

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

MAY 16, 2021

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

YOUTH LED WORSHIP

WELCOME

Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

OPENING VOLUNTARY

The Lord of the Dance

American Shaker Melody
Arranged by Dale Wood

*I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth. At Bethlehem I had my birth.*

*Refrain: Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

*I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, but they would not dance and they would not follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John. They came with me and the dance went on. (Refrain)*

*I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame. The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, and left me there on a cross to die. (Refrain)*

*I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black. It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone, but I am the dance and I still go on. (Refrain)*

*They cut me down and I leapt up high. I am the life that will never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in me, I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. (Refrain)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sam McCrosky

Christ is alive. He is risen from the dead.

The Holy One calls us to worship and praise.

Baptized with the power of the Holy Spirit,

we live with Christ in our hearts.

Clap your hands and shout to God with loud songs of joy.

Sing praises to God, who fills the world with forgiveness and grace.

HYMN

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and king, the triumphs of God's grace!

The Name of Jesus charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life, and joy, and peace.

Christ Speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive;
the mournful waken to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost be praise forever given
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Vivian Moore

Gracious God, we confess our doubts that stifle our joy. Forgive us when we lack faith in you,
and comfort us when our fears outweigh our praise.

God, forgive us when we fail to trust you,

and help us when we do not live as your faithful witnesses.

Guiding God, forgive us when we are self-consumed

and lack the time needed to serve our neighbors.

In these times, have mercy on us, O God,

and encourage us to be your love-lived, by renewing us daily in your strength.

Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

JOYFUL RESPONSE

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

VASILE

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Anabelle Moore

EPISTLE READING

1 John 5:9-13

MUSICAL OFFERING

GOSPEL READING

John 17:6-19

Ashley Elder

CHILDREN'S LESSON

Lily Powell

MESSAGE

Ashley Elder

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Lily Powell

from Romans 8:31-38

If God is for us, who is against us? He didn't spare his own Son but gave him up for us all. Won't he also freely give us all things with him? Who will bring a charge against God's elect people? It is God who acquits them. Who is going to convict them? It is Christ Jesus who died, even more, who was raised, and who also is at God's right side. It is Christ Jesus who also pleads our case for us. Who will separate us from Christ's love? Will we be separated by trouble, or distress, or harassment, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, We are being put to death all day long for your sake. We are treated like sheep for slaughter. But in all these things we win a sweeping victory through the one who loved us. I have been convinced that nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ Jesus our Lord: not death or life, not angels or rulers, not present things or future things, not powers or height or depth, or any other thing that is created.

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

Sarah Phillips

Offertory Response

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAISE GOD

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Prayer of Dedication

HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

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.

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.

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.

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.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

BENEDICTION IN MUSIC

You Shall Go Out with Joy

THE TREES OF THE FIELD

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands
while you go out with joy.



Notes on Today's Music

First Hymn

The text "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" was written by Charles Wesley (1797-1788) on the occasion of the first anniversary of his life changing conversion experience. To explain: both Charles and his brother John were priests in the Church of England. Influenced by the piety and commitment of the Moravians, both had a spiritual reawakening to the redeeming work of God through Christ.

The hymn tune AZMON by Carl Gotthelf Gläser (1784-1829) and was first published in *The Modern Psalmist* (Boston, 1839) which was compiled and edited by Lowell Mason (1792-1872). It is most familiar to use to set the words of Wesley's text.

Offertory Response

Text: The nongendered adaptation of the familiar text was penned by Neil Weatherhogg (b. 1939) in 1988 for use at Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church in Louisville, Kentucky where he was pastor and head of staff.

Music: Composed by Hal Hopson (b. 1933), a full-time composer, church musician, conductor, and clinician. He has over 3,000 published works, which comprise almost every musical form in church music. With a special interest in congregational song, he continues to make a significant contribution to the new repertoire of hymn tunes and responsorial psalm settings

Benediction in Music

The text by Steffi Rubin (b. 1950) is based on Isaiah 55:12 which is generally understood to describes the "second exodus": i.e. the return of the Jewish exiles from Babylon. The music was composed by Stuart Dauermann (b. 1944) in a style that is intentionally reminiscent of Jewish folk music.