

WORSHIP NOTES

I Love to Tell the Story is a hymn that was not included in the “blue” 1991 Presbyterian hymnal, but was restored to the new denominational hymnal, *Glory to God*, in 2013. The hymn’s origin is as an extended poem written by Katherine Hankey in 1866 during a long convalescence. That poem covered the entire sweep of biblical stories from Adam and Eve’s fall; the promise of a Messiah; Christ’s birth, life, death and resurrection; through the sending of the Holy Spirit. The hymn does not focus on the details of the biblical story but on the gratification of telling the “old, old story.” For many it has become a beloved hymn of encouragement. Its simple language and repeated refrain makes it a hymn children can easily learn, engendering in them a love for the stories of the Bible and encouragement throughout the life of faith.

Ralph Vaughan Williams was born in 1872 in the Cotswold village of Down Ampney. He was educated at Charterhouse School, then Trinity College, Cambridge. Later, he was a pupil of Stanford and Parry at the Royal College of Music, after which he studied with Max Bruch in Berlin and Maurice Ravel in Paris. At the turn of the century, he was among the very first to travel into the countryside to collect folk-songs and carols from singers, notating them for future generations to enjoy. As musical editor of The English Hymnal, he composed several hymns that are now world-wide favorites (*For all the Saints, Come Down O Love Divine*). Later, he also helped to edit The Oxford Book of Carols, with similar success. Vaughan Williams is arguably the greatest composer Britain has seen since the days of Henry Purcell. In a long and extensive career, he composed music notable for its power, nobility and expressiveness, representing, perhaps, the essence of ‘Englishness’. He died in August 1958; his ashes are interred in Westminster Abbey, near Purcell.

THE FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Joan P. Metcalf from her family.

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

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— THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR —

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost Reformation Sunday

— ELEVEN O’CLOCK —

NOTICE: The Brick Church Call to Congregational Meeting
 By Order of the Session and the Board of Trustees of The Brick Presbyterian Church in the City of New York, a Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation will be held **today, immediately following morning worship in the Sanctuary**. This meeting is called for the following purposes: to elect a Ruling Elder to succeed Susan A. Powell for a partial term; to elect a Trustee to succeed James D. Lindemuth, Jr.; to transact any such other business as may come before the meeting.

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.

L E C T I O N A R Y S C R I P T U R E R E A D I N G S F O R T H E D A Y

Joel 2:23-32	Psalm 65:1-13
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	Luke 18:9-14

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
“Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr, *BWV 622*”
Meg Cutting, *organist*

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Kent McKamy
“Name Tags”

CHORAL INTROIT

George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)
“Blessed Be His Glorious Name For Ever”
Blessed be his glorious name for ever; and let the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen.

* CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 111)

Leader: Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.

**People: Full of honor and majesty is the work of God,
and God’s righteousness endures forever.**

Leader: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

People: Holy and awesome is God’s name!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 260

Ein’ feste Burg
“A Mighty Fortress is Our 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

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults and restore the penitent. Through the grace of Christ, may we live holy, just, and humble lives to the glory of Your holy 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 473, verse 5)

**For Thy church that evermore lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore Her pure sacrifice of love,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

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ANTHEM

Traditional Caribbean, arr. John Michniewicz
“Halle, Hallelujah”
Halle, halle, hallelujah! O God, the Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Oh, let me hide myself in Thee. You are the Rock of Ages, cleft for me. With nothing in my hands, myself I bring, for simply to the cross, I’ll ever cling. Hallelujah!
— *Text adapted from A.M. Toplady (1740-1778)*
The Carol, Junior, and Youth Choirs
Cristina Soto, *piano*

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 327

Munich
“O Word of God Incarnate”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Peter J. Manning
Deuteronomy 6:4-13 (*Pew Bible, page 163 O.T.*),
2 Timothy 1:3-7 (*Pew Bible, page 211 N.T.*)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Kimberly L. Clayton
“The Second Pillar: A Center for Learning”

THE RESPONSE

* CONFESSION OF FAITH (The Apostles’ 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, dead, 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 Ghost; 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

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

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
“O How Amiable”
O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be always praising thee. The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handywork. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.—*text from Psalms 84 and 90 and Isaac Watts (1675-1748)*

* 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 (from *Glory to God* Hymnal) *Hankey*
“I Love to Tell the Story”
see insert for music and lyrics

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Paul Manz (1919-2009)
“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”
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.*