The text for *This is My Father’s World* was written by Maltbie Davenport Babcock (born Syracuse, NY August 3, 1858; died Naples, Italy May 18, 1901). The Rev. Dr. Babcock was the pastor of The Brick Church from 1900 until his untimely death in 1901. The text for this hymn is taken from a longer poem, *My Father’s World* that was in a collection, *Thoughts for Every-Day Living* published by Babcock’s wife Katherine in 1901, shortly after his death. This past September, Brick Church’s archives committee met with Rudd Crawford, the great-nephew of Dr. Babcock. Mr. Crawford shared with the committee some personal family remembrances of Dr. Babcock in addition to showing us several manuscripts of Babcock’s hymn and poetry. The tune for this hymn, *Terna beata*, was composed by Franklin L. Sheppard (1872-1930), a friend of Babcock’s, and was published in 1925 in *Albaea: A Hymnal for Use in Schools, in the Home, in Young People’s Societies, in Devotional Meetings*. Both text and tune have remained in constant use in hymnals since their original publishing.

Sir Henry Walford Davies (born Oswestry, England September 6, 1858; died Westminster, England, March 11, 1941) was an English composer, organist, conductor and educator who held the title “Master of the King’s Music” from 1934 until 1941. Although he composed works of almost every music form, including seven symphonies; ten operas; fifteen concertante works; chamber, piano, and organ pieces; and over thirty large-scale choral works. His pupils included Reinecke in Leipzig, and later with Friedrich Kiel in Berlin. He went on to compose in the U.S. while still an undergraduate. Afterward, he went to Germany to study composition with Carl Reinecke. Davies’ great popularity with British radio audiences.

Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (born Dublin, September 30, 1852; died London, March 29, 1924) was the only son of a prosperous Protestant lawyer. His genius for classical musical forms gained him admission to Cambridge University at the age of 18, where he quickly established a commanding reputation, and was appointed organist of Trinity College while still an undergraduate. Afterward, he went to Germany to study composition with Carl Reinecke in Leipzig, and later with Friedrich Kiel in Berlin. He went on to compose in almost every music form, including seven symphonies; ten operas; fifteen concertante works; chamber, piano, and organ pieces; and over thirty large-scale choral works. His voluminous sacred music continues to be the foundation of the Anglican choral tradition.

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- Amanda Page Smith, Director of Children’s Music Ministries
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**THE FLOWERS** in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. Kohse Kukusa, beloved husband, father, and grandfather by the Kukusa Family.

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

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THE BRICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Bible**
1 Corinthians 15:12-20

**Lectionary Scripture Readings for the Day**
Jeremiah 17:1-10
Psalm 1:1-6

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THE GATHERING

PRELUDE Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)
“Alleluias” Meg Cutting, organist

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CHORAL INTROIT Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625-1673)
“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

Blessed Jesus, at Your word we are gathered all to hear You; Let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear You; By Your teachings true and holy, drawn from earth to earth You solely.

* CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Jeremiah 17:5-10)
Leader: We do not place our trust in mere mortals or our own strength, as those whose hearts turn away from the Lord.
People: Otherwise, we would be like a shrub in the desert, living in parched places.
Leader: Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, who are like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream.
People: Such a tree shall not fear a drought; its leaves stay green, bearing fruit.
The Lord tests the mind and searches the heart.

* PROCESIONAL HYMN 288
Ellacombe
“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

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, You pardon all who truly repent and turn to You. We humbly confess our sins and ask Your mercy. We have not loved You with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with You, our God. Have mercy upon us in Your loving-kindness. In great compassion, cleanse us from sin. Do not cast us away, but in the coming and hidden presence of God’s kingdom.

CONFESSION OF FAITH (from A Declaration of Faith 9.5)
Christ calls us to pilgrimage toward the kingdom. Jesus announced the coming of God’s kingdom and its hidden presence in the midst of the world’s kingdoms. He taught his disciples to seek God’s kingdom first. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God’s kingdom. Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful. No more than Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world. We are in the world, but not of the world. Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the power and achievements of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God’s kingdom. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as He has served us; to take up our cross, to walk by faith and not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymn 487, verse 3) Laudes Domini
Let earth’s wide circle round in joyful notes resound:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

ANTHEM Henry Walford Davies (1869-1942)
“This is My Father’s World”

Blessed are the Pure in Heart
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; The secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ’s abode. Still to the lowly soul He doth Himself impart, and for His cradle and His throne chooseth the pure in heart.—John Keble (1792-1866)

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 293 Terra beata
“This Is My Father’s World”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE LESSON
Psalm 1 (Pew Bible, page 489 O.T.)

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

SERMON
“A Tree Is Not a Forest” Rev. Kimberly L. Clayton

* CONFESSIONAL HYMN 579
Henry W. Greatorex (1837-1888)
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and 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 Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)
“O For a Closer Walk”
O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame; A light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb! Return, O holy Dove, return, sweet messenger of rest; I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast. So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame; So purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.—William Cowper (1759-1808)

* DOXOLOGY
Rev. Kimberly L. Clayton
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

(Postlude Healey Willan (1880-1968)
“Finale Jubilante” 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.