

# WORSHIP NOTES

The Call to Worship this morning pulls from the lectionary text from Song of

Solomon, chapter 2. This wisdom literature is a collection of love poetry, probably sung at

royal weddings, and tells a dramatic story of affection. In chapter 2, the lover returns after

the winter, and everything is fresh and new. The poetry is a unique reminder for us all to

open our eyes and see God’s beauty and love around us.

The processional hymn, *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*, is of the 600 written by Isaac

Watts (1674-1748), often named the father of English hymnody. In Watt’s day, there was

a debate among English Protestants as to whether only the Old Testament Psalms should

be sung in worship, or whether “hymns of human composition” might also be included.

Watt’s glorious “human compositions” helped sway most English Protestants toward the

latter option. The popular hymn tune *Ellacombe* is a variation of a tune originally composed

for use in the family chapel of the Duke of Württemberg.

The text of the recessional hymn *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*, one of a number of

American “gospel hymns” in our Presbyterian Hymnal, were written by Thomas Chisholm

in 1923. Born in a log cabin in Kentucky and converted to Christianity at a camp meeting,

Chisholm spent most of his life as a successful insurance broker in Vineland, N.J. The

melody was composed by his friend William Runyan.

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THE FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of  
Isabelle E. Stocker from her family

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

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## MINISTERS

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The Rev. Dr. Kimberly L. Clayton, *Transitional Senior Minister*

The Revs. Douglas T. King, Rebekah McLeod Hutto, Adam D. Gorman,  
*Associate Ministers*

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

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Keith S. Tóth, *Minister of Music and Organist*

Amanda Page Smith, *Director of Children’s Music Ministries*

Meg Cutting, *Wilson Family Yale Sacred Music Intern*

## USHERS

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*Officer-in-Charge:* Joseph G. Sauvage; *Team Captain:* James D. Lindemuth Jr.;  
Robert E. Callahan, Andrew Curry, Samuel R. Enders, R. Scott Froehlich,  
William J. Gambrill, Lisa A. Gustin, Benjamin C. Huneke, Thomas D. Robinson,  
Frederic S. Sater, G. R. Sam Seraphim, Francis H. Tucci, Charles S. Van Cott,  
Ryan E. Widener, Suzanne W. Wilson, Samuel K. Won.

## ORDER OF ST. PAUL

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Michael J. Appleby, Nathan P. Appleby, Leah C. Lee, Deborah M. Li, Caroline  
C. Pickering, Alexander N. Rahman.

## SOLOIST

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Nathaniel Sullivan, *baritone*.

## SESSION

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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.

## DEACONS

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Linda R. Arnold, Bret M. Barasch, Arthur W. Bingham, Nancy T. Blair, Elizabeth  
A. Boehmler, Carl C. Cordova III, Anne M. Christon, E. Graham Clark, David  
M. Darst, Pamela J. Dickson-Thorpe, James B. Doswell, Helen T. W. Elmiger,  
Marc T. Engberg, John W. Frehse, Joseph A. Galloway, Jeffrey B. Gower, William  
P. Hah (*Youth Deacon*), Cathy Leonhardt, Jane B. Lowry, Katrina K. Masterson,  
Amelia McDonald, Oliver T. Moses, Sabina Rahman, M. Paige Rustum, Linda  
A. Simpson, Andrew R. Skobe, John W. Steen II, David M. Wells.

## TRUSTEES

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Charles S. Anderson, Kenneth W. Austin, Patrick D. Barrett, Erik M. W.  
Caspersen, Kevin R. Greene, Linda B. Gridley, Timothy D. Haskin, Helen M.  
Lynch, Valerie S. Mason, *Secretary*, Richard A. Miller, *President*, Drucilla A.  
Richards, Willis G. Ryckman IV, Louisa J. Palmer, *Treasurer*.

## — THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR — Fifteenth 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  
Song of Solomon 2:8-13                      Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9  
James 1:17-27                                      Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

# THE GATHERING

## PRELUDE

Meg Cutting, *organist*

## WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Song of Solomon)*

Leader: Look to the mountains; look to the hills!

**People: Love comes to us with joy!**

Leader: The world is filled with beauty.

**People: Flowers appear on the earth, birdsong brightens the day.**

Leader: Crops yield their produce in abundance,

**People: the air is filled with sweetness.**

Leader: The summer of God’s love is with us.

**People: Let the oil of gladness anoint your souls.**

Leader: Arise and sing for joy!

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 288

*Ellaombe*

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of justice and righteousness, Your call beckons to us: to live faithful lives, to turn from evil, to walk in your ways. Yet it is so easy to turn aside: to speak a thoughtless word, to ignore those in need, to strike out in anger, to forget Your story. Forgive us. Implant Your word in our hearts, and transform us. Remind us of Your invitation to a deeper way of life. Draw us in to Your love that renews and changes us. Draw us in to a deeper love for one another that transforms and changes the world. In the name of Your Son, Jesus, we pray. 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.**

*All are invited to turn to those near you in worship, exchange a handshake or a nod of the head, and say “The peace of Christ be with you,” responding with “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 LESSONS

*Lisa A. Gustin*

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15 *(Pew Bible, page 160, O.T.; page 42 N.T.)*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### \* HYMN 321

*Song 13*

“Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”

## SERMON

*Rev. Rebekah McLeod Hutto*

“What Matters and What Doesn’t?”

# THE RESPONSE

## OFFERTORY SOLO

*Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847)*

“Draw Near, All Ye People” *(Elijah, op. 70)*

Draw near, all ye people, come to me . . . Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, this day let it be known that Thou art God, and that I am Thy servant! Lord God of Abraham! Oh show to all this people that I have done these things according to Thy word. Oh hear me, Lord, and answer me! Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, oh hear me and answer me, and show this people that Thou art Lord God. And let their hearts again be turned!—*I Kings 18:30, 36, 37*

Nathaniel Sullivan, *baritone*

# SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

## INVITATION

## 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.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

# THE SENDING

### \* RECESSIONAL HYMN 276

*Faithfulness*

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Meg Cutting, *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.*