

WORSHIP NOTES

The text of the processional hymn, *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*, is one of two paraphrases of *Psalms 103* by Henry Francis, *Lyte in Spirit of the Psalms* (1834). The original hymn had five stanzas. The fourth has been omitted and it reads: “Frail as summer’s flower we flourish; Blows the wind and it is gone; But, while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on: Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise the high eternal One!”

The middle hymn, *Though I May Speak*, is a loose paraphrase of *1 Corinthians 13*, the famous “love chapter”. It was first penned as an anthem in 1972 by Hal Hopson, a respected modern hymn writer. It was then published in 1985 as congregational hymn. Hopson, a Presbyterian born in 1933, has composed more than 900 hymns and choral works. The tune, *O Waly Waly*, is among thousands of traditional English folk melodies collected a century ago by Cecil Sharp, a collection that had a profound influence on the composer, Ralph Vaughn Williams. Sharp later visited America and published a two-volume collection of folk tunes he gathered in the southern Appalachians.

The recessional hymn, *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*, is a familiar African-American spiritual. Hymn historians have traced it to the “Presbyterian environment” of Virginia in the decades before the Revolutionary War. The words emphasize the reality of internal transformation that comes, by the grace of God, with faith.

Malcolm Boyle (born in Windsor Castle, England, Jan. 30, 1902; died Cheshire, England, April 3, 1976) was the assistant organist of St. George’s Chapel, Windsor, and subsequently the organist of Chester Cathedral, England. His best-known anthem, *Thou, O God, Art Praised in Sion*, was reconstructed from the late composer’s manuscripts by George Guest, Boyle’s sub-organist at Chester, who later became organist and choirmaster of St. John’s College, Cambridge. The work begins with an extended organ introduction ushering in the majestic choral setting of verses from *Psalms 65*; a calm, lyrical setting for upper voices follows before the anthem’s triumphant conclusion, *Let the people praise Thee, O God*.

Kenneth Jennings (born Bridgeport, Conn., May 13, 1925; died Northfield, Minn., Aug. 20, 2015), composer of *With a Voice of Singing*, was a noted American choral conductor. From 1968 until his retirement in 1990, he was conductor of the St. Olaf College Choir. As a composer, he crafted many works for advanced choirs.

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— THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR — Sixteenth 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
Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 Psalm 125:1-5
James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17 Mark 7:24-37

THE FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of

Douglas A. S. Chalmers, M.D., given by Frances G. Laserson.



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

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THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)
“Tranquillo - Aria - Quasi lento” *(Six short pieces for organ)*
Meg Cutting, *organist*

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CHORAL INTROIT

George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)
“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts”
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.
Glory be to Thee, O Lord, most high. Amen.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Summer wanes and the autumn draws close.
People: Lord, help us to be ready for opportunities of service.
Leader: We have felt the refreshment of time-away.
People: Lord, give us a spirit of joy for the times ahead.
Leader: Come, let us celebrate God’s eternal presence and love.
People: Lord, increase our faith, help us to act for You.
Leader: Make us eager to hear Your call.
People: Lord, equip us to witness to Your healing love.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 478

Lauda anima
“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

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

God of all creation, we are Your children, but we are not living up to Your commands. You give us gifts beyond measure, but we allow ourselves to be blinded by wealth and power. We fail to heed Your call to faithfulness and ignore those around us who suffer injustice. Remind us, O God, that faith requires more of us than work. Transform us and give us vision. Reform our goals and our motives. Help us to see Your generosity, hear Your word of mercy, and feel Your great love so that our lives may be changed. Call us again to follow You with faith and serve with joy. Amen.

KYRIE 574

David N. Johnson (1922-1987)
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 223, verse 1)*

Stuttgart
**O my soul, bless your Redeemer; All within me bless God’s name;
Bless the Savior, and forget not all God’s mercies to proclaim.**

ANTHEM

Kenneth Jennings (1925-2015)
“With a Voice of Singing”
With a voice of singing declare ye, and tell this; utter it even to the end of the earth.
Hallelujah! The Lord hath redeemed his servant Jacob. Hallelujah! Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands. Sing forth the honor of his Name; make his praise glorious. 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.
—Isaiah 48:20b and Psalm 66:1-2

THE WORD

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND PRAYER

* HYMN 335

O Waly Waly
“Though I May Speak”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Cosette M. Penna
James 2:1-17 *(Pew Bible, page 229 N.T.)*
Reader: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Rebekah McLeod Hutto
“It’s More than Being Nice”

THE RESPONSE

* CONFESSION OF FAITH *(Apostles’ Creed)*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* 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 ANTHEM

Malcolm Boyle (1902-1976)
“Thou, O God, Art Praised in Sion”
Thou, O God, art praised in Sion, and unto Thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem. Thou that hearest the prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh come. Blessed is the man whom Thou choosest and receivest unto Thee. He shall dwell in Thy courts and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of Thy house, e’en of Thy holy temple. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stay’d on Thee: Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace because he trusteth in Thee. Trust ye in the Lord for ever, or in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength. Let the people praise Thee, O God, yea, let all the people praise Thee. Then shall the earth bring forth her increase: and God shall give us His blessing.—*Psalm 65:1-2, 4; Isaiah 26:3-4*

* 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 372

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian
“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
“God Be With You”
God be with you till we meet again; Loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a Shepherd’s care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.
—Jeremiah Eames Rankin (1828-1904)

POSTLUDE

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
“Prelude in C Major, BWV 547”
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.