



— THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR —

Sixth Sunday of Easter

— ELEVEN O’CLOCK —

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE DAY

Acts 17:22-31

1 Peter 3:13-22

Psalm 66:8-20

John 14:15-21

TODAY’S CHORAL MUSIC

This morning’s offertory anthem, “God So Loved the World”, was composed by Sir John Stainer and is the centerpiece of his choral meditation “The Crucifixion”. Brick Church has presented “The Crucifixion” on Good Fridays for 97 years. The members of our Chancel Choir have recorded the anthem remotely. We are most grateful to chorister Elizabeth for editing this video. This Sunday would have been our last full choir service for the season. We thank all of our choristers for their talented and dedicated music ministry this season.

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR

Immediately following worship we will have a virtual coffee hour via Zoom. This could never compare to our beloved annual Strawberry Festival but could certainly be a fun way to see lots of friendly faces and to say “Hello” to many of our loved ones in the Brick Church community. The link and password to the virtual coffee hour can be found in the Friday email.

LIVESTREAM MINISTRY

Services are broadcast, recorded and archived each Sunday via LiveStream (www.livestream.com/accounts/938203) and are available on the Brick Church website at www.brickchurch.org.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
“Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten sein, BWV 641”
Keith S. Tóth, *organist*

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN

“Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”
(See sheet music at the end of this bulletin)

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PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, we confess that we are often reluctant in thanksgiving, and too eager to complain. Open our eyes to Your glory in our midst that we may repent of our faint-hearted attempts at faithfulness and be drawn into deeper relationship with You. We ask that You forgive the ways in which we have broken ourselves and each other that we may be led to Your healing ways. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

Acts 17:22-31

HYMN

“O God, in a Mysterious Way”
(See sheet music at the end of this bulletin)

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SERMON

“To an Unknown God”
Rev. Margaret O. Fox

THE RESPONSE

CONFESSION OF FAITH (from a Brief Statement of Faith)

In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God: we hide from our Creator...We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

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.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Sir John Stainer (1840-1901)
“God So Loved the World”
God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son that whoso believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. —*John 3:16*

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION, AND PETITION

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray...

THE SENDING

HYMN

“In Christ There Is No East or West”
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(See sheet music at the end of this bulletin)

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

“Alla marcia”
Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)
Meg Cutting, *organist*

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MIT FREUDEN ZART 8.7.8.7.8.8.7

Johann Jacob Schütz, 1675

Trans. Frances Elizabeth Cox, 1864; alt.

Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesang*, 1566

1. Sing praise to God, who reigns a - bove, The God of all cre -
 2. What God's al-might - y power hath made, God's gra - cious mer - cy
 3. The Lord is nev - er far a - way, But through all grief dis -
 4. Thus all my glad-some way a - long, I sing a - loud Thy

a - tion, The God of power, the God of love, The God of
 keep - eth; By morn-ing glow or eve-ning shade God's watch - ful
 tress - ing, An ev - er pres - ent help and stay, Our peace, and
 prais - es That all may hear the grate-ful song My voice un -

our sal - va - tion; With heal-ing balm my soul is filled, And
 eye ne'er sleep - eth; With - in the king-dom of God's might, Lo!
 joy, and bless - ing; As with a moth-er's ten - der hand, God
 wea - ried rais - es. Be joy-ful in the Lord, my heart, Both

ev - ery faith-less mur-mur stilled:
 all is just and all is right:
 gent-ly leads the cho-sen band: To God all praise and glo - ry!
 soul and bod - y take your part:

*May be sung in unison.

This tune in a lower key, 7

270 O God, in a Mysterious Way

DUNDEE (fauxbourdon) CM

Scottish Psalter, 1615

William Cowper, 1774; alt.

Arr. Thomas Ravenscroft, 1621

1. O God, in a mys - te - rious way Great won - ders You per - form;
 2. Deep in un - fath - om - a - ble mines Of nev - er - fail - ing skill
 3. O fear - ful saints, fresh cour-age take; The clouds you so much dread
 4. Our un - be - lief is sure to err And scan Your work in vain;

You plant Your foot-steps in the sea And ride up - on the storm.
 You trea - sure up Your bright de - signs, And work Your sov-ereign will.
 Are big with mer - cy and shall break In bless - ings on your head.
 You are Your own in - ter - pret - er, And You will make it plain.

440 In Christ There Is No East or West

MC KEE CM

African-American spiritual
Jubilee Songs, 1884

John Oxenham, 1908; alt.

Adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1940

C G C F B \flat F C F Am Dm7 G7 C F C

1. In Christ there is no east or west, In Him no south or north;
 2. In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery-where Their high com - mu - nion find;
 3. Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, What-e'er your race may be.
 4. In Christ now meet both east and west, In Him meet south and north;

Am C Am C G7 C G7 C F C Am C G7 C

But one great fel - low - ship of love Through - out the whole wide earth.
 His ser - vice is the gold - en cord Close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 All chil - dren of the liv - ing God Are sure - ly kin to me.
 All Christ - ly souls are one in Him Through - out the whole wide earth.