

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

JUNE 20, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

William Runyan
Arranged by Tedd Smith and Don Hustad

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord our God is great.

The Lord is worthy of our praise.

Come; let us remember the great things God has done for us.

Let us not neglect to teach our children the greatness of God.

Let us not forget our past and those who have gone before us.

We remember our ancestors, our history, our homelands; and we name our future.

Let us lift up our voices in song, lift our arms in praise, and open our hearts in gratitude.

Let us greet God with our hymn of praise.

HYMN

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples of the Lord

KINGSFOLD

Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord,
to help to set the captive free, make plowshare out of sword,
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast,
to serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.

God made the world and at its birth ordained our human race
to live as stewards of the earth, responding to God's grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud; we sow not peace but strife.
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud that threatens all of life.

Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream,
with righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease,
a world that was created for a harmony of peace.

May we in service to our God act out the living word,
and walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.

As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord
to God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.

CONFESSING OUR SIN

We pray, O Lord, in this time of worship and when we leave this place, for more than conviction. We pray to be transformed. We confess that we often settle for the easy peace we make with ourselves. Change our ease into discontent because of the oppression of others. We confess our tendency to defend ourselves. Change our defensiveness into the freedom that comes from being forgiven and empowered through your love. We confess our need for disguises, excuses, and images. Transform our hiding into the ability to be honest with ourselves and open with one another. We confess our inclination to judge others. Transform our judgment into a desire to serve and uplift others. And most of all, Lord, change our routine worship and work into genuine encounter with you and our better selves so that our lives will be changed for the good of all.

Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

JOYFUL RESPONSE

Live into Hope

TRURO

Live into hope of captives freed, of sight regained, the end of greed.
The oppressed shall be the first to see the year of God's own jubilee!

Live into hope of captives freed from chains of fear or want or greed.
God now proclaims our full release to faith and hope and joy and peace.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

David McCowen

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

MUSICAL OFFERING

GOSPEL READING

Luke 4:14-21

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON

Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *The Confession of 1967*

In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself.

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other.

In each time and place, there are particular problems and crises through which God calls the church to act. The church, guided by the Spirit, humbled by its own complicity and instructed by all attainable knowledge, seeks to discern the will of God and learn how to obey in these concrete situations.

God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of human life: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and corporate.

With an urgency born of our hope in Jesus Christ, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God, nor let us despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

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

With A Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring

ST. PETERSBURG

With grateful heart my thanks I bring; before the "gods" your praise I sing.
I worship in your holy place and praise you for your truth and grace;
for truth and grace together shine in your most holy Word divine.

Prayer of Dedication

HYMN

Lift Every Voice and Sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE

Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty.

Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies;
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.

Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on, till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died.

Yet, with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
come to the place for which our parents sighed?

We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Continued

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.

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

Postlude on 'Hymn to Joy'

Ludwig van Beethoven
Arranged by Matthew Corl



Notes on today's music

The **Opening Voluntary** is based on the text by Thomas Chisholm (1866-1960), a Methodist writer and pastor. Written as a meditation on Lamentations 2:22-23, it was first published in *Songs of Salvation and Service* and was combined with the music composed specifically for it by William Runyan (1870-1957), who was also a Methodist pastor.

This setting was arranged for piano and organ by the team of Tedd Smith (b. 1927; London, Ontario, Canada) and Don Hustad (1918-2013). Smith, who trained at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto, joined the Billy Graham Evangelical Crusades as pianist in 1950, retiring in 2004. Hustad was organist for the crusades from 1961 until 1967 at which time he joined the faculty at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary where he was a professor for 40 years.

First Hymn: The text for *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples* was written by H. Kenn Carmichael (1908-1996), a retired Presbyterian minister, for a stewardship campaign. The text places stewardship in the context of faithful witness. The tune **KINGSFOLD** is an English melody arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) which he named for the Sussex village where he first heard it. The text and tune first appeared together in *The Presbyterian Hymnal* (Louisville, KY, 1990).

The text for the **Joyful Response** was composed in July, 1976 by Jane Parker Huber (1926-2008) on the occasion of the National Meeting of United Presbyterian Women when no singable hymn using inclusive language related to their theme of "Live into Hope" based on Luke 4.

The text for the **Offertory Response** is a paraphrase of Psalm 138 from *The New Metrical Version of the Psalms* (1909). The music is by Dimitri Bortniansky (1751-1825), a Russian and Ukrainian composer, harpsichordist and conductor, who served at the court of Catherine the Great.

Second Hymn: The words and music for "Lift Every Voice and Sing" were written and composed by brothers James and Rosamon Johnson in Jacksonville, Florida in 1899 to commemorate Lincoln's birthday. Originally written for school children, it premiered on February 12, 1900 sung by 500 children for Booker T. Washington. By 1919, it was destined to become known as the "African-American National Hymn."

The **Benediction in Music**, based on the well-known melody created to provide a choral setting of J. C. F. Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. The text we sing was written by Henry van Dyke (1852-1933), a prominent American Presbyterian pastor, author, educator, and diplomat.

This setting was composed by Matthew Corl (b. 1965), a respected organist, recitalist, and composer, on the occasion of his son's wedding in 2002. The theme is set using an interesting variation between the musical meters of 6/8 and 3/4.