

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

ORDINARY TIME - FOLLOWING JESUS IN THE EVERYDAY PLACES OF LIFE

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Wondrous Love

The Southern Harmony, 1835
Setting by David N. Johnson

INTROIT

In My Life

LORD, BE GLORIFIED

In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that the Lord has made:

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Sing to the LORD, bless God's name;

tell of God's salvation from day to day.

Come and hear what the Lord has done. God has taken ordinary things,

And made them extraordinary

Come, worship God, who makes all things new:

Worship God, who is with us through our ordinary days in the journey of life.

HYMN 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.

In all life thou livest, the true life of all.

We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.

Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.

All praise we would render; O help us to see

'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

CONFESSING OUR SIN

We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name...

Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

JOYFUL RESPONSE

Take My Life and Let it Be, Consecrated

HENDON

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gretchen Turner

GOSPEL READING

John 4:19-26

MUSICAL OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 17:22-31

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON

Making the Bed: Liturgy, Ritual, and What Forms Life

Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from: *A Brief Summary of Faith*

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

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.

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

For the Life That You Have Given

PLEADING SAVIOR

For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:
here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring;
give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.

Prayer of Dedication

HYMN 839

Blessed Assurance

ASSURANCE

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight.
Angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest.
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain*

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

God of Our Life

SANDON

God of our life, through all the circling years, we trust in thee.
In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, thy hand we see.
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,
we own thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.



Notes on Today's Music

The **Opening Voluntary** is based on a hymn-tune from *The Southern Harmony*, a shape note hymn and tune book compiled by William Walker, first published in 1835. The text is an American folk hymn c. 1811 and is an unbounded declaration of the breadth of God's love and grace.

The setting was composed by David N. Johnson (1922 - 1987), an American organist, composer, educator, choral clinician, and lecturer. Johnson published well over 300 compositions, most of them for church use, and was author of an *Instruction Book for Beginning Organists* (1964) and an *Organ Teacher's Guide* (1971).

The text for **Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise** was written by William Chalmers Smith (1824-1908) and published in his book *Hymns of Christ and the Christian Life* (London, 1867). He was a hymnist, author, poet, and minister of the Free Church of Scotland. The Free Church of Scotland was a Scottish denomination which was formed in 1843 by a large withdrawal from the established Church of Scotland in a schism or division known as the Disruption of 1843. In 1900 the vast majority of the Free Church of Scotland joined with the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland.

The music is a traditional Welsh folk melody which first appeared in *Caniadau y Cyssegr* (Songs of the Sanctuary) edited by John Roberts (Denbigh, Wales. 1839).

The text of **Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine** was written by Fanny Jane Crosby (1820-1915), an American mission worker, poet, lyricist, and composer. She was a prolific hymnist, writing more than 8,000 hymns and gospel songs, with more than 100 million copies printed. She is also known for her teaching and her rescue mission work.

The music was composed by Phoebe Palmer Knapp (1839-1908), an American musician and the composer of 500 tunes, primarily music for hymns. She married a wealthy businessman and used her wealth and position to support the arts and budding artisans.