

WORSHIP NOTES

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah was written by William Williams, known as the “Sweet Singer of Wales” and “the Isaac Watts of Wales.” This text, full of biblical images, was published in his *Alleluia* in 1745. Williams (1717-1791) was ordained a deacon in the Church of England, but then became identified with the Calvinist Methodist movement. For over 50 years, he traveled throughout Wales preaching. His wife, a singer, often traveled with him. He wrote more than 800 hymns in Welsh and another 100 in English. The hymn tune *Cwm Rhondda* was written by John Hughes for a singing festival in Wales in either 1905 or 1907.

In her book, *Encounters with Jesus: Studies in the Gospel of John*, New Testament scholar Frances Taylor Gench writes: “The divine name [YHWH, or “I Am”] was and is regarded by Jews as sacred, not to be uttered by human beings. Only God can speak this way—which is exactly John’s point. Jesus can dare to speak the sacred name because he is the Word made flesh who ‘makes God known’ (1:18), the one in whom God’s identity is revealed. John’s ‘I Am’ sayings are thus among the highest claims for the divinity of Christ in the entire New Testament. Sometimes the words ‘I Am’ stand alone (4:26 or 18:6). More often, they are used in conjunction with vivid images that illustrate the meaning of Jesus’ relationship to us as the bread, the light, the door, the shepherd, the way, or the vine (6:35, 51; 8:12; 9:5; 10:7, 9, 11, 14; 11:25; 14:6; 15:1, 5). These striking images... are drawn from the ordinary stuff of this earth, the fabric of daily life. Though Jesus ‘comes from above,’ he uses images ‘from below,’...to convey his message (pp. 41-42).”

“There are people in the world so hungry, that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread.”-Mahatma Gandhi

NEXT SUNDAY’S PREACHER will be the Rev. Adam D. Gorman..

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THIS WEEK’S MUSICIANS

Soprano: R. Lynne Lee
Oboe: Tuck Lee

SESSION

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— THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR — Eleventh 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 11:26-12:13a Psalm 51:1-12
Ephesians 4:1-16 John 6:24-35

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

David Boeckh, *organist*

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

* CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on Eph. 4:1-16)*

Leader: Come, let us worship God
for there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

**People: We worship the God of all,
Who is above all and through all and in all.**

Leader: In the unity of the Spirit,
we worship God in the bond of peace.

**All: In our worship, we speak the truth in love,
growing into Christ, Who knits us together.**

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 281

Cwm Rhondda

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God, You call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity, but we are distracted by our own desires. You call us to seek justice and peace, but we are satisfied with disruption and discord. You call us to work for the liberty of those who are oppressed, but we become complacent and overwhelmed; we do not act in ways that bring freedom for all. Forgive us, we pray. Turn us to Your will by the power of Your Spirit. Turn us toward others in love and service. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

KYRIE 572

John Merbecke (c. 1510 – c. 158))

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 357, verse 4)*

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In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future’s broadening way;

In peace that only Thou canst give, with Thee, O Master, let me live.

*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

David G. Berkman

John 6:24-35 *(Pew Bible, page 97 N.T.)*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

* HYMN 510

Quebec

“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

SERMON

Rev. Kimberly L. Clayton

“Jesus as Manna”

THE RESPONSE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

arr. Richard Walters (b. 1956)

“Come Thou Font of Every Blessing”

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount I’m fixed upon it mount of God’s redeeming love. Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I’m come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood. Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee: prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here’s my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above. —*Robert Robinson (1735-1790)*

R. Lynne Lee, *soprano*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION

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

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

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

Ennio Morricone (b. 1928)

“Gabriel’s Oboe”

Tuck Lee, *oboe*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE SENDING

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 508

Kingdom

“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”

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.*