

WORSHIP NOTES

The words of the processional hymn, *The God of Abraham Praise*, are nearly identical with those found in the *Jewish Union Hymnal* edited by the Central Conference of American Rabbis. The words may originate with a Jewish creed set to meter by Daniel ben-Judah in Rome in the 14th century. According to tradition, the melody was introduced to Christians by Thomas Olivers, a Wesleyan minister, after he heard it sung at Great Duke’s Place Synagogue in London around 1770.

Miriam Therese Winter wrote the text of the middle hymn, *O For A World*, for the Presbyterian Women’s Triennial Conference in 1982 and revised in 1987, when it was recorded for the Medical Mission Sisters. Miriam Therese is a Medical Mission Sister and has been writing biblical songs and hymns that have enriched the worship life of churches since Vatican II. Her scholarship is rooted in what she likes to call the liturgy of life. While she relishes scholarship and research, Miriam Therese is at heart a singer of songs and a pioneer in introducing folk-style music into Catholic liturgical tradition. She serves as professor of liturgy, worship, and spirituality at Hartford Seminary in Connecticut.

The text of the recessional hymn, *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*, was written by Frank Mason North at the request of Professor Caleb Winchester, a member of the Joint Commission for *The Methodist Hymnal* (1905). Winchester had met North at the Methodist headquarters in New York City and asked him to write a hymn with a missionary theme. North was born in New York City and educated at Wesleyan University. He was ordained a Methodist minister (1873) and served churches in Florida, New York, and Connecticut before becoming editor of *The Christian City* and secretary to the New York City Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church (1892-1912).

Maurice Guy Smallman Bevan, the composer of *There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy*, was born in Shropshire, England, on March 10, 1921, the son, grandson and great-grandson of Anglican clergymen. For more than 40 years he was the baritone with the Deller Consort, the British vocal ensemble that heralded the renaissance of English Baroque and pre-Baroque music. Bevan edited several important early works, including Handel’s *Esther*, and wrote a number of service settings and hymn tunes, the best known of the latter being *Corvedale*, which takes its name from the River Corve in Shropshire. Bevan died on June 20, 2006.

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

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— THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR —

Tenth 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

2 Samuel 11:1-15
Ephesians 3:14-21

Psalm 14
John 6:1-21

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

David Boeckh, *organist*

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The God of our ancestors calls to us today;

People: may we have the faith of our ancestors to go where God leads us.

Leader: The God of our children calls to us today;

People: may we join together as family, furthering God's kingdom on earth.

Leader: Jesus, the Son of the living God, calls to each of us now;

People: may we worship God, follow Jesus, and be moved by the Spirit

All: to do justice, love mercy, walk humbly with God.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 488

Leoni

“The God of Abraham Praise”

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, You continue to call to us but we have failed to listen for Your voice. We have not shown mercy to others but expect it for ourselves. We have forgotten to be kind. Wake us up to act with Your love in our hearts. Call us away from the worldly ways of looking after ourselves, and to Your ways of seeing all of Your people as our kin. You pour out blessings upon us, but we bring so little to You. Heal and forgive us when we boldly disobey You. Help us to turn to You and to live into Your ways of justice, peace and mercy. 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 423, verse 5)*

Duke Street

Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King;

Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen!

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

HYMN 498

Kingdom

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

(Verse 1)

Please remain seated.

By Profession of Faith

Henry Edson Puopolo

The children being baptized today are:

James Vincent Bonnet II,

son of Simone Robin Bonnet and Benjamin Aldridge Bonnet

Alana Caroline DeMay,

daughter of Ambika Lystra DeMay and Jonathan Edward DeMay

Officers Shelby S. Carroll, Sue-Peng Li and Margaret D. Stocker will assist with today's baptisms.

BAPTISMAL QUESTIONS AND PRAYER

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise...

BAPTISM

BLESSING AND WELCOME

HYMN 498

Kingdom

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

(Verses 2-4)

Please remain seated.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Debra N. Seraphim

Exodus 1:1-21 *(Pew Bible, page 48 O.T.)*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

* HYMN 386

Azmon

“O For a World”

SERMON

Rev. Rebekah McLeod Hutto

“Faithfully Defiant”

THE RESPONSE

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 ANTHEM

Maurice Bevan (1921-2006)

“There's a Wideness in God's Mercy”

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in his justice, which is more than liberty. There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven; there is no place where earth's failings have such kind judgment given. For the love of God is broader than the measure of man's mind; and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. But we make his love too narrow by false limits of our own; and we magnify his strictness with a zeal he will not own. There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed; there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head. There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this; there is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss. If our love were but more simple we should take him at his word; and our lives would be all gladness in the joy of Christ our Lord.—*Frederick William Faber (1814-1863)*

* 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 408

Germany

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

David Boeckh, *organist*

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.