

WORSHIP NOTES

The Prayer for Illumination: The lectors (Scripture readers) are offering a prayer before the Word is read and proclaimed. In Reformed Worship, this is known as the Prayer for Illumination. It goes as far back as John Calvin and was included in the liturgy used in Geneva and in John Knox’s liturgy as well. Our *Book of Order’s* Directory for Worship states: *A prayer for illumination calls on the Holy Spirit to empower the reading, understanding, proclaiming, and living of God’s Word. This sense of utter reliance on the illumination of the Spirit is an important and distinctive mark of the Reformed tradition. The prayer for illumination precedes the reading of Scripture and preaching of the sermon and applies to all of the readings, as well as the proclamation of the Word.* (W-3.0302)

David Gambrell, from the PC(USA) Office of Theology and Worship, writes: “Our theological ancestor John Calvin taught that the Holy Spirit is responsible for the gift of faith and the interpretation of Scripture (Calvin, “Institutes,” 3.1.1–4) and for the working of God’s grace through Baptism and the Lord’s Supper (Calvin, “Institutes,” 4.14.7–13). For this reason, Presbyterians call upon the power of the Spirit at three key moments in worship: the prayer for illumination before the reading and proclamation of the Word, the thanksgiving over the water at baptism and the Great Thanksgiving at the Lord’s Supper.” Some ministers choose to add another prayer before they preach in addition to the Prayer for Illumination, while others have the Prayer for Illumination serve this purpose.

The tune for *Hymn God is Here!* is Abbot’s Leigh. It was composed by the Rev. Cyril Vincent Taylor on a Sunday morning during the spring of 1941. It was during World War II and Taylor was working in the wartime headquarters of the religious broadcasting department of the BBC located in the village of Abbot’s Leigh. The village is across from the Clifton suspension bridge from Bristol.

Fred Kaan is the author of the words for two of our hymns today, *Help Us Accept Each Other* and *Lord, When I Came Into This Life*. He wrote the words to the latter for the confirmation of his son Peter in 1976. “A hymn for confirmation” was the title given to the poem Dr. Kaan wrote. He hoped it would be sung for his son’s confirmation service because he would be out of town and unable to attend. Although the hymn was not sung on that occasion, it was sung at the confirmation of his other two children, Alison and Martin.

THE FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of the Confirmation Class of 2018 by their families.



NEXT SUNDAY’S PREACHER will be the Rev. Dr. Kimberly L. Clayton.

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SESSION

Patrick A. F. Blott, Anita J. Brickell, Chloe G. Chun (*Youth Elder*), Susan P. Crary, Paul J. Elmlinger, Scripture Z. Gonzalez, Mimi K. Hah, Shannon D. Henderson, William S. Hilburn, Anne R. Huneke, Stefan Krüger, R. Lynne Lee, Sue-Peng Li, Guillaume A. Malle, Robert D. McCrie, Elizabeth M. Philipp, Brian J. Pitz, Debra N. Seraphim, Richard H. Stowe, Mario J. Verdolini, Jr., Katherine C. Vosters, Cynthia Watson, Marjorie G. Widener, Roland L. Wikström, Suzanne W. Wilson.

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— THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR —

Sixth Sunday of Easter Confirmation Sunday

— 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
Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98:1-9
1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847)
“Andante” (*Sonata VI, op. 65*)
Keith S. Tóth, *organist*

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Elder Robert D. McCrie*
“Thanking Our Seminary Student Ministers”

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Conor S. Tochilin*
“Matching Gift Appeal”

CHORAL INTROIT *Mark Patterson (b. 1969)*
“Living God’s Love”

May the word of Christ dwell richly in you as you teach one another with wisdom and with love; giving thanks to God in all that you do: In the psalms of praise, in the hymns of faith, and the songs of the spirit too: May the word of Christ dwell richly in you. For you are the people chosen by God to live a life of compassion and kindness to all: working together, helping each other, living God’s love.

The Junior and Youth Choirs
Cristina Soto, *piano*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.
People: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Leader: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
All: let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord Who is coming to judge the earth.

*** PROCESSIONAL HYMN 461** *Abbot’s Leigh*
“God Is Here!”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we are not yet the church You have called us to be. We are divided by doctrines and denominations. We fall into disagreements and suspicion. Too often, we try to limit the freedom of Your Spirit with our rules and requirements. Forgive us, we pray, for our limited vision of Your kingdom. Enlarge our perspectives and our hearts so that we may love as You love; welcome as You welcome; and forgive as You have forgiven us. Help us to break down barriers and heal divisions so that we may be one in Spirit and in truth. In Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

KYRIE 574 *David N. Johnson (1922-1987)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**
Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (*Hymn 487, verse 3*) *Laudes Domini*
Let earth’s wide circle round in joyful notes resound:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

During the singing of the response, all children are invited to come forward and sit on the chancel steps for the Children’s Message.

THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND PRAYER

*** HYMN 358** *Baronita*
“Help Us Accept Each Other”

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Eloise H. Widener*
Acts 10:44-48 (*Pew Bible, page 130 N.T.*)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Rev. Dr. Kimberly L. Clayton*
“Look Who the Spirit Let In!”

THE RESPONSE

CONFIRMATION: THE REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Confirmands

Campbell Reynolds Abelow, Campbell Charlotte Arnone, Grace Orchard Cihra, Harrison David Clyde, Isabella James Cranshaw, Amelia Anne Dalvito, Nicholas Burnaby Dingle, Balin Lloyd Gerry, Farah Alexandra Haskin, Caroline Brooks Heath, William Davis Henderson, Griffin LaGrange Johnson, Miranda Catherine Kimm, Caroline Stackpole Lindemuth, Parker Lee Lorenz, Nathaniel Greer Miller, Addison Elise Nelson, Patrik Henning Nugent, Annabel Grace Pick, Caroline Campbell Pickering, Willis Garson Ryckman, V, Jonathan Kane Stephenson, Clifford White Stowe, Katherine Anne Thorpe, Christina Saint John Tutino, Warner Allen Young

Sponsors

Brian K. Ballard, Chase Dost, Max M. Hill

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *John Rutter (b. 1945)*
“Open Thou Mine Eyes”

Open thou mine eyes and I shall see: incline my heart and I shall desire: order my steps and I shall walk in the ways of thy commandments. O Lord God, be thou to me a God and beside thee let there be none else, no other, nought else with thee. Vouchsafe to me to worship thee and serve thee according to thy commandments, in truth of spirit, in reverence of body, in blessing of lips, in private and in public.
—*Lancelot Andrewes (1555-1626)*

Catherine Thorpe, *soprano*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION AND GRADUAL HYMN *13th c. Benedictine plainsong*
“Thee We Adore”

Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, Thee, Who at this blessed feast art pleased to be; both flesh and spirit in Thy presence fail, Yet here Thy presence we devoutly hail.
—*Thomas Aquinas (c. 1225-1274)*

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise...

SANCTUS 580 *John Merbecke (c.1510-c.1585)*
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory: Glory be to Thee, O Lord most High. Amen.

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.

INSTITUTION AND HOLY COMMUNION

Communion will be served by intinction. You are invited to come forward by the center aisle beginning with the front rows, receive bread, dip it in the chalice, partake, and return to your seat by the side aisles. Gluten-free bread is available at the serving station farthest to the right as you come forward. All who would humbly put their trust in Christ, whatever their church or denominational affiliation, are invited to participate.

COMMUNION MUSIC *George Oldroyd (1886-1951)* “Prayer to Jesus”
Jhesu, since Thou me made and bought, be Thou my love and all my thought, and help that I may to Thee be brought, withouten Thee I may do nought. Jhesu, since Thou must do Thy will, and naething is that Thee may let, with Thy grace my heart fulfil, my love and my liking in Thee is set. Jhesu at Thy will I pray that I might be, all my heart fulfil, with perfect love to Thee. That I have done ill Jhesu forgive Thou me, and suffer me never to spill. Jhesu for pity. Amen. —*Richard Rolle (1300-1349)*

Jean Berger (b. 1945)
“The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee”

The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.— *Psalms 145:15, 16*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE SENDING

*** RECESSIONAL HYMN 522** *Land of Rest*
“Lord, When I Came Into This Life”

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE *Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy*
“Allegro maestoso e vivace” (*Sonata II, op. 65*)
Keith S. Tóth, *organist*

Members of the Chancel Committee assisting with Communion today are Lindsay Higgins and Nancy Blair