

WORSHIP NOTES

Originally written for the capital cornerstone campaign of National Presbyterian Church in Washington D.C., the processional hymn *Come, Great God of All the Ages* speaks about the earthly mission of the church as carried out by the local and global church. The original first line read “Come, Great Cornerstone of all the ages” but was changed once the hymn found a wider audience outside of the capital cornerstone campaign. The hymn’s author, Mary Jackson Cathey, is a Christian educator and took to writing hymns as a way of expressing her faith. To date she has authored over one hundred hymns and won two Hymn Society in the United States and Canada contests.

Groundbreaking woman theologian, Georgia Harkness, wrote the text of the middle hymn, *Hope of the World*. This hymn was selected from over five hundred other hymns as the winning entry in a search for a hymn to be used at the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Evanston, Illinois in October 1954. Rev. Dr. Harkness was an ordained Methodist minister and taught philosophy at Elmira College and Mount Holyoke College. In 1939 she became professor of applied theology at Garrett Theological Seminary and was the first woman in the United States to become a full professor in a theological seminary. Prior to her death in 1974 she authored thirty-seven books that continue to be utilized in theological seminaries today.

The recessional hymn, *Live into Hope*, was the first hymn written by Jane Parker Huber. Based on a passage out of the Gospel of Luke, this text was composed for the United Presbyterian Women’s National Meeting in July 1976. The team planning worship wanted a hymn that expounded on Luke 4:16-20, was written in inclusive language, raised one’s spirits even in difficult situations, and was familiar enough to be sung with enthusiasm when first heard. Originally there were twelve stanzas, today there are four. With this text, Jane Parker Huber found a new vocation. She went on to gain great popularity for her work in presenting fresh texts for traditional hymn tunes like she does in *Live into Hope*, which is set to the 1778 tune *Truro*, and has been attributed to both Thomas Williams and Dr. Charles Burney.

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Tenor: Jeremy Little.

SESSION

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— THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR — Fourteenth 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 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11) 22-30, 41-43 Psalm 84:1-12
Ephesians 6:10-20 John 6:56-69

THE FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ellsworth G. Stanton III by Peter H. Brown.

NEXT SUNDAY’S PREACHER will be the Rev. Rebekah McLeod Hutto.

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THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Keith S. Tóth, *organist*

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

* CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on Psalm 57)*

Leader: Our hearts are ready, O Lord, our hearts are ready!

People: We will sing and make melody! We will awaken the dawn!

Leader: We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples, we will sing praises to you among the nations.

People: For your steadfast love is great above the heavens, and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 132

Abbot's Leigh

“Come, Great God of All the Ages”

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

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and turn them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. 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 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 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

John 6:56-69 *(Pew Bible, page 98 N. T.)*

Gracey Stoddard

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

* HYMN 360

“Hope of the World”

Donne Secours

SERMON

Student Minister Brian K. Ballard

“Misunderstood Consumption”

THE RESPONSE

* CONFESSION OF FAITH *(From the Confession of Belhar)*

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church. We believe the church is one worldwide communion of saints, called from the entire human family. We believe the church is the single community of believers, reconciled with God and with one another. We believe that through the working of God’s Spirit, unity is a binding force and also that we must seek this unity, which must become visible to the world. We believe that the sin of division, separation and hatred between people and groups has been conquered by Christ. We commit ourselves to protecting the unity of the church universal. We pledge to make this unity active in all of our words, thoughts and deeds.

* 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 SOLO

arr. from Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

“Still, Still with Thee”

Still, still with Thee, when purple morning breaketh, When the bird waketh, and the shadows flee; Fairer than morning, lovelier than daylight, Dawns the sweet consciousness, I am with Thee. Alone with Thee, amid the mystic shadows, The solemn hush of nature newly born; Alone with Thee in breathless adoration, In the calm dew and freshness of the morn. Still, still to Thee, as to each newborn morning, A fresh and solemn splendor still is given, So does this blessed consciousness, awaking, Breathe each day nearness unto Thee and Heaven. So shall it be at last, in that bright morning, When the soul waketh and life’s shadows flee; O in that hour, fairer than daylight dawning, Shall rise the glorious thought, I am with Thee.—*Harriet Beecher Stowe (1812-1896)*

Jeremy Little, *tenor*

* 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 332

Truro

“Live into Hope”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Keith S. Tóth, *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.