

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

JANUARY 17, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Be Thou My Vision

Setting by Dale Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP

The one who calls you together this day yearns for each of you and for all people to hear and be blessed.

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

Blessed is the One who comes bringing trustworthy words for the healing of the world.

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
Raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.
3. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
Thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.
4. High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Holy God, you see into each of us
and know us fully

as creatures in need of your constant care.

We confess that we have neither heard your word
nor followed your will.

We have failed our nation, neighbors, families, friends, and ourselves.

Give us ears to hear your wisdom.

Lead us to honesty and faith

so that we may begin again with renewed strength;
in Jesus' name.

Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

JOYFUL RESPONSE TO THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

O Christ, Surround Me

GREEN TYLER

God, be the love to search and keep me;
God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God, be the strength to now uphold me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gretchen Turner

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

MUSICAL OFFERING

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 3:1-20

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON

Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

AFFIRMATION OF FAITHfrom *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
 Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
 teaching by word and deed and blessing children,
 healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
 eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
 and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
 Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
 Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain
 and giving his life for the sins of the world.
 God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,
 breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.
 With believers in every time and place,
 we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
 Alleluia. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF GOD'S CHURCH, COMMUNITY AND WORLD**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS**Offertory Response**

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow
 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, alleluia!
 Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

LAST UNS ERFREUEN

Prayer of Dedication**HYMN***Here I Am, Lord*

SCHUTTE

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
 All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
 Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord.

Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? (*Refrain*)

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (*Refrain*)**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION****THE PASSING OF THE PEACE****BENEDICTION IN MUSIC***Voluntary*

John Alcock

Notes on Today's Music

Opening Voluntary & First Hymn Be Thou My Vision *Rop tú mo baile, a Choimdiu cride* in Irish Gaelic - is preserved in two manuscripts (National Library of Ireland and the Royal Irish Academy) both dating from the 10th or 11th century. This prayer-hymn belongs to a special category known as a *lorica*, a Latin word meaning "armor" or "breastplate". Clearly referencing Ephesians 6:11-18, such prayers are understood to be an incantation of divine protection. The author is unknown and is likely the work of an anonymous Irish monk from around the 8th century. The rhymed version we use was translated by Eleanor Hull in 1912.

The music is a traditional Irish folk tune first combined with Hull's couplets in the Irish *Church Hymnal* (Dublin, 1919). The combination soon appeared in a number of British hymnals and first appeared in North America in a Canadian hymnal published in 1930.

The arrangement is by Dale Wood (1934-2003), an American composer, organist, and choral director best known for his church music compositions.

The text and music of the **Joyful Response** was written by Richard Colligan (b. 1967) while a student at Union Theological Seminary in Twin Cities in 2003 as part of his thesis. He wanted to create a song cycle built around the traditional order of worship. He became drawn to the *lorica* hymns (see above) for the imagery and mysticism found in Celtic poetry and the allure of Celtic folk music.

The **Benediction in Music** was composed by John Alcock (1715-1806), an English organist and composer. He wrote instrumental music, glees and a significant volume of church music. Alcock grew up as a chorister at St. Paul's Cathedral and rose from being the organist of various parish churches to obtaining a Doctor of Music degree from Oxford in 1766. A voluntary is a piece of music, usually for an organ, that is played as part of a church service. In English-speaking countries, the music played before and after the service is often called a 'voluntary', whether or not it is titled so.