

# WORSHIP NOTES

The text for the hymn, *We Gather Together*, has always been a song of thanksgiving, but its origins are significantly different from the association with Thanksgiving Day in the United States. The original context was the eighty-year war between the Netherlands and Spain. This song along with 75 others appears in a collection to provide “a brief exposition of the most important events in the history of the seventeen provinces of the Netherlands from the beginning of the domestic disturbances and troubles, until the year 1625.” This wartime context is especially evident in the line “so from the beginning the fight we were winning.” However, there is the national habit of mingling patriotism and piety, especially when expressed in psalm-like language. The phrasing of the third line of verse 1 might better be translated: “All those who oppressed us no longer distress us.” For Americans, the history of the original colonies’ struggle to throw off British rule adds resonance and conviction to the final petition, “O Lord, make us free!” The tune was first published in 1626 and is an anonymous folk tune of the Netherlands.

**Katherine K. Davis** (1892-1980) wrote the text for *Let All Things Now Living* to fit this Welsh tune. Viewed as a whole, the text can be seen as having a mirrored structure: the first half of the first stanza is an invitation to praise God, the second half an affirmation of God’s guidance and protection; this theme is expanded in the first half of the second stanza to God’s cosmic sovereignty, then the second half returns to praise.

**Joseph Waddell Clokey** (born August 28, 1890, New Albany, Indiana; died September 14, 1960, Covina, California) was an educator, organist and composer of sacred and secular music in the first half of the 20th Century. He was one of the most widely sung composers in churches during the 1950s.

**Christopher Tye** (c.1505 – before 1573) was an English Renaissance composer and organist. Probably born in Cambridgeshire, he trained at the University of Cambridge and became the master of the choir at Ely Cathedral. He is noted as the music teacher of Edward VI of England and was held in high esteem for his choral music, as well as chamber works.

**Ralph Vaughan Williams** was born in 1872 in the Cotswold village of Down Ampney. He was among the very first to travel into the countryside to collect folk-songs and carols from singers, notating them for future generations to enjoy. He composed several hymns that are now world-wide favorites (*For all the Saints, Come Down O Love Divine*). Vaughan Williams is arguably the greatest composer Britain has seen since the days of Henry Purcell.

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THE FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bruce and Peggy Thompson by Linda, Caroline and Riley, adoring daughter and granddaughters.



NEXT SUNDAY’S PREACHER will be the Rev. Adam D. Gorman

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The Revs. Rebekah McLeod Hutto & Adam D. Gorman, *Associate Ministers*  
The Rev. Michael L. Lindvall, *Pastor Emeritus*  
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## 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:* Kent McKamy; *Team Captain:* Christopher L. Allen; Townsend Baldwin, John J. Batten III, David Berkman, Horace I. Crary, Jr., Helen T. W. Elmiger, Kevin R. Greene, Charles C. Higgins, Michael F. Magsig, Christopher M. Mason, Paul F. Mercurio, Jennifer D. Morton, Christopher L. Randall, Petra S. Slater, John W. Steen II, William T. Fennebresque.

## GREETERS

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*Leader:* Cindy Watson; Beth Green; Grace Sarno; Cindy Wilshire; Will Willshire; Mimi Hah; Martha Reiner; Clark Reiner.

## 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, Christopher L. Allen, *Beadle*.

## CHANCEL CHOIR

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

## SESSION

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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

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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-Sixth 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 Samuel 1:4-20 Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25  
1 Samuel 2:1-10 Mark 13:1-8

# THE GATHERING

*An asterisk (\*) invites all to stand*

## PRELUDE

“The Peace May Be Exchanged”  
Meg Cutting, *organist*

*Dan Locklair (b. 1949)*

## WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

## MINUTE FOR MISSION

“The Deacons’ Christmas Party”

*Mary Paige Rustum*

## CHORAL INTROIT

“Draw Nigh to God”

Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.

*George Thalben Ball (1896-1987)*

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 33)

Leader: Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe before God.

**People: The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the thoughts of God heart to all generations.**

Leader: The Lord looks down from heaven and see all humankind.

**People: Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in God’s steadfast love.**

Leader: Come, let us worship Christ who is King!

## \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 551

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

*St. George’s Windsor*

## 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 and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness and shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

## KYRIE 574

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

*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 361, verse 2)

*Foundation*

**Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.**

## ANTHEM

“O Taste and See”

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the man that trusteth in Him. —*Psalm 34:8*

Isabella Livorni, *soprano*

*Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

# 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 559

“We Gather Together”

*Kremser*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 8 (*Pew Bible, page 492 O.T.*)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

*Michael F. Magsig*

## SERMON

“What a Wonderful World”

*Rev. Kimberly L. Clayton*

# 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 AND PRESENTATION AND DEDICATION OF STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES

*Worshippers are invited to come forward and place their pledges in one of the baskets on the chancel steps. In addition or as an alternative, you may also place your offering for today, or a sign of commitment, hope or concern, before God during this time. If you are unable to come forward, an usher will be happy to come to you to receive what you have chosen to offer.*

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Joseph W. Clokey (1890-1960)*

“Treasures in Heaven”

Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal. Buy lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Ask and it shall be given you, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you, for ever one that asketh receiveth, and he that seeketh findeth, and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. — *Words from The Sermon on the Mount*

Tonna L. Miller-Vallés, *soprano*

*Christopher Tye (c.1500-c.1573)*

“Give Almes of Thy Goods”

Give almes of thy goods, and turn never thy face from any poor man: and then the face of the Lord shall not be turned away from thee.—*Tobit 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 554

“Let All Things Now Living”

*Ash Grove*

## BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

*Please stay seated for the Congregational Meeting.*

*Following the meeting, 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 near the pulpit at the front of the Sanctuary.*