

WORSHIP NOTES

The text of the processional hymn, *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*, was written by Henry van Dyke in 1907 while he was guest preacher at Williams College. Tertius van Dyke told the story that his father “came down to breakfast one morning and placed the manuscript on the table before President James Garfield, saying: ‘Here is a hymn for you. Your mountains were my inspiration. It must be sung to the music of Beethoven’s *Hymn to Joy*.’”

Henry van Dyke (1852-1933) was born in Germantown, Pennsylvania. He was educated at Princeton University (A.B. 1873; A.M. 1876) and Princeton Theological Seminary (B.D. 1877). He also studied at the University of Berlin for a year prior to being ordained as a minister in the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. (1879). He served as pastor of the Brick Presbyterian Church, New York City (1883-1900), after which he became professor of English literature at Princeton University. There he became good friends with Woodrow Wilson, president of the university.

In 1913, then U.S. President Wilson appointed van Dyke as minister to the Netherlands and Luxembourg, a position he held until 1917. After the United States entered World War I, van Dyke volunteered for active duty becoming a lieutenant commander in the Naval Chaplain Corps.

From 1923 on, he lived in his beloved home “Avalon” in Princeton, New Jersey, devoting himself to literary endeavors. Rev. van Dyke served as editor of *The Book of Common Worship* (1905), and it was his motion at the General Assembly of 1928 that led to its revision in 1931. Throughout his life, van Dyke received many honors, including a Doctor of Civil Law degree from Oxford University.

Herbert Howells (born Lydney, Gloucestershire, October 17, 1892; died London, February 23, 1983), was an English composer, organist and teacher. Alongside Ralph Vaughan Williams, he taught composition at the Royal College of Music which has a distinguished tradition of composer-teachers going back to Parry and Stanford, both of whom joined the institution when it opened in 1883. Howells was also associated with the University of London. *Like as the Hart Desireth the Waterbrooks* is one of Howell’s most cherished choral works and a staple of the Anglican choral repertoire.

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



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

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ORDER OF ST. PAUL

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CHANCEL CHOIR

Soprano: Alina 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:* 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

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— THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR —

Fifth Sunday of Easter

— 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
Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148:1-14
Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)
“I. Tranquillo, ma con moto”
“III. Aria”
Meg Cutting, *organist*

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Elder Elizabeth M. Philipp*
“Celebration of Lydia Spinelli”

CHORAL INTROIT *Ian Tracey (b. 1955)*
“Thy Word is a Lantern Unto My Feet”
Thy word is a lantern unto my feet, and a light unto my paths. —*Psalm 119: 105*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O God, Your constant love reaches to the heavens,
Your faithfulness extends to the skies.

**People: Your righteousness towers like the mountains,
Your justice is deeper than the sea.**

Leader: We find protection under the shadow of Your wings.
We feast on the abundance You provide.

**People: You are the source of all life,
and in Your light we see light.**

All: Let us worship God.

* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 464** *Hymn to Joy*
“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

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

Eternal and Merciful God, throughout our lives You have loved us with a love beyond our comprehension and You have set us on paths of righteousness. Yet we have strayed from Your way. We have sinned against You. Forgive us for our feeble faith, our small hopes, our timid love. As we remember the lavish gift of Your grace which You have so freely shared with us, we dare to approach You with confidence and faith. We ask that You forgive us and transform us into the people You have created us to be. 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 478, verse 1*) *Lauda anima*
**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to His feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.**

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 344** *Sursum corda*
“Christ of the Upward Way”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Elder Elizabeth M. Philipp
1 John 3:1-3 (*Pew Bible, page 240 N.T.*)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Rev. Douglas T. King*
“What We Will Be”

THE RESPONSE

*LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The epistle to the Ephesians tells us, “The gifts God gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers...”

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.”

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: Today we celebrate Lydia Spinelli’s 41 years of faithful service to The Brick Church School and the wider Brick community.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: For her countless hours, countless tears, countless moments of laughter, for her tireless and inspiring leadership in all seasons.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: For Lydia’s sustaining faith, which gave her strength and inspiration to serve the teachers and children of The Brick Church School on each new day.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: For the remarkable foundation she has created that we may build upon for the future.

People: Thanks be to God.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (*Hymn 438, verse 1*) *Dennis*
**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

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 *Herbert Howells (1892-1983)*
“Like as the Hart Desireth the Waterbrooks”

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks: so longeth my soul after thee, O God. My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God: when shall I come to appear before the presence of God? My tears have been my meat day and night: while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God? —*Psalm 42:1-3*
Artemisz Polonyi, soprano

* **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 354** *Guide My Feet*
“Guide My Feet”

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
“God Be With You”
God be with you till we meet again; Loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a Shepherd’s care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again. —*Jeremiah Eames Rankin (1828-1904)*

POSTLUDE *Nicolas Lebègue (1631-1702)*
“Les Cloches”
Meg Cutting, *organist*

*The Chancel Choir will begin its summer break next Sunday.
The choir will return on Sunday, Sept. 8.*

*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.*