

# WORSHIP NOTES

The author of the processional hymn, *O Praise the Gracious Power*, is Thomas H. Troeger, a professor at Yale Divinity School. He is dually aligned with both the Episcopal Church and the Presbyterian Church, having been ordained in both traditions. He has written 20 books in the fields of preaching, poetry, hymnody and worship.

The text of the middle hymn, *O Christ, the Healer*, was written by Fred Pratt Green. It was composed during deliberations concerning the supplement to the Methodist Hymnbook of Great Britain known as *Hymns and Songs*. The group felt that a hymn addressing mental healing needed to be included. Fred Pratt Green spent most of the night struggling with this theme while trying to sleep. The next day he produced the first draft of this hymn which he titled *A Prayer for Wholeness*. The hymn is used at the Ipswich St. Raphael Club for Handicapped Persons as their own St. Raphael hymn.

The text of the recessional hymn, *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee*, was written by Georg Neumark who lived during the time of the Thirty Years' War. On his way to Königsberg to study at the university, he was robbed of nearly all his possessions. During the next two years he spent much of his time looking for employment. Despite his personal suffering, Neumark wrote many hymns in which he expressed his absolute trust in God. Neumark wrote 34 hymns, of which *If You But Trust in God to Guide You* has become a classic. Neumark wrote this text at age 20, just after he had finally been able to find employment as a tutor for a judge in Kiel. Neumark was so relieved and grateful to God by his change in circumstance that he wrote this text, saying, “This good fortune, which came so suddenly and, as it were, from heaven, so rejoiced my heart that I wrote my hymn *Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten* to the glory of my God on that first day.”

Today's first anthem, *Take My Life and Let it Be*, is sung by the combined Junior and Youth Choirs, Chancel Choir, and the congregation. A special addition to this hymn arrangement is a hand bell part, played today by the Alumni Hand Bell Choir: Joel Bramble, Colette Bryce, Helen Elmiger, Catherine Eubanks, Didi Granger, Kim Masterson, Maya Christina Vartiainen, and Jaqueline Worth. Seven of these eight ringers played in the Brick Church Youth Hand Bell Choir in the 1980s.

**Richard Proulx** (born St. Paul, Minn., April 3, 1937; died Chicago, Ill., Feb. 18, 2010), composer of *Strengthen for Service*, was an American organist, conductor, music editor, and prolific composer. From 1980-1994 he was Director of Music and Organist at Chicago's Holy Name Cathedral. His rare combination of talents, together with diverse experience across denominational lines, gave him a unique perspective on both the opportunities and the challenges found in liturgical music-making in our time. He was committed to the enriching and balancing power of the arts for people of all ages.

## MINISTERS

The Rev. Dr. Kimberly L. Clayton, *Transitional Senior Minister*  
The Rev. Douglas T. King, *Senior Associate Minister*  
The Revs. Rebekah McLeod Hutto & Adam D. Gorman, *Associate Ministers*  
The Rev. Michael L. Lindvall, *Pastor Emeritus*  
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## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

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

*Officer-in-Charge:* Joseph G. Sauvage; *Team Captain:* James D. Lindemuth Jr.; Robert E. Callahan, 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.

## GREETERS

*Leaders:* John P. Muller IV and Sandy L. Muller; March W. Chadwick, Ann M. Darmstaetter, David B. Li, Margaret D. Stocker, Gracey Stoddard.

## ORDER OF ST. PAUL

Michael J. Appleby, Nathan P. Appleby, Leah C. Lee, Deborah M. Li, Caroline C. Pickering, Alexander N. Rahman, Christopher L. Allen, *Beadle*.

## CHANCEL CHOIR

*Soprano:* R. Lynne Lee, Isabella Livorni, Tonna L. Miller-Vallés, Artemisz Polonyi, Elizabeth Van Os. *Alto:* Agueda Fernández-Abad, Allison Gish, Jessica Kimple, Melissa Raymond. *Tenor:* Richard Liebowitz, Jeremy Little, Johnny Maldonado, Jeffrey Taveras. *Bass:* William S. Crutchfield III, Daniel Hoy, Scott Lindroth, Ryan Stoudt, Nathaniel Sullivan.

## SESSION

Sallie J. Abelow, Patrick A. F. Blott, Susan P. Crary, Paul J. Elmlinger, R. Scott Froehlich, Scripture Z. Gonzalez, Mark A. Greenwood, Shannon D. Henderson, William S. Hilburn, Harold P. Hope III, Anne R. Huneke, R. Lynne Lee, Sue-Peng Li, Robert D. McCrie, Helen B. Pennoyer, Elizabeth M. Philipp, Clare C. Pickering, Brian J. Pitz, Susan A. Powell, Debra N. Seraphim, Richard H. Stowe, Katherine C. Vosters, Ryan E. Widener, Henry M. Wildermuth (*Youth Elder*), Suzanne W. Wilson, Frances G. Laserson, *Clerk of Session*.

## DEACONS

Linda R. Arnold, Bret M. Barasch, Beth A. Bell, Arthur W. Bingham, Nancy T. Blair, Elizabeth A. Boehmler, Christopher A. Carroll, Blythe G. Chace (*Youth Deacon*), Carl C. Cordova III, E. Graham Clark, David M. Darst, Helen T. W. Elmiger, Marc T. Engberg, Joseph A. Galloway, William J. Gambrill, Jeffrey B. Gower, Christopher W. Hamilton, Kate S. Hrobsky, Cathy Leonhardt, Jane B. Lowry, Katrina K. Masterson, Amelia McDonald, M. Paige Rustum, Grace Sarno, Andrew R. Skobe, John D. Tuttle, Tanya S. Wells.

## TRUSTEES

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 —

# Twenty-Third 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**  
Job 42:1-6, 10-17  
Hebrews 7:23-28  
Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22)  
Mark 10:46-52

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

Joan P. Metcalf from her family.



**NEXT SUNDAY'S PREACHER** will be the Rev. Douglas T. King.

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# THE GATHERING

## PRELUDE

*George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)*  
“Elegy”  
Meg Cutting, *organist*

## WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

**MINUTE FOR MISSION** *Robin Strashun: Search and Care*  
“Your Stewardship Dollars at Work”

**CHORAL INTROIT** *Ian Tracey (b. 1955)*  
“If You Have Faith in God”  
If you have faith in God all things are possible. —*Matthew 17:14*

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 34)*

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times;  
**People: God’s praise shall continually be in my mouth.**  
Leader: My soul makes its boast in the Lord;  
**People: let the humble hear and be glad.**  
Leader: I sought the Lord, and He answered me,  
**People: and delivered me from all my fears.**  
Leader: O magnify the Lord with me,  
**People: and let us exalt God’s name together.**

\* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 471** *Christpraise Ray*  
“O Praise the Gracious Power”

## 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

**Holy God, You are our great healer, but we are afraid to trust You. We stand by the side of the road, afraid to step forward in faith, afraid to trust that You are with us. We are anxious to humble ourselves and cry out for healing and hope. We make occasional demands of You that are self-serving rather than remain in relationship with You. Forgive us for not trusting You with our whole lives. We know we need Your mercy. Forgive our infidelity, our fears, and our distrust. Remind us of Your unfailing love and commitment to all Your children. Amen.**

**KYRIE 574** *David N. Johnson (1922-1987)*

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### \* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**

\* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *(Hymn 298, verse 1)* *In Babilone*  
**There’s a wideness in God’s mercy, like the wideness of the sea;  
There’s a kindness in God’s 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 kindly judgment given.**

**ANTHEM** *H.A. Cesar Malan (1787-1864), arr. Margaret R. Tucker (b. 1936)*  
*(Text by Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879)*  
“Take My Life, and Let it Be”

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. Take my voice, and let me sing, always, only for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages of love from Thee.

**Congregation: Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee. Ever, only, all for Thee.**

The Junior and Youth Choirs  
The Brick Church Alumni Hand Bell Choir

# 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 380** *Erhalt uns, Herr*  
“O Christ, the Healer”

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND  
SCRIPTURE LESSON** *Shelby S. Carroll*  
Mark 10:46-52 *(Pew Bible, page 47 N.T.)*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** *Rev. Rebekah McLeod Hutto*  
“Demanding Another Way”

# THE RESPONSE

### \* CONFESSION OF FAITH *(from the Heidelberg Catechism)*

Q: What is your only comfort in life and death?  
**A: That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of evil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of God not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by the Holy Spirit, God also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for the Lord.**

\* **GLORIA PATRI 57** *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** *Richard Proulx (1937-2010)*  
“Strengthen for Service”

Strengthen for service, O Lord, hands that holy things have taken; and let ears that heard your most holy word to lesser things never awaken. Lord, may tongues which “Holy” sang be free from all deceiving, may eyes which saw your love be bright, heavenly hope perceiving; and may feet that walked along hallowed courts from your true light never be banished. May bodies by your Body fed be with your new life replenished. Amen.—*from Syriac Liturgy of Malabar (Ephraim of Syria, c. 306-373)*

\* **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 282** *Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten*  
“If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee”

## BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

**POSTLUDE** *Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)*  
“Praeludium in C Major, BuxWV 137”  
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.*