

6th Sunday of Easter

May 9th, 2021

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Psalm-Prelude I, Op. 32, No. 1

Herbert Howells

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 98

One: Christ is risen!

All: **He is risen, indeed!**

One: Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

All: **Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

One: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

All: **Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy. Let us worship the Lord!**

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

For the Beauty of the Earth

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For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise!

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night
Hill and vale, and field and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise!

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise!

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, showing your love for us, you gave us the gift of salvation in Jesus Christ. We gratefully receive this gift but selfishly hoard it, wrongly believing that it's up to us to determine who else will receive it. Forgive us for thinking more highly of ourselves than we ought and for keeping your message of love quiet when you call us to share it widely and without exception. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

✠ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Our righteousness is found in Christ alone.

All: **It is a gift of God by faith.**

One: Beloved people of God, believe the good news:

All: **Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.**

✠ RESPONSE

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given
For that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise!

✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Please refrain from bodily contact and maintain at least 6 feet of physical distance from other households as we pass the peace this morning.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Genesis 12:1-3

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Simple Praise

Craig Courtney

For a canvas of colors, for a concert of sound;
For the unfolding seasons, the earth spinning round.
For the birth of each sunrise, for the sky set ablaze;
For these simple gifts, we give simple praise.

*Simple praise for the Giver, and thanks to the One
Who has given us breath and given His Son.
To the Giver of blessings for all of our days,
For these simple gifts, we give simple praise.*

For the love of a mother, for the touch of a hand;
For the deeper emotions we can't understand.
For the lessons we learn from the trials we face;
For these simple gifts, we give simple praise.

The heart of the Giver, the hand of the One
From whom every blessing of living has come;
For measureless mercy and limitless grace,
For these simple gifts, we give simple praise.

For a canvas of colors, for a concert of sound;
For the unfolding seasons, the earth spinning round.
For the birth of each sunrise, for the sky set ablaze;
For these simple gifts, we give simple praise.

Chorus

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 11:1-18

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Tim Reynolds

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *adapted from* The Westminster Confession of Faith

There is but one only living and true God, who is infinite in being and perfection, a most pure spirit, invisible, without body, parts, or passions, immutable, immense, eternal, incomprehensible, almighty; most wise, most holy, most free, most absolute, working all things according to the counsel of his own immutable and most righteous will, for his own glory; most loving, gracious, merciful, long-suffering, abundant in goodness and truth, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin; the rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

TIME FOR REFLECTION

Sonata II, Mov. II

Paul Hindemith

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION 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.

✠ HYMN OF SENDING

He Leadeth Me

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He leadeth me, O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught
Whate'er I do, where'er I be
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me
He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me
His faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me

Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine
Nor ever murmur nor repine
Content, whate'er my lot may be
Since 'tis my God who leadeth me
Refrain

And when to brand new places we
Are called, by you, as a community
I'll welcome all and faithful be
For 'tis your hope that leadeth me
Refrain

✠ BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

✠ POSTLUDE

Salvation Now has Come for All

Mattias Weckmann

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor
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