

# WORSHIP NOTES

*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* was one of ten new hymns selected in 1961 for publication by the Hymn Society of America in coordination with the National Council of Churches' celebration of the 40th anniversary of its Department of Stewardship and Benevolence. The national council offered a guideline for those wishing to submit stewardship-themed hymns defining stewardship this way: "Christian stewardship is the practice of systematic and proportionate giving of time, abilities, and material possessions based upon the conviction that these are trusts from God to be used in His service for the benefit of all mankind in grateful acknowledgement of Christ's redeeming love." Ten hymns were chosen from among 450 submissions. The original text contained four stanzas.

The last of those was omitted. It read:

**Lend thy joy to all our giving, Let it light our pilgrim way;**

**From the dark of anxious keeping Loose us into generous day.**

**Then when years on earth are over, Rich toward thee and fellow man,**

**Lord, fulfill beyond our dreaming All our steward life began.**

The tune name for this hymn, *Beach Spring*, is actually a typographical error. B. F. White named it for a Baptist Church in Harris County, Ga., that was built near two beech trees at a spring, and so was named Beech Spring Baptist Church. He got the spelling wrong in 1844, and it has continued ever since.

**Elizabeth Poston** (born Stevenage, England, Oct. 24, 1905; died Stevenage, March 18, 1987), composer of *Jesus Christ the Apple Tree*, was an English composer, pianist, and writer. She studied at the Royal Academy of Music in London where she was encouraged by both Peter Warlock and Ralph Vaughan Williams. Poston composed scores for radio and television productions and collaborated with writers such as E. M. Forster, C. S. Lewis and Dylan Thomas. In addition to her composing, Poston was also an academic. She wrote articles and program notes for the Arts Council of Great Britain and was the editor of a number of folksong, carol, and hymn collections.

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THE FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Randall Turlington Ferguson by Pam Ferguson.



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

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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*

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## USHERS

*Officer-in-Charge:* Frederick A. Ehlert; *Team Captain:* Robert D. McCrie, Christopher A. Carroll, Luc M. Dowling, Anke K. Ehlert, Maxime C. Guignand, Leigh W. Hoagland, Alex G. Li, Helen M. Lynch, Margaret E. Pennoyer, Paul W. Shaum, Jonathan D. Stone, John D. Tuttle, Christopher R. Wight.

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## GREETERS

*Leader:* Catherine M. Rowland; Colette O. Bryce, Patricia R. Chapman, Wendy J. Hilburn, Kristen L. Kellas, Catherine J. Kerr, Helen M. Lynch, Helen B. Pennoyer, Linda P. Simpson.

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## 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*.

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## CHANCEL CHOIR

*Soprano:* R. Lynne Lee, Isabella Livorni, Tonna L. Miller-Vallés, Artemisz Polonyi, Catherine Thorpe, 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.

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## 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*.

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## 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.

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# — THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR — Twenty-Fifth 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  
Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17 Psalm 127:1-5  
Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44

# THE GATHERING

## PRELUDE

*Leonard Bernstein (1918-1990)*

“Simple Song” (*Mass*)

Sing God a simple song; lauda laude. . . . Make it up as you go along; lauda, laude. . . . Sing like you like to sing. God loves all simple things, For God is the simplest of all. I will sing the Lord a new song, To praise him, to bless him, to bless the Lord. I will sing his praises while I live all my days. Blessed is the man who loves the Lord. Blessed is the man who praises him, Lauda, lauda, laude, and walks in his ways. I will lift up my eyes to the hills from whence comes my help. I will lift up my voice to the Lord singing lauda laude. For the Lord is my shade is the shade upon my right hand and the sun shall not smite me by day nor the moon by night. Blessed is the man who loves the Lord, lauda lauda laude, And walks in his ways. Lauda lauda laude; Lauda lauda di da di day all of my day.

William S. Crutchfield III, *tenor*

## WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

### MINUTES FOR MISSION

*Elder Christopher M. Mason*

“Mission Review Survey”

*Michelle A. Auerbach*

“Christmas Fair”

### CHORAL INTROIT

*Jane Lindner (1940-2015)*

“Rejoice in the Lord”

Rejoice in the Lord, again I will say rejoice! Be gentle to all, the Lord is near. Be helpful and share, the Lord is near. Rejoice in the Lord, again I will say rejoice! The Cherub and Carol Choirs

Caroline Pickering, *flute*, Cristina Soto, *piano*

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalms 22*)

Leader: In God our ancestors trusted; they trusted and God delivered them.

**People: I will tell of God’s name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation, I will praise the Lord.**

Leader: Dominion belongs to our God, who rules over the nations.

**People: Future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim God’s deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that God has done this.**

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 274

*Leoni*

“O God of Earth and Space”

### 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, we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not done Your will; we have broken Your law; we have rebelled against Your love. We have not loved our neighbors and have often refused to hear the cry of those in need. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience. Give us again Your Word of Life that we may receive the abundant life You offer to us in Jesus Christ. In His name, we pray. 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 261, verse 1*)

*O quanta qualia*

**God of compassion, in mercy befriend us;**

**Giver of grace for our needs all availing,**

**Wisdom and strength for each day do Thou send us,**

**Patience untiring and courage unfailing.**

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

### PRESENTATION AND HYMN 498

*Kingdom*

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

*(Verse 1)*

*Please remain seated.*

The children being baptized today are:

Anna Louise Aldridge,

*daughter of Christine Bailey Aldridge and Frank Stuckey Aldridge*

Dover Martire Durham,

*son of Alexis Maria Durham and Jonathan Baldwin Durham*

Ben Blair Kempner,

*son of Edith Baily Blair Kempner and Thomas Nathaniel Kempner*

Henrik Donaldson Mark,

*son of Kimberly Eames Donaldson and Eric Scott Mark*

*Elders Suzanne Wilson, Bill Hilburn, Scrip Gonzalez*

*and Helen B. Pennoyer will assist with today’s baptisms.*

### BAPTISMAL QUESTIONS AND PRAYER

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise...**

### BAPTISM

### BLESSING AND WELCOME

### HYMN 498

*Kingdom*

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

*(Verses 2-4) Please remain seated.*

## THE WORD

*Children will be dismissed for Sunday Church School classes after the baptisms.*

### \* HYMN 310

*St. Agnes*

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Pamela H. Ferguson*

Mark 10:17-31 (*Pew Bible, page 46 N.T.*)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### SERMON

*Rev. Kimberly L. Clayton*

“The Great Question”

## THE RESPONSE

### 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

*Elizabeth Poston (1905-1987)*

“Jesus Christ the Apple Tree”

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green: the trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree. His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know, but ne’er can tell the glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree. For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought: I missed of all; but now I see ‘tis found in Christ the apple tree. I’m weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile: under the shadow I will be of Jesus Christ the apple tree. This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive; which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

—”*Divine Hymns or Spiritual Songs*”, compiled by Joshua Smith (*New Hampshire, 1784*)

### \* DOXOLOGY 592

*Old Hundredth*

### \* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## THE SENDING

### \* RECESSIONAL HYMN 422

*Beach Spring*

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

(see verse 5 on the back of this bulletin under “Worship Notes”)

### BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

### POSTLUDE

*Georg Muffat (1653-1704)*

“Ciacona in G”

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.*