

WORSHIP NOTES

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life was written by Frank Mason North (1850-1935). A member of the commission that prepared the 1905 Methodist Hymnal, Caleb T. Winchester, chanced to meet the author one day in 1903 at the Methodist headquarters in New York City. Winchester used the chance meeting to ask North for a missionary hymn for the book, then being prepared. This invitation resonated with a sermon North preached around this time on Matthew 22:9, especially as that verse was translated, “Go ye therefore into the partings of the highways.” That phrasing suggested to North some of the world’s great urban places where streets converge into plazas or squares: Place de la Concorde, Leipziger-Platz, Herald Square. From these musings, the first line of this hymn emerged. Clearly, this text has been shaped by long experience, careful observation, and deep compassion. It was one of the first social gospel hymns to give attention to the needs of modern cities, and those who live in them. North titled the text *A Prayer for the City* and published it in *The Christian City*, a journal he edited.

Live into Hope was written by Jane Parker Huber (1926-2008) and was first published in her 1982 compilation, *Fresh Words to Familiar Tunes*. This hymn came about because the planning group for the National Meeting of United Presbyterian Women at Purdue University in July of 1976 had trouble finding a hymn related to their theme, “Live into Hope.” The biblical text for the conference was Luke 4:16-30, but they could not find a singable hymn using inclusive language that expressed this theme in contemporary words and phrases. Jane Parker Huber took to her typewriter and wrote twelve stanzas that could be sung to the familiar tune *Truro*. She gradually reduced the stanzas to four. It was the first of many hymn texts she would write in the following years.

Sir Edward Cuthbert Bairstow (born Huddersfield, England, August 22, 1874; died York, England, May 1, 1946), composer of *Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee*, was an English organist and composer in the Anglican church music tradition. He served as organist of York Minster from 1913 to his death. Today, Bairstow is chiefly remembered for his many anthems, service settings, hymns and psalm chants in addition to works for organ.

Richard Shephard (born Gloucester, England, March 20, 1949), composer of *The Secret of Christ*, is an English composer, former educator, and Director of Development and Chamberlain of York Minster. He is acclaimed as one of the most significant composers of church music today. Shephard was a chorister at Gloucester Cathedral (where the organist was then the composer Herbert Sumsion) before taking a degree at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. While at Cambridge, Shephard studied under composer David Willcocks, Alan Ridout, and Hugh MacDonald, the great expert on Berlioz. As a composer, he has written operas, operettas, musicals, orchestral works, music for television, and chamber music, but he is perhaps best known for his choral works which are sung extensively around the world today, especially in churches and cathedrals in England and America.

THE FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Liz Wijeratne by her devoted sister, Helen Lynch, and nieces Lily and Olivia.

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NEXT SUNDAY’S PREACHER will be the Rev. Douglas T. King.

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— THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR — Sixteenth 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 32:1-3a, 6-15 Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)
“Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele, *Op. 122, No. 5*”
Meg Cutting, *organist*

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Elder Catherine F. Eubanks
“The All Church Nominating Committee”

CHORAL INTROIT

George Thalben Ball (1896-1987)
“Draw Nigh to God”
Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.

* CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Psalm 91:1-6*)

Leader: You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, say to the Lord:

**People: My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust.**

Leader: God says: When they call to me, I will answer;
I will rescue them and honor them.

**People: With long life I will satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.**

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 478

Lauda Anima
“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

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

Almighty God, You love us, but we have not loved You. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as You come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to You, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. 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 121, verse 2*)

Puer nobis nascitur
**O Jesus, King of gentleness, do all our inmost hearts possess,
And we to You will ever raise the tribute of our grateful praise**

ANTHEM

Edward C. Bairstow (1874-1946)
“Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee”
Jesu, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast; but sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence, rest.—*St. Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153)*

THE WORD

*After the singing of the anthem, all children are invited to
come forward and sit on the chancel steps for the Children’s Message.*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND PRAYER

* HYMN 408

Germany
“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Catherine F. Eubanks
Luke 16:19-31 (*Pew Bible, page 79 N.T.*)
Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Kimberly L. Clayton
“Mind the Gap”

THE RESPONSE

* CONFESSION OF FAITH (*From a Declaration of Faith, 8.3*)

**God has reached out to those who suffer injustice
and defended the excluded, the poor, and the hungry.
The Lord is moving toward the time
when justice will roll down like waters
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.**

**We are persuaded God is at work here and now
when people deal fairly with each other
and labor to change customs and structures
that enslave and oppress human beings.**

**We are charged to root out prejudice and racism
from our hearts and institutions.**

**We are commissioned to stand with people of all ages, races, and classes
who struggle for dignity and respect
and the chance to exercise power for the common good.**

**We must not countenance in the church or ourselves
the inequities we seek to correct in the world.**

**We must be willing to make such amends as we can
for centuries of injustice which the church condoned.**

Jesus is Lord!

He has been Lord from the beginning.

He will be Lord at the end.

Even now he is Lord.

* 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

Richard Shephard (b. 1949)
“The Secret of Christ”

For a long time I have held my peace, but now will I speak. I will lead the blind in a way they know not, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn their darkness into light, and I will not forsake them. And he showed me a pure river of the water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God; and on either side of the river was there a tree of life, and the leaves of the trees were for the healing of the nations. Help us, Lord, to persevere in prayer with minds awake and thankful hearts, that we may share the secret of Christ with those we meet on our earthly pilgrimage, following in the steps of Jesus, our Master and our Friend. Amen. —*Text from Isaiah 42, Revelation 22, and The Pilgrim Prayer*

* 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 332

Truro
“Live Into Hope”

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
“Prelude in C, *BWV 547*”
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.*