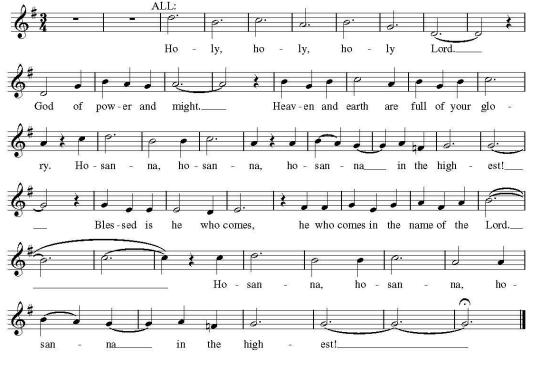
*GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

In every time and every age, O God... and leads us to life eternal.

And so, with all creation, with all the needy and hungry ones, with all those who have enough and plenty, with creatures large and small, with sun and moon and stars, and with the saints of every age, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Communion

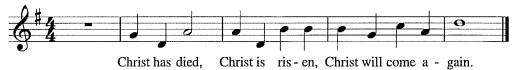
The Presbyterian Church (USA) practices "open Communion" without regard to denominational affiliation. All who seek to become more faithful to Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table. Westminster celebrates the "Eucharist," meaning "thanksgiving," on the first Sunday of each month and on the first Sunday of each liturgical season.

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Blessed are you, O God, creator of all things. ...to give hope to those who long for peace.

Remembering our Lord's self-giving love, we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Blessed are you, O Spirit, giver of life....
"I have seen the Lord!"

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Prayed in unison, see page 35 of your hymnal for words to this prayer.)

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Music during Communion

Anthems

(8:30 a.m.) There is a Balm in Gilead

Robert Lau

There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole. There is a balm in Gilead, to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. *There is a balm...*

If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus, and say, "He died for all, He died for all." *There is a balm...*

 $(11:00 \ a.m.)$

Eat This Bread

Berthier/Taizé

(The congregation is invited to sing the **Response** with the choir.)

Response

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

I am the bread of life,
the true bread sent from the Creator. *Response*.
Your ancestors ate manna in the desert,
but this is the bread come down from heaven. *Response*.
Anyone who eats this bread will live forever. *Response*.
If you believe and eat this bread,
you will have eternal life. *Response*.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

*HYMN 295

Go to the World!

SINE NOMINE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Carillon de Longpont

Louis Vierne

About Hymn 295

Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19-20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians. TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1985; MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906.

About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship. This piece takes the melody from the church bells at the chapel of Longpont as a repeating pattern that is played in the pedals.

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^{*(}Those who are able may stand.)

OUR MISSION

Ordinary people testifying to the extraordinary light found in our Lord Jesus Christ.

"For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us."

(2 Corinthians 4:6-7)

TODAY@ WESTMINSTER

Worship Leaders

Preaching

Rev. Dr. Guy D. Griffith Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Spiritual Nurture

Liturgist

Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler Associate Pastor for Congregational Care

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM John Douglass 11:00 AM Bill Christie

Music

8:30 AM Laudate Youth Choir 11:00 AM Westminster Choir

Dr. John Semingson

Director of Music Ministries

Dale Nickell

Organist and Associate Director of

Music Ministries

Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God with gratitude for our many blessings by Beth and Jim Felch.

Sanctuary and Parlor Flowers- Dates Available to Reserve

We have several dates available to reserve Sanctuary and Parlor flowers in the months of June, July, and August. Please contact Terri Eckert in the church office at 615.292.5526 or by email at teckert@nashvillewpc.org if you would like to reserve a date.

TODAY @ WESTMINSTER



WORSHIP

Welcome

Westminster Presbyterian Church welcomes you to share our common journey to become more faithful disciples of Christ. Any who are interested in joining us in this journey are invited to contact: Heidi Hudnut-Beumler, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, 615.292.5526; hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org.

Mask Policy

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville is mask optional. The balcony will remain masks required.

Dial-A-Sermon

Dial 629.206.1073 after 10:15 AM each Sunday morning to listen to the sermon. The sermon is available all week.

Recorded Worship Services

To watch a service later in the day or the week, go to nashvillewpc.church and scroll down to the *Worship Service Archive*. Click on the service you would like to watch.

Looking for large-print hymns? They can be found on the Welsh dresser in the Parlor and by the window in the Narthex.

Childcare

Classroom 146 - Babies Classroom 152 - Toddlers

Classroom 151 - 2s & 3s

Classroom 160 - 4s, 5s, & Kindergarten

Childcare is available on Sundays from 8:15 AM to 12:00 PM.



What going away gift have you received or given that still warms your heart or brings a smile?

Has someone ever prayed for you? How did it make you feel?

What does it mean for you that Jesus prays for you?



SHARING

GIVING







ANN HARRIS ANN SCHULZE ANNA NORTON BETH MOORE BETH O'SHEA CAROLINE BRYANT CATHEY FUQUA CATHY HILL **CYNTHIA CRANE DON SCHULZE** ELIZABETH BALL FRAN LINLEY **GLENN FUNK GREG CORNISH JACKIE SHRAGO JANE MCDOW JANET KUHN JENNIFER ANDERSON JENNIFER CORBETT** JILLIAN MORSE JONI LEE KAREN RICHARDSON KAREN WEIR KATHERINE MCELROY KATIE CRAWFORD **KELLIE CHRISTIE**

KEN HANDE
KENDALL SCHELL

YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE!!!

THE STAFF & STUDENTS AT COCKRILL ELEMENTARY & HILLWOOD HIGH SCHOOL APPRECIATE YOU!

WESTMINSTER IS GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SERVICE.

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE PARLOR
ON SUNDAY AT 9:45 AM
FOR AN APPRECIATION RECEPTION.





KIMBERLY DILLARD KIT MACLEOD **KRISTEN JOHNS** LAURA FOLK **LEIGH AVERY LENA LEVENDOSKI** LINDA ANDERSON LINDA KOON LINDA RUE LIZ GREEN **LOCHIEL GAINES** MAL WALL MAREES CHOPPIN MARILYN CORNISH MARY HANDE **MARY PRUE ALLEY MEGAN PORTER MICHAEL KAMINSKI** MIKE HASSELL MIKE RUSSELL **MOE HILL MOLLY BONNER** RACHEL MACE **RUSSELL LANE RUTH ANN VEACH** SARA LONG SHEPPY VANN SHERI LAWRENCE **SONDRA CRUICKSHANKS SUZIE LANE SYDNEY DEWITT** TRUDY SULLIVAN WALKER CHOPPIN WILFORD FUQUA

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TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

Adult Education Classes start at 9:45 AM

Covenant Class 9:45 AM ● Fellowship Hall



Faith and Ecology in Conversation

"The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it!"
Come learn about the Biblical and theological precedent for Creation care.

Rev. Will Wellman is a writer, poet, and co-founder of *The EcoTheo Review*.

Faith & Fellowship ● 214 The Gospel of John

From the Prologue to the miracles. The unique name and title used by Jesus in John. The Last Supper. Resurrection.

What are the theological goals of John?

Murdoch MacLeods ● Library

We will discuss this week's gospel lesson.

Young Families • Overlook Room

Please join Krissie Self, Kelly Smith and Leigh Adams, our new leaders, leading a discussion on ideas for programming for next years classes.



Parents of Youth & Young Adults
Coffee & Conversation

Coffee and Conversation Sunday School class is

finished for the year. I look forward to seeing you in the Parlor with some of that Justo coffee this summer.

Thank you for your fellowship, your energy, joy, shared grief and thoughtfulness. Wishing you all the best in this transitional time. Blessings of peace and relaxation, or adventure and excitement this summer. Maybe some of all of it. Be kind to yourself.

- Fran Linley

Youth Ministry

9:45 AM • All youth are invited to join us in the Youth Café to spend time with Margie and give her our best!

Children's Ministry

9:45 AM • Sunday School

JOIN US

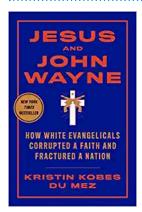


May 21
Music Camp Rehearsals
June 5 - 9
Music Camp

Children who are rising first graders through rising seventh graders are invited to attend.

All children who would like to have a singing and/or speaking role must attend rehearsals. Please register by scanning the QR code below.



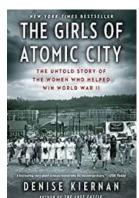


Starts June 1 Summer Book Study 9:30 AM ● 214 Led by Guy Griffith

Jesus and John
Wayne is a sweeping
account of the last
seventy-five years of
white evangelicalism,
showing how American

evangelicals have worked for decades to replace the Jesus of the Gospels with an idol of rugged masculinity and Christian nationalism or in the words of one modern chaplain, with "a spiritual badass." As Du Mez explains, the key to understanding this transformation is to recognize the role of culture in modern American evangelicalism.

Books are available in the office for \$16.



May 23 Westminster Book Group

9:30 AM • Fellowship 10:00 AM • Program Location: Room 10

Everyone is welcome as we have a unique opportunity to hear book

insights from someone whose career has provided an insider's perspective on life in Oak Ridge and who has spoken with women who worked during the WWII secret mission.

Our speaker, Jane Buchanan:

Jane is a native of Waverly, TN. After graduating from Ward-Belmont and Vanderbilt, Jane Buchanan worked for Union Carbide in Oak Ridge as a spectrographic chemist before the birth of her two sons. She later worked part-time as a technical writer for the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) and the U.S. Dept. of Energy. Her husband, Joel Buchanan, was a nuclear engineer. Her hobbies include photography, genealogy, travel, and reading. As part of the Tennessee State Bicentennial, the East TN Historical Society published her book Early Inns and Taverns of East Tennessee: A Photoessay.

JOIN US



Tuesdays through Fridays Westminster Café

Where you find that 2 or 3 are gathered..."I'm there!" Matthew 18:19-20

June and July Summer Hours for the Café 9:00 AM • Westminster Café

The Café will be open Tuesdays through Thursdays, 8:00 AM to Noon and closed on Fridays. We will open back up on Fridays in August!

Come out of the heat and enjoy a specialized hot coffee, iced coffee and homemade pastries!

Thursday Mornings in June and July Special Teen Activities in the Café 10:00 AM - Noon Westminster Café

If you are between the ages of 10 and 15, you are welcome to get together and have fun with us in the café. Activities include crafts, ping-pong, foosball, and table games.

Parents and teens are encouraged to come on June 1st to brainstorm the rest of the summer's activities. There will be a "featured" activity each week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Claire Berry Joins Westminster for the Summer

The Rev. Claire Berry is the Campus Minister and Executive Director of UKirk Nashville (www.ukirknashville.org), the Presbyterian fellowship for college students at Vanderbilt and Belmont. She is serving the church in a part-time capacity to support the pastoral staff while Donovan is on sabbatical. A child of Westminster, Claire is happy to be back for this season.

She brings theological training from Princeton Theological Seminary and six years in ordained ministry, including four as an associate pastor in a large congregation in Austin, Texas.

Claire and her husband, Mauro Barreto, a photographer, live with their son, Teodoro, in Green Hills.

THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Sunday, May 21

8:30 AM Worship

9:45 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

4:00 PM Music Camp Rehearsal

Monday, May 22

11:45 AM Centering Prayer

5:00 рм Pickleball

Tuesday, May 23

7:00 AM Daybreak Believers

7:30 AM Bible Study

8:00 ам Westminster Café

9:30 AM WPC Book Group

5:30 PM GETconneccted Committee Mtg

Wednesday, May 24

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

8:00 AM Westminster Café

9:30 AM Changing Gears Handbells

10:00 AM Tom McDow Bible Study

7:00 PM Men's Basketball

7:00 PM Westminster Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 25

8:00 AM Westminster Café

10:00 AM Knitting & Crocheting

Women's Bible study

7:00 PM Session

Friday, May 26

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

8:00 AM Westminster Café

5:00 PM Pickleball

Saturday, May 27

10:30 AM Elaney Johnson Visitation

11:00 AM Elaney Johnson Service

11:30 AM AA

For more information on the events listed here, please contact the church office, 615.292.5526.

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If you have questions about a certain event listed on our calendar, please contact a member of our program staff.

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All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! 4 O that with yon-der sa-cred throng we at his feet may fall! 1 All Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall; hail the power of cho-sen seed of Is-rael's race, ye ran-somed from the fall, ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe on this ter - res - trial ball 4 0 that with yon-der sa-cred throng we at his feet may fall! We'll join all! the song, crown him Lord of and bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him all! Lord hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord all! of him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord all! We'll join the ev - er - last-ing song, and crown him Lord all! We'll join and crown him Lord of all! the song, Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him of all! Lord Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him of all! Lord maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him him all Lord of all! We'll join the ev - er - last-ing song, and crown him of all! Lord

Peoples, Clap Your Hands!



