

WORSHIP NOTES

Rev. King is preaching a sermon series on three different creation accounts in the Bible and what they teach us about our God and ourselves. **June 24 - *Creation: How We Find Ourselves in God's Hands***; **July 1 - *Creation: How We Get Bruised***; **July 8 - *Creation: How We Get Saved***.

The text of the processional hymn, *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*, by Isaac Watts (1674-1748) was first published in his *Divine and Moral Songs for the Use of Children* (1715), where it was titled Praise for Creation and Providence. This was the first hymnal written exclusively for children.

Watts is considered to be the father of English hymnody. Refusing an offer to be educated at Oxford, for which he would have had to become Anglican, Watts was educated for eight years at the nonconformist academy at Stoke Newington. He was called to be pastor of Mark Lane Independent Chapel in London (1701). Shortly after arriving, Watts became quite ill and remained a semi-invalid for the remainder of his life. Accepting the invitation of parishioner Sir Thomas Abney to spend a week at his country house, Watts stayed 36 years. He was noted as a writer of books on grammar, pedagogy, ethics, psychology, three volumes of sermons, 29 treatises on theology--52 works in all--plus over 600 hymns.

Watts was 15 when he wrote his first hymn. This began a musical revolution in Reformed worship. Hymns of human composition were thus introduced to the Anglican and Dissenting Churches of England. Watts was not the first to write hymns, but he was the first to have a method. Watts believed our songs are a human offering of praise to God. Therefore the words should be our own. The psalms if sung should be Christianized and modernized. Thus he wrote two types of hymns: those of human composition and those loosely based on psalms. Monuments to Watts stand in Abney Park, in Southampton Park, and in Westminster Abbey. There is also a memorial wall and a museum on the site of his birthplace.

Andrew Carter (born Leicester, England, 1939), composer of *For the Beauty of the Earth*, is an English composer, conductor, and arranger. He was educated at the University of Leeds and has sung as a professional singer in the choir of York Minster.

NEXT SUNDAY'S PREACHER will be the Rev. Douglas T. King.

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SESSION

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— THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR —

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

— ELEVEN O' CLOCK —

WELCOME The moments before worship are a transition from “getting here” to “being here.” Since it usually takes a few minutes to quiet one’s mind, and to become open to the Spirit, it is most appropriate to give one’s friends a silent wave of the hand, a nod of the head, or a friendly smile in lieu of initiating a conversation.

AFTER THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN, in order not to disrupt the worship service, latecomers will be seated by the ushers only at times when the congregation is standing, either during the Congregational Response following the assurance of forgiveness or during the second hymn.

VISITORS, please know how welcome you are. Please sign the Friendship Book when it passes you during the service of worship and identify yourself with a name tag to be found in the book. You are also cordially invited to attend Coffee Hour following worship.

IN THE ORDER OF WORSHIP that follows, an asterisk invites all to stand; items in bold type face indicate that the congregation participates in word or song.

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE DAY
1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49 Psalm 9:9-20
2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-41

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Aria”
“Canon on *Forest Green*”
Eric Birk, *organist*

Andrew Carter (b. 1939)

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

* CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 8)*

Leader: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

People: You have set Your glory above the heavens.

Leader: When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,
the moon and the stars that You have established;

**People: what are human beings that You are mindful of them,
mortals that You care for them?**

Leader: Yet You have made us a little lower than God and crowned us
with glory and honor.

**People: You have given us dominion over the works of Your hands;
You have put all things under our feet...**

Leader: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

All: Let us worship God.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 288

“I Sing the Might Power of God”

Ellacombe

PRAYER OF ADORATION 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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we are a people prone to despair. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear. We find it hard to believe in Your power to transform all that is broken in this world and in us. Help us to trust in Your creative ability to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant You have intended for us. Amen.

KYRIE 572

John Merbecke (c. 1510 – c. 1585)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *(Hymn 388, verse 4)*

**O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee
That where Thou art in glory there shall Thy servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.**

Angel’s Story

*During the singing of the response, all children are invited to
come forward and gather around the baptismal font for the blessing.*

THE WORD

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

Leader: People of God, what is our prayer for God’s children?

People: That God be with the children as they learn of Jesus and His love.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 1:1-2:3 *(Pew Bible, page 1 O.T.)*

John P. Muller IV

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

* HYMN 469

“Morning Has Broken”

Bunessan

SERMON

Rev. Douglas T. King

“Creation: How We Find Ourselves in God’s Hands”

THE RESPONSE

* CONFESSION OF FAITH *(From A Brief Statement of Faith)*

In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God: we hide from our Creator...We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

* GLORIA PATRI 579

Henry W. Greatorex (1813-1858)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION, AND PETITION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray...

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

America

**Not for this land alone,
But be God’s mercies shown from shore to shore;
And may the nations see that we must loving be,
And form one family the wide world o’er. Amen.**

* INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Andrew Carter

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies: Father, unto Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise. For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light: Father, unto Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and brain’s delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight: for the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild: Father, unto Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise. For each perfect gift of Thine to our race so freely given, graces human and divine, flowers of earth, and buds of Heaven: Father, unto Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

—*Folliott Sandford Pierpoint (1837-1917)*

* DOXOLOGY 592

Old Hundredth

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SENDING

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 285

Austrian

“God, You Spin the Whirling Planets”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

“Finale, *op. 4*”

Eric Birk, *organist*

We wish to thank Eric Birk for being our organist and choirmaster this morning.

*If you would like someone to pray with you or wish to learn more about the
Christian faith and The Brick Church, you may meet with members of our
Sunday Prayer Team after the service near the pulpit at the front of the Sanctuary.*