

WORSHIP NOTES

The text of the hymn, *O Word of God Incarnate*, originally appeared under a quotation of Psalm 119:105: “Thy word is a lantern unto my feet and a light unto my path.” The wording of that biblical verse comes from the Anglican Book of Common Prayer, rather than the King James Version, and this choice of translation is used in the last phrase of verse 1, which employs the “lantern” imagery. Because the larger part of this text gives thanks for the written Word of God, we often miss that the first verse is addressed to the Incarnate Word, Jesus Christ. The titles of address to Christ are based on biblical precedents: Word of God (John 1:14); Wisdom (1 Cor. 1:24); Truth (John 14:6); and Light (John 8:12). In the verses that follow, only the “Light” image continues to be developed. Just as Jesus is the Light of the world, as disciples, we are called to be “the light of the world,” too (Matt. 5:14). This responsibility is a continuation and extension of Israel’s call to be “a light to the nations” (Isaiah 42:6, 49:6). The hymn ends with the hope of seeing Christ “face to face,” possibly an allusion to 1 Cor. 13:12.

The hymn tune is *Munich*, which is the name, of course, of a German city, the largest one in Bavaria and the third largest in Germany. Etymologically, the name means ‘the city of monks’ because it was the site of the Tegernsee monastery, founded in 750.

Our final hymn, *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*, was created to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), which had the theme “Called to Be Disciples.” During the fall of 1986 it appeared on the back of denominational bulletins, and it was included in the blue hymnal of 1990. Much of the strength of this text derives from its incorporation of biblical allusions that help to flesh out the distinguishing marks of discipleship. It begins in the first stanza with a quote from Jesus’ own inaugural sermon (Luke 4:18).

Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585), composer of *Hear the Voice and Prayer*, was an English composer. He was appointed organist of Waltham Abbey in about 1536, until the abbey was dissolved in 1540. He became a gentleman of the Chapel Royal in 1542, composing and performing for Henry VIII, Edward VI, Queen Mary, and Queen Elizabeth. He remained an avowed Catholic his entire life, and his music composition for the Catholic Church continued unimpeded when the Church of England became the law upon the coronation of Elizabeth in 1559.

Charles Wood (born Armagh, Ireland, 15 June 1866 – Cambridge, England 12 July 1926) was an Irish composer and teacher; his pupils included Ralph Vaughan Williams at Cambridge and Herbert Howells at the Royal College of Music. Like his better-known colleague Stanford, Wood is chiefly remembered for his Anglican church music. Wood’s anthems with organ, *Expectans expectavi*, and *O Thou, the Central Orb* are both frequently performed and recorded.

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— THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR —

Third Sunday After Epiphany

— 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
Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a Luke 4:14-21

THE FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jane Warren Carpenter, and Lucile Bowers Keegan by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Keegan.



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

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THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847)
“Adagio” (Sonata in f minor, Op. 65/1)
Meg Cutting, *organist*

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

MINUTES FOR MISSION

Shannon D. Henderson
“All Church Nominating Committee”
Linda B. Gridley
“Stewardship Phonathon”

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 *(from Psalm 19)*

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament declares God’s handiwork.

**People: Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.**

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

**People: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to You, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 482

Lobe den Herren
“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

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 failed to be an obedient church. We have not done Your will, we have broken Your law, we have rebelled against Your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of those in need. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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)*

**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

Thomas Tallis (c.1505-1585)
“Hear the Voice and Prayer”

Hear the voice and prayer of thy servants that they make before thee this day: that thine eyes may open toward this house night and day, ever toward this place, of which thou hast said: My name shall be there. And when thou hearest, have mercy on them.
—1 Kings 8:28-30

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 327

Munich
“O Word of God Incarnate”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND

SCRIPTURE LESSON

David M. Darst, Jr.
Nehemiah 8:1, 3, 5-6, 8-10 *(Pew Bible, page 436 O.T.)*
Luke 4:14-21 *(Pew Bible, page 61 N.T.)*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Kimberly L. Clayton
“Called to Urgency”

THE RESPONSE

* CONFESSION OF FAITH *(From A Brief Statement of Faith)*

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the church.
The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.
In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in church and culture,
to hear the voices of people long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve God in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth,
praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”**

* 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

Charles Wood (1866-1926)
“O Thou the Central Orb”
O Thou, the central orb of righteous love, pure beam of the most High, eternal Light of this our wintry world, Thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above. Come, quickly come, and let Thy glory shine, gilding our darksome heaven with rays Divine. Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move, as stars about Thy throne, set in the height of God’s ordaining counsel, as Thy sight gives measured grace to each, Thy power to prove. Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin, our nature all shall feel eternal day in fellowship with Thee, transforming day to souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.—Henry Ramsden Bramley (1833-1917)

* 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 434

Kingsfold
“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)
“Voluntary in C ”
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.*