

WORSHIP NOTES

The words for today’s opening hymn, *For the Beauty of the Earth*, were penned by prolific poet and hymn writer, Folliot Sanford Pierpont, in 1864. It is said that Pierpont wrote the hymn “one day in late spring near his native city of Bath, England, when the violets and primroses were in full bloom and all the earth seemed to rejoice.” His words reflect the verses of Psalm 19, affirming the truth that God’s creation wordlessly declares the Creator’s praise.

The text of the middle hymn, *O Christ, the Healer*, was also written by Fred Pratt Green. It was composed during deliberations concerning the supplement to the Methodist Hymnbook of Great Britain known as *Hymns and Songs*. The group felt that a hymn addressing mental healing needed to be included. Fred Pratt Green spent most of the night struggling with this theme while trying to sleep. The next day he produced the first draft of this hymn which he titled *A Prayer for Wholeness*. The hymn is used at the Ipswich St. Raphael Club for Handicapped Persons as their own St. Raphael hymn.

The text of *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* is one of two paraphrases of Psalm 103 by Henry Francis Lyte in *Spirit of the Psalms* (1834). The original hymn had five stanzas. The fourth has been omitted from Presbyterian hymnals since the turn of the century. It reads:

“Frail as summer’s flower we flourish; Blows the wind and it is gone; But, while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on: Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise the high eternal One!”

This morning’s offertory solo is from one of the most enduringly popular of Johann Sebastian Bach’s solo cantatas, *Jauchzet Gott in allen Landen*. Bach scored this cantata for soprano, trumpet, strings and continuo. It was originally written for the fifteenth Sunday after Trinity. It is thought to have been composed around 1730, during Bach’s seventh year as Kantor of the Thomaskirche in Leipzig. Bach may have written the cantata text himself as it does not correspond closely to the readings for its appointed Sunday.

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 — Eleventh 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
Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6
Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Keith S. Tóth, *organist*

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Among the poor, among the proud, among the persecuted,
among the privileged,

People: Christ is coming to make all things new.

Leader: In the private house, in the public place, in the wedding feast,
in the judgment hall,

People: Christ is coming to make all things new.

Leader: With a gentle touch, with an angry word, with a clear conscience,
with burning love,

People: Christ is coming to make all things new.

Leader: That the Kingdom may come, that the world might believe,

People: Christ is coming to make all things new.

Leader: Within us, without us, behind us, before us,

**People: in this place, in every place, for this time, for all time,
Christ is coming to make all things new.**

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 473

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

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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

Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired, new love where we have turned hard-hearted, forgiveness where we feel hurt and have wounded others, and Your living presence where we have been prisoners of doubt and despair. Forgive us, God of mercy, and help us to trust Your power to change lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant offered to us in Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. 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 380

“O Christ, the Healer”

Erhalt uns, Herr

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 13:10-17 (*Pew Bible, page 76 N.T.*)

Deborah L. Kramm

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Two Sides of the Story”

Rev. Adam D. Gorman

THE RESPONSE

* CONFESSION OF FAITH (*From the Confession of 1967 of the Presbyterian Church*)

God raised Jesus Christ from the dead, vindicating Him as Messiah and Lord.

The victim became the victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all

humanity. The Risen Christ is the Savior of all. Those joined to Him by faith are

set right with God and commissioned to serve as Christ’s reconciled community.

Christ is the head of this community, the church, which began with the apostles

and continues through all generations.

* 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

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

“Höchster, mache deine Güte, *BWV 51*”

Höchster, mache deine Güte ferner alle Morgen neu. So soll vor die Vätertreu auch ein dankbares Gemüte durch ein frommes Leben weisen, daß wir deine Kinder heißen.

Highest, renew Your goodness every morning from now on. Thus, before this fatherly love, a thankful conscience shall display, though a virtuous life, that we are called Your children.

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 478

Lauda anima

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

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.*