

WORSHIP NOTES

The hymn, *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*, was published in Henry Alford’s *Psalms and Hymns Adapted to the Sundays and Holydays Throughout the Year* (London 1844). Alford’s intention was to supply hymns for the full Book of Common Prayer calendar. This hymn was given for the feast of St. Thomas the Apostle (December 21) and is based on John 20:24-31. The longstanding Christian tradition of denigrating Thomas as “doubting Thomas” has not given sufficient attention to his remarkable expression of faith, “My Lord and my God.” The move from doubt to faith is the ongoing mission of the church and is the journey of faith for individual believers. The hymn tune, *Dunlap’s Creek CM*, is drawn from a stream in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, where the Dunlap’s Creek Presbyterian Church was founded in 1774, becoming the first Presbyterian church to be established west of the Allegheny Mountains.

The author of the hymn, *Lead On. O King Eternal!*, wrote the hymn for his 1888 graduation from Andover Newton Theological Seminary. That context helps make sense of the many phrases in the first stanza: “day of march” (graduation), “fields of conquest” (congregational ministry), “your tents” (church buildings), “days of preparation” (years of seminary), “battle song” (a poetic extension of “battle cry,” a short shout before heading into battle, not a song to be sung while fighting). From a rhetorical perspective, the first stanza with all of its bellicose imagery has been developed in order to be disowned, as the second stanza makes clear. The third stanza offers a balanced and tempered resolve. “You’re cross is lifted o’er us,” recalls the image of a processional cross. However, at Andover Newton, a Calvinist seminary in New England, it is unlikely such an indulgence as a processional cross would have been used. The line here is, then, metaphorical rather than literal. Since 1905, this hymn text has been identified with the tune, *Lancashire*. That tune, however, was actually written for Reginald Heber’s text, “From Greenland’s Icy Mountains,” in connection with a celebration of the 300th anniversary of the English Reformation held on October 4, 1835, at the Blackburn Parish Church in Lancashire, where the composer, Henry Thomas Smart, was then organist.

Jules Émile Frédéric Massenet (born Montaud, France, May 12, 1842; died Paris, August 13, 1912) was a French composer of the Romantic era best known for his operas, of which he wrote more than thirty. The two most frequently staged are *Manon* and *Werther*. He also composed oratorios, ballets, orchestral works, incidental music, piano pieces, songs and other music.

THE PLANTS in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God.



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

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— THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR — Ninth 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
Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23
Luke 12:32-40

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Keith S. Tóth, *organist*

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

* CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 50)*

Leader: The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

People: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

Leader: Our God comes and does not keep silence, before God is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around.

People: The heavens declare God's righteousness, for God alone is judge in the heavens above and upon the earth.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 274

“O God of Earth and Space”

Leoni

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, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste to the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. 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 388, verse 4)*

**O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee
That where Thou art in glory there shall Thy servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.**

Angel's Story

THE WORD

After the singing of the response, all children are invited to come forward and sit on the chancel steps for the Children's 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 399

“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

Dunlap's Creek CM

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 *(Pew Bible, pages 630-631, O.T.)*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 *(Pew Bible, pages 225-226, N.T.)*

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Kimberly L. Clayton

“Lord, Teach Us to be Strangers and Foreigners”

THE RESPONSE

* CONFESSION OF FAITH *(The Apostle's 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

**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.**

America

* INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO

“Méditation” *(Thais)*
Justin Smith, *violin*

Jules Massenet (1842-1912)

* DOXOLOGY 592

**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.**

Old Hundredth

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SENDING

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 447

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

Lancashire

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Keith S. Tóth, *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.