

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

2 August 2020

10:00 a.m.

VOLUNTARY

“Adagio”

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOLLING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Come, all who are hungry and thirsty.

ALL: The Lord will provide for our needs.

ONE: Come this day to the table of the Lord.

ALL: Here we will find welcome and sustenance.

ONE: Come to this time of gathering and praise.

ALL: Lord, we come with open hearts and spirits to receive your gracious gift of love. AMEN.

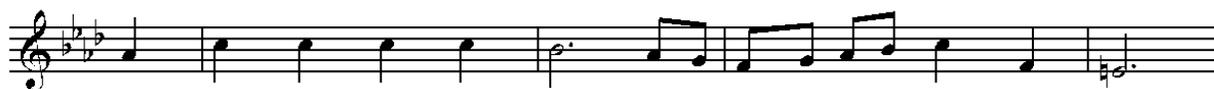
HYMN 49 “The God of Abraham Praise”



1. The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove,
2. Your spir - it still flows free, high sur - ging where it will.
3. Your good - ly land we seek, with peace and plen - ty blest,
4. You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;



the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love!
In proph - et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and Sab - bath rest.
your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.



The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed,
Es - tab - lished is your law, and change - less it shall stand,
There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,
We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name:



we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.
deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.
and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - ey crowned.
the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!

OPENING ACCLAMATION

One: Come, Holy Spirit! Come!

All: Come into our hearts today!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of mercy and hope, we come before you with fear. We know that we have fallen short of being the kind of disciples that you have called us to be. We have turned our backs on people in need; we have closed our ears to the cries of the voiceless. And so we hesitate to come before you because we believe that you are disappointed in us. Remind us again that you are merciful and your love transforms and changes our lives. When we falter and slide off the path of hope you place before us, you “pick us up and dust us off” and put us again on the trail, confident of your faithful presence with us. Forgive us our weakness. Strengthen us and give us courage; help us to be bearers of your good news of peace. We pray this in Christ’s name. AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

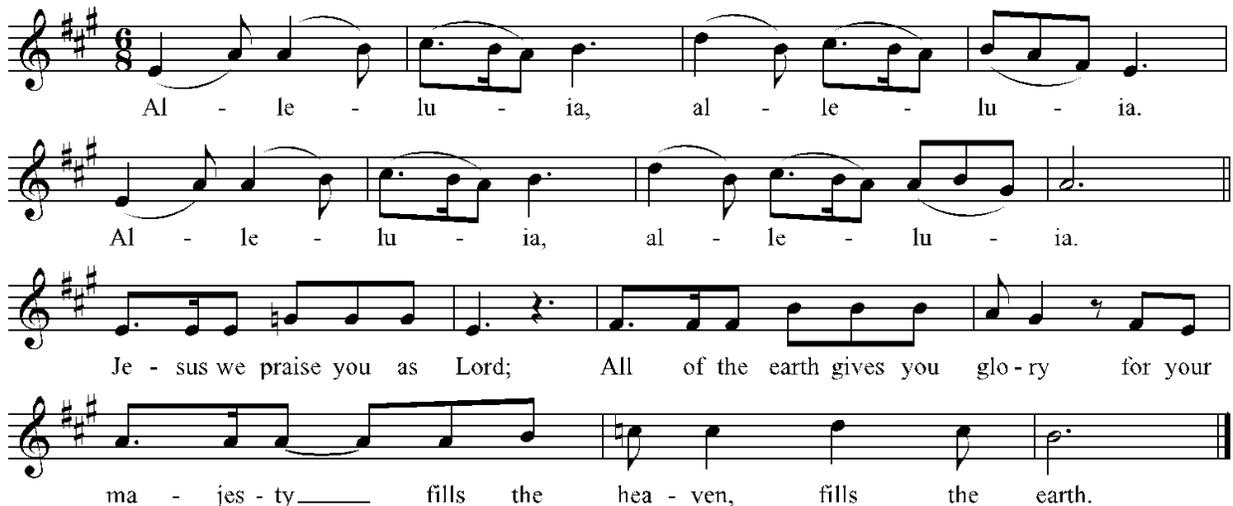
ONE: Feel God’s healing and forgiving love pouring over us and into our lives.

ALL: We know that God delights in each one of us and will always be present to us.

ONE: This is indeed the Good News of the Gospel.

ALL: AMEN.

CELTIC ALLELUIA



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Je - sus we praise you as Lord; All of the earth gives you glo - ry for your
ma - jes - ty fills the hea - ven, fills the earth.

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CHILDREN’S TIME

INTERLUDE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON – Genesis 32:22-31

Response after the reading

ONE: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

PSALTER – Psalm 17:1-7, 15

Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry;
give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.

**From you let my vindication come;
let your eyes see the right.**

If you try my heart, if you visit me by night,
if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me;
my mouth does not transgress.

**As for what others do, by the word of your lips
I have avoided the ways of the violent.**

My steps have held fast to your paths;
my feet have not slipped.

**I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;
incline your ear to me, hear my words.**

Wondrously show your steadfast love,
O saviour of those who seek refuge
from their adversaries at your right hand.

**As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness;
when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.**

EPISTLE LESSON - Romans 9:1-5

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GOSPEL READING - Matthew 14:13-21

Response after reading:

ONE: The Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

“Shelter Me, O Lord”
Francis Quilang, *baritone*

Bob Hurd

SERMON

“Be Gentle”

The Rev. Brooks Smith

MOMENT FOR MEDITATION

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ONE: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: Let us greet one another in the name of Christ.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION Hymn 525 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
 2. Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
 3. Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

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When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,
 O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

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SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & 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.**

HYMN 721

“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

1. Lord, you have come to the lake-shore looking
 2. You know so well my pos-ses-sions; my boat
 3. You need my hands, full of car-ing, through my
 4. You, who have fished oth-er o-ceans, ev-er
 nei-ther for wealth-y nor wise ones; you on-ly
 car-ries no gold and no weap-ons; you will
 la-bors to give oth-ers rest and con-stant
 longed for by souls who are wait-ing my lov-ing
 asked me to fol-low hum-bly.
 find there my nets and la-bor.
 love that keeps on lov-ing.
 friend, as thus you call me.
 Se-ñor, me has mir-a-dos los o-jos, son-ri-
 O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while
 en-do has di-cho mi nom-bre, en la a-
 smil-ing have spo-ken my name; now my
 re-na he de-ja-do mi bar-ca, jun-to
 boat's left on the shore-line be-hind me. By your
 Ti bus-ca-ré o-tro mar.
 side I will seek oth-er seas.

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE #288

“Gaelic Blessing”

May the roads rise with you, and the winds be al-ways at your back; and may the
 Lord hold you in the hol-low of his hand, in the hol-low of his hand.

VOLUNTARY

“Poco vivace”

Hermann Schroeder (1904-1984)

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Reader: Christina Luna

Preacher: Rev. Brooks Smith

Director of Christian Education: Courtney Rzeplinski

Transitional Director of Music: Tim Smith

Soloist: Francis Quilang, Maria Hladczuk, Emily DeMouth

Tech Crew: Dan & Christina Luna

Pastor, Head of Staff: The Rev. Linda E. Owens

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