

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

OCTOBER 10, 2021

ORDINARY TIME - FOLLOWING JESUS IN THE EVERYDAY PLACES OF LIFE

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Setting by Dale Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that the Lord has made:

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

We are united by the God of forgiveness who knows our strengths and our weaknesses.

We come together to give thanks for our diverse community.

God hears our daily calls of praise and of repentance,

But each is important and unique.

Come, worship God, who listens anew each day:

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

HYMN 345

In an Age of Twisted Values

CHURCH UNITED

1. In an age of twisted values
we have lost the truth we need.
In sophisticated language
we have justified our greed.
By our struggle for possessions
we have robbed the poor and weak.
Hear our cry and heal our nation;
your forgiveness, Lord, we seek.
2. We have built discrimination
on our prejudice and fear.
Hatred swiftly turns to cruelty
if we hold resentments dear.
For communities divided
by the walls of class and race,
hear our cry and heal our nation;
show us, Lord, your love and grace.
3. When our families are broken,
when our homes are full of strife,
when our children are bewildered,
when they lose their way in life,
when we fail to give the aged
all the care we know they need,
hear our cry and heal our nation;
help us show more love, we plead.
4. We who hear your word so often
choose so rarely to obey.
Turn us from our willful wandering;
give us truth to light our way.
In the power of your Spirit
come to cleanse us, make us new;
hear our cry and heal our nation
till our nation honors you.

CONFESSING OUR SIN

God, we call out to you knowing that we stumble each day. Our thoughts betray you. Our words betray you. Our actions betray you. Our lack of action betrays you. We ask that you make us whole again even though we may have forgotten what that feels like. Our attempts will fall short, but you love us still. God heal our minds, our hearts, and our bodies so that we may strive to do your work in the world each and every day. Guide our path, O merciful God, so that we are pointed towards one another to join in heart and soul with communities filled with strengths and weaknesses. God we long to be supported and to support others in this life. We ask that you strengthen us so that we might strive to live as Jesus lived. For it is in Jesus Christ's name we pray.

Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

JOYFUL RESPONSE

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me
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.

VASILE

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

David McCowen

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 4:10-19

MUSICAL OFFERING

GOSPEL READING

Mark 2:13-17

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON

Losing Keys: Confession and the Truth about Ourselves

Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *The Book of Common Worship*

This is the good news
Which we have received,
In which we stand,
And by which we are saved,
If we hold it fast:
That Christ died for our sins
According to the scriptures,
That he was buried,
That he was raised on the third day,
And that he appeared first to the women,
Then to Peter, and to the Twelve,
And then to many faithful witnesses.
We believe that Jesus is the Christ,
The Son of the living God.
Jesus Christ is the first and the last,
The beginning and the end;
He is our Lord and our God. Amen

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

Generosity

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

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.

To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

Prayer of Dedication

HYMN 432

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

REPTON

1. How clear is our vocation, Lord,
when once we heed your call
to live according to your word
and daily learn, refreshed, restored,
that you are Lord of all
and will not let us fall.
2. But if, forgetful, we should find
your yoke is hard to bear;
if worldly pressures fray the mind
and love itself cannot unwind
its tangled skein of care:
our inward life repair.
3. We marvel how your saints became
in hindrances more sure:
whose joyful virtues put to shame
the casual way we wear your name,
and by our faults obscure
your power to cleanse and cure.
4. In what you give us, Lord, to do,
together or alone,
in old routines or ventures new,
may we not cease to look to you:
the cross you hung upon,
all you endeavored, done.

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 Be with You till We Meet Again
God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.

RANDOLPH



Notes on Today's Music

The composer for the hymn tune NETTLETON in today's **Opening Voluntary** is unknown. It was first published in *Repository of Sacred Music, Second Part*, (Harrisburg, PA, 1813), a compilation edited by John Wyeth (1770- 1858). It is yet another hymn tune in AABA form. The tune name honors Asahel Nettleton (1783-1844) a well-known evangelist and compiler of the words-only collection *Village Hymns for Social Worship* (New Haven, CT, 1824).

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

The text for **In an Age of Twisted Values** was authored by Martin Leckebusch (b 1962), originally titled "Heal Our Nation", and was first published in *New Start Hymns and Songs* (Stowmarket, Suffolk, 1999).

The tune CHURCH UNITED was composed by Alfred Fedak (b. 1953) in 1987 and published in *Songs of Rejoicing* (New Brunswick, NJ, 1989). The tune is named for the United Reformed Church in Somerville, New Jersey where the composer and his wife then served as ministers of music.

The **Joyful Response** employs the hymn tune AZMON by Carl Gotthelf Gläser (1784-1829) which was first published in *The Modern Psalmist* (Boston, 1839), and was compiled and edited by Lowell Mason (1792-1872). The text for "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" was written by Charles Wesley (1797-1788).

The text of **How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord** was composed by Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000) as a reflection on Christian vocation in response to a request for new words to the existing tune REPTON composed by C. Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918) The tune is named for a noted British boarding school, whose music director was a friend of the composer.

The text for **God Be with You Till We Meet Again** was authored by Jeremiah Rankin (1824- 1904), a North American Congregational minister.

The tune was composed by the famous English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).