

# WORSHIP NOTES

The text for *The God of Abraham Praise* has a long and complex history, beginning with a set of thirteen articles of Jewish faith, known as the Yigdal, based on the imagery of Daniel 7, as written down by Moses Maimonides in the 12th century and versified circa 1400 by Daniel ben Judah. The tune *Leoni* is based on one of the traditional melodies for the Yigdal and is most likely from the 17th century.

The words and music for *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* were composed by Kathleen Thomerson in 1966 during a particularly difficult heat wave in St. Louis. From such unlikely circumstances emerged this meditation on the theme of light and spiritual illumination. The tune is named *Houston* as the composer worked out the harmonization of the melody during a long drive from St. Louis to Houston. The hymn was first sung at the Church of the Redeemer in Houston during the summer of 1966.

The text for *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* is said to have been written by Robert Robinson (1735-1790) for use on Pentecost in 1758. It first appeared in print in London in 1759 in *A Collection of Hymns for the Use of the Church of Christ: Meeting in Angel-Alley, Whitechapel, Margaret-Street, near Oxford-Market, and other churches in fellowship with them*. The early 19th century tune *Nettleton* has been associated with Robinson's text from the beginning. The tune name honors Asahel Nettleton (1783-1844), a well-known evangelist of the day.

**Sir William Henry Harris KCVO** (born Fulham, London, March 28, 1883; died Petersfield, England, September 6, 1973) was an English organist and composer. From 1921 to 1955 Harris was Professor of Organ and Harmony at the Royal College of Music. He was organist successively at St Augustine's Church, Edgbaston, Lichfield Cathedral, New College, Oxford and in 1929 Christ Church, Oxford, moving to St. George's Chapel, Windsor in 1933.

As Organist and Choirmaster at Windsor, Harris was at his most productive. He produced music for the Three Choirs Festival, was a conductor at both the 1937 and 1953 coronations, and had music premiered at the Proms, all of which led to being appointed KCVO in 1954. Harris was involved in the musical education of the teenage Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret Rose, who spent the wartime period at Windsor Castle. Harris is best remembered today for his Anglican church music, though during his lifetime he was mainly known for his achievements as a choir-trainer.

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THE FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of James D. Lindemuth Sr. and Maxine Lyle by Jamie, Leah and Caroline.



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

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*Leaders:* John P. Muller IV and Sandy L. Muller; March W. Chadwick, Ann M. Darmstaetter, David B. Li, Liane E. McAllister, Margaret A. Raub, Margaret D. Stocker, Gracey Stoddard.

## ORDER OF ST. PAUL

Michael J. Appleby, Nathan P. Appleby, Leah C. Lee, Deborah M. Li, Caroline C. Pickering, Alexander N. Rahman, Christopher L. Allen, *Beadle*.

## CHANCEL CHOIR

*Soprano:* Alina Lee, Isabella Livorni, Tonna L. Miller-Vallés, Artemisz Polonyi, Elizabeth Van Os. *Alto:* Sónia Batten, Agueda Fernández-Abad, Erica Koehring, Melissa Raymond. *Tenor.:* Sean Clark, Johnny Maldonado, Jeffrey Taveras. *Bass:* Buddy Crutchfield, Daniel Hoy, Ryan Stoudt, Nathaniel Sullivan.

## SESSION

Sallie J. Abelow, Raj J. Alva, David M. Blais, Colette O. Bryce, Susan P. Crary, William S. Crutchfield, Paul J. Elmlinger, R. Scott Froehlich, Scripture Z. Gonzalez, Harold P. Hope III, Anne R. Huneke, Stefan Kruger, Michael F. Magsig, Robert D. McCrie, Oliver T. Moses, Helen B. Pennoyer, Clare C. Pickering, Susan A. Powell, Alexander N. Rahman (Youth Elder), Richard H. Stowe, Conor S. Tochilin, Katherine C. Vosters, Ryan E. Widener, Suzanne W. Wilson, Victor L. Wu, Mario J. Verdolini Jr., *Clerk of Session*, Debra N. Seraphim, *On-Call Clerk of Session*.

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— THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR —

# Fifteenth 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 8:18-9:1                      Psalm 79:1-9  
1 Timothy 2:1-7                         Luke 16:1-13

# THE GATHERING

## PRELUDE

*Isadore Freed (1900-1960)*  
“Choral-Prelude on *Praise to the Living God*”  
Meg Cutting, *organist*

## WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

### MINUTE FOR MISSION

*Elder David M. Blais*  
“Stewardship Progressive Dinners ”

### CHORAL INTROIT

*Ian Tracey (b. 1955)*  
“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel”  
Blessed be the Lord God of Israel who hath visited and redeemed his people. Alleluia.  
—*Luke 1:68*

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP (*from I Timothy 2:1-6*)

Leader: Before God we make our supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings for everyone,

**People: for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.**

Leader: God desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

**People: For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Jesus Christ, who gave himself as a ransom for all.**

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 274

*Leoni*  
“O God of Earth and Space”

### 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

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become, for us, a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. 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 361, verse 2*)

*Foundation*  
**Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.**

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

### PRESENTATION

### HYMN 498

*Kingdom*  
“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”  
(*Verse 1*)  
*Please remain seated.*

The children being baptized today are:

Emma Ward Berry  
*daughter of Molly Cyphers Berry and Nicholas McGraw Berry*

Penelope Elizabeth Diane Pitz  
*daughter of Brinlea Johnson Pitz and Brian Joseph Pitz*

James Lewis Tochilin  
*son of Katherine Peek Tochilin and Conor Steven Tochilin*

Lev Lyndon Were  
*son of Khadeen Christi Cheesman and Peter Jamenovich Were*

*Elders David M. Blais, Robert D. McCrie, Helen B. Penmoyer, and Suzanne W. Wilson will assist with today’s baptisms.*

### BAPTISMAL QUESTIONS AND PRAYER

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise...**

### BAPTISM

### BLESSING AND WELCOME

### HYMN 498

*Kingdom*  
“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”  
(*Verses 2-4*)  
*Please remain seated.*

## THE WORD

*Children will be dismissed for Sunday Church School classes after the baptisms.*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 16:1-13 (*Pew Bible, page 79 N.T.*)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

*Stephana Bottom*

### \* HYMN (from *Glory to God Hymnal*)

*Houston*  
“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”  
*see insert for music and lyrics*

### SERMON

*Kimberly L. Clayton*  
“Audited by God”

## THE RESPONSE

### 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

*William H. Harris (1883-1973)*  
“Come Down, O Love Divine”

Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it with thine own ardor glowing; O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing. O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming; and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming. And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far outpass the power of human telling; for none can guess its grace, till Love create a place wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

—*Bianco da Sena (d. 1434), tr. R.F. Littledale*

### \* 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 356

*Nettleton*  
“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

### BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

### POSTLUDE

*Norman Gilbert (1912-1975)*  
“Epilogue”  
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.*