

WORSHIP NOTES

The Bible provides a variety of models for prayer. One of the most intriguing is when the person praying is engaged in debate with God in some fashion. The intimacy and intensity of these interactions have much to teach us about who God is and who we are.

Rev. Douglas King is preaching on three extraordinary moments of prayer from Abraham, Moses, and Jesus on July 14, July 21 and Sept. 8.

The text of our processional hymn, *Praise Ye the Lord the Almighty*, is based on Psalm 103:1-6 and Psalm 150. It was written by Joachim Neander. Neander (1650-1680) wrote some sixty hymns. As a youth in Bremen, he took the Calvinist faith seriously but also lived a rather unruly existence. His pastor, Theodore Under-Eyck of St. Martin's Church, affected him and led him to amend his ways. After a period as a tutor, Neander accompanied some of his students to the University of Heidelberg. Through them he came to know two important Pietists, Philipp Jacob Spener and Johann J. Schütz, the lyric poet. He was impressed by their faith and model of Christian living. In 1674, Neander became headmaster of the Dusseldorf grammar school and five years later he became an unordained assistant to Pastor Under-Eyck at St. Martin's. The valley of the Dussel near Mettmann, where he used to take long walks, was named Neanderthal in his honor. This was the location where Homo-neanderthalensis (Neanderthal man) was discovered in 1856.

Maurice Guy Smallman Bevan, the composer of *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*, was born in Shropshire, England, on March 10, 1921, the son, grandson and great-grandson of Anglican clergymen. For more than 40 years he was the baritone with the Deller Consort, the British vocal ensemble that heralded the renaissance of English Baroque and pre-Baroque music. Bevan edited several important early works, including Handel's *Esther*, and wrote a number of service settings and hymn tunes, the best known of the latter being *Corvedale*, which takes its name from the River Corve in Shropshire. Bevan died on June 20, 2006.

THE FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Nancy Miller Noe by her family Debbie, Sam, Clio and Sampson Seraphim, and her husband, Gerald J. Noe

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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 QUINTET

Isabella Livorni, Tonna L. Miller-Vallés, *sopranos*; Mary Ann Stewart, *mezzo-soprano*; Johnny Maldonado, *tenor*; Ryan Stoudt, *bass-baritone*.

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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— THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR — 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
Amos 8:1-12 Psalm 52
Colossians 1:15-28 Luke 10:38-42

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Meg Cutting, *organist*

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the beginning before time, before people, before the world began,

People: God was.

Leader: Here and now among us, beside us, enlisting the people of earth for the purposes of heaven.

People: God is.

Leader: In the future, when we have turned to dust and all we know has found its fulfillment,

People: God will be.

Leader: Not denying the world, but delighting in it, not condemning the world, but redeeming it, through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,

People: God was, God is, God will be.

All: Let us worship God.

* 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

Eternal and Merciful God, 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 in thought, word, and deed, through what we have done and what we have left undone. As we remember the lavish gift of Your grace, we dare to approach You with confidence and faith. We ask that You forgive us and transform us into the people You have called 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 423, verse 5*)

Duke Street

Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King;

Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen!

THE WORD

After the singing of the response, all children are invited to come forward and gather around the baptismal font for the blessing.

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

Leader: People of God, what is our prayer for God’s children?

People: That God be with the children as they learn of Jesus and His love.

* HYMN 282

Wer nur den lieben Gott

“If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Deborah L. Kramm

Exodus 3:7-17, 4:1-5 (*Pew Bible, page 50 O.T.*)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Douglas T. King

“Grappling with God: Moses”

THE RESPONSE

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

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve... 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 peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

* 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

Maurice Bevan (1921-2006)

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

Creator of the stars of night, Thy people’s everlasting light, Jesu, Redeemer, save us all, and hear Thy servants when they call. Thou camest, Bridegroom of the bride, as drew the world to eveningtide, proceeding from a virgin shrine, the Son of Man, yet all divine. At Thy great name, exalted now, all knees must bend, all hearts must bow, and things in heaven and earth shall own that Thou art Lord and King alone. To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One, laud, honour, might, and glory be from age to age eternally. Amen. —*Frederick William Faber (1814-1863)*

* 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

POSTLUDE

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.