

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY

In Christ There Is No East or West
Adapted from a spiritual by H. T. Burleigh

Setting by Dale Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are from north and south.

We are from tiny apartments and expansive homes.

We are from this city and from others far away.

We are from big families and dinners made for one.

We are from stages of grief and stages of love.

We are from hot summers and cold winters.

We are from kitchens with passed down recipes, and front porches with old, familiar swings.

We are from the dust of the earth and the stars of the sky.

We are from a lot of places, but today we are here.

Today we are together.

Holy God, gather us in.

HYMN

In Christ There Is No East or West

ST. PETER

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

CONFESSING OUR SIN

When people heard that Jesus was from Nazareth, they asked, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?"

We confess, God of beginnings, that we have asked the same question.

Can anything good come from that side of town?

From a school with poor test scores?

From a criminal history?

From the opposite political party?

From a history of addiction?

From a faith with doubt?

From a church with faults?

Holy God, forgive us for doubting that you are in all things at all times.

**Open our eyes to see your goodness, not as something that resides here or there,
but as the expansive grace that it is.**

Can anything good come from there?

Yes. Always yes.

Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

God is here. God is at work among us.

We are forgiven. Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.

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

Nancy Berlin

EPISTLE READING

Genesis 2:4b-15

MUSICAL OFFERING

GOSPEL READING

John 1:35-51

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON

I've Been Meaning to Ask... Where Are You From? Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that goodness can come from the dirt,
that faith can come from doubt,
that minds can be changed,
that justice can begin with us,
and that something good can come from Nazareth.

We believe all these things, because we believe that God is
more expansive than we have words for—
showing up in the corners of our world so often
ignored and denied.

We believe that from this place of holy surprise,
God invites us forward—
beckoning hope, bravery, and curiosity from each of us.
“Come and see,” God says.

We believe.
Help our unbelief.
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

Give Thanks

GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart;
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. (2x)
Give thanks. Give thanks.

Prayer of Dedication

HYMN

The Summons

KELVINGROVE

“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”
“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?”
“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?”

Continued

Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"

"Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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

A Covenant of Grace

O WALY WALY

We all come from the dusty earth,
And from the places of our birth,
Ancestral stories, who we'll be,
We bring it all to "come and see."

Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, and Affirmation of Faith by Sarah Are
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Notes on Today's Music

The Opening Voluntary is by Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949) who studied at the National Conservatory of Music, New York City. The text was set to this tune in 1939 named after Elmer McKee, the rector of St. George's Episcopal Church in New York City where Burleigh was the baritone soloist for 52 years. Burleigh composed at least two hundred works but is most remembered for his vocal solo arrangements of African-American spirituals.

This setting is by Dale Wood (1934-2003) who was a composer, organist, and choral director best known for his church music compositions.

The text of "In Christ There Is No East or West" was written by John Oxenham, the nom de plume of William Arthur Dunkerley (1852-1941), an English journalist, novelist, and poet. The tune ST. PETER was composed by Alexander Robert Reinagle (1709-1877), an English-born American composer, organist, and theater musician.

The text for "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples" was written by H. Kenn Carmichael (1908-1996) and first published in The Presbyterian Hymnal (Louisville, KY, 1990). It was created to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) which had the theme "Called to Be Disciples." The tune KINGSFOLD is an English melody adapted and harmonized by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).