

WORSHIP NOTES

Today’s opening hymn, *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*, was written by Lesbia Scott, a noted British religious author, early in this century. She did not intend it for publication, but for the use of her own children. Nevertheless, it was published in 1929 in *Everyday Hymns for Children*. The tune, *Grand Isle*, was written by John Hopkins, an American whose uncle of the same name wrote the carol *We Three Kings of Orient Are*.

The text of the middle hymn, *Called as Partners in Christ’s Service*, was written by Jane Parker Huber (1981) for the Women’s Breakfast at the General Assemblies of the United Presbyterian Church U.S.A. and the Presbyterian Church U.S. The partnership of women and men in the church was on the author’s mind as she penned these words. She was thinking of the fiftieth anniversary of the ordination of women as elders (1980) and the twenty-fifth anniversary of women ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament.

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less, today’s second middle hymn, was written by an English clergyman, Edward Mote (1797-1874), who based them on the Gospel reading from Matthew. Mote was born in London into a family of non-church-going salon keepers. He rebelled in his late teens after hearing the great John Hyatt preach, went to seminary, and served as minister of the Horsham Baptist Church for 26 years. The melody was composed specifically for Mote’s words by William Bradbury in 1863.

George Frideric Handel (born Halle, Germany, February 23, 1685 as Georg Friedrich Händel; died London, April 14, 1759) was a German-British Baroque composer. He is famous for his operas, oratorios, and concertos. Handel was born in Germany in the same year as Johann Sebastian Bach and Domenico Scarlatti. He received critical musical training in Italy before settling in London and becoming a naturalized British subject. His works include *Messiah*, *Water Music*, and *Music for the Royal Fireworks* along with works for almost every sacred and secular music genre of his day. He was strongly influenced by the techniques of the great composers of the Italian Baroque and the middle-German polyphonic Choral tradition. Handel’s music was well-known to many composers, including Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven.

THE FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are given by Peter H. Brown to the glory of God, and in memory of the victims of gun violence everywhere.



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

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ORDER OF ST. PAUL

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SESSION

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— THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR — Tenth 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 5:1-7 Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19
Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Keith S. Tóth, *organist*

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In truth and love, God has called us into this house of worship. God has said to us,

People: “You are My people, I am your God.”

Leader: Not once, but again and again the Word is spoken, and there is rejoicing over all the earth. The words ring out with a glad cry;

People: “You are My people, I am your God. You are My people, close to My heart.”

Leader: Come, O people of God; let us be glad as we sing God’s praises; for our Creator and Redeemer has said:

People: “You are My people, I am your God. You are My people, close to My heart.”

Leader: With awe and wonder, in the spirit of grace we lift our voices unto the God of creation, Who redeems us and keeps us by the power of grace which comes from the God we worship this day.

People: We are Your people, here to worship You, our God!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 364

Grand Isle

“I Sing a Song of the Saints 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

Caring and compassionate Creator, we enter this place set apart for Your worship, knowing that we have failed to see You in other places. We have ignored Your beauty around us, in earth and sky, in plants and creatures, in the people who surround us. We have chosen to live more by our fears than by our faith, to be weighed down by what we do not have, rather than rejoicing in Your gifts to us. In these moments together, draw us so close that we cannot help but know every day that You are with us, wherever we go. Enlarge our capacity to care, so we may see You in all whom we meet. In Jesus’ name. 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 347, verse 4)*

Detroit

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease.

Then, bound to all in bonds of love, Our lives will spread Your peace.

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

Dunlap’s Creek

“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Gracey Stoddard

Hebrews 11:29-12:2 *(Pew Bible, page 226 N.T.)*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

* HYMN 379

Solid Rock

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

SERMON

Rev. Adam D. Gorman

“Cloud of Witnesses”

THE RESPONSE

* CONFESSION OF FAITH *(from the Confession of 1967 of the Presbyterian Church—9.23)*

“The new life we have in Jesus Christ does not release a person from conflict with unbelief, pride, lust, or fear. They still have to struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems. Nevertheless, as they mature in love and faithfulness in their lives with Christ, they live in freedom and good cheer, bearing witness on good days and evil days, confident that the new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others.”

* 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 SOLO

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

“How Beautiful are the Feet” (Messiah)

How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things. —*Isaiah 52:7; Romans 10:15*

Their sound is gone out into all lands, and their words unto the ends of the world.

—*Romans 10:18; Psalm 19:4*

Agueda Fernández-Abad, mezzo-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 343

Beecher

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

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.