

The Worship of God

September 12, 2021

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Eleven O'Clock

The worship of God begins with the music of the organ. We encourage you to use this time for meditation and reflection. Please refrain from conversation which would disturb others and turn off or silence all electronic devices. Following the service, greet our visitors and share your friendship with those around you.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

ORGAN PRELUDE: Fantasia in C

J.S. Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CHORAL INTROIT: "Day by Day"

Harold Friedell

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray: to see thee more clearly,
love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day.

St. Richard of Chichester

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: God of hope and healing, breathe the power of your love into our wounded
and weary souls.

**People: Unlock the doors of our hearts and let us drink from the bottomless well
of your embracing Spirit.**

Minister: Touch us. Fill us. Renew us, God, and lead us in the ways of your justice and your peace.

People: For now is the time of our faithfulness.

Schuyler Rhodes, adapted

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35

GREATOREX

**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.**

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN: "This Is My Father's World"

TERRA BEATA

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; God's hands the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the flowers bright, declare their Maker's praise.
Our God has made this world and shines in all that's fair;
In rustling grass I hear God pass, who speaks to me everywhere.

Our God has made this world; oh, let us ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
God trusts us with this world, to keep it clean and fair.
All earth and trees, the skies and seas, God's creatures everywhere.

REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

A PRAYER OF GRATITUDE AND HOPE

Minister: Confident in the knowledge that God comforts and lifts up those who call on the name of
the Lord, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Minister: Lord of the nations, God of our strength, the images of the tragedy of September 11 are
still vivid in our minds and in our senses. What we saw, how we felt, and what we said
are all still so very present for us. Yet with a gentle and caring hand, you have lifted us
from the depths of despair and guided us to this time of remembrance twenty years later.

People: With grateful hearts, we thank you, O Lord.

Minister: You have given us strength beyond our expectation to meet the challenges of living in our
post-Nine-Eleven world.

People: With grateful hearts, we thank you, O Lord.

Minister: You have touched us with your healing power and dulled the pain that may never go away
by giving us hope again, when at first we felt so hopeless.

People: With grateful hearts, we thank you, O Lord.

Minister: We remember the lives of the people who died so tragically. We remember the heroism
of firefighters, police, nurses, doctors, clergy, and so many ordinary citizens who gave of
themselves for others—and continued to do so through the years that followed.

People: We remember with thanksgiving, O Lord.

Minister: We remember the ones who stepped forward swiftly to fight the good fight on our behalf
against the evils of terror, thousands of whom made the ultimate sacrifice with their lives.

People: We remember with thanksgiving, O Lord.

Minister: We remember the courageous leadership of the heads of our government and other
nations, standing with us in our sorrow and lending aid, guidance, and decisive action to
help us move forward.

People: We remember with thanksgiving, O Lord.

Minister: Now that this long war is over, we realize the stark reality that terror still affects our daily
lives. Help us in our fearfulness to place our hope and our trust in you.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister: Guide and inspire us and our leaders to make wise decisions for our future, for our
homeland, for our people, and for our sisters and brothers around the world. Keep us from
self-righteousness, pride and prejudice. Unite us to champion justice, peace, and freedom.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister: You alone know what hurts remain among us. Send us your healing Spirit. Comfort those
who mourn. Bring us all to the fullness of health and joy that comes from your love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister: God of all creation, Author of all good, faithful Provider of all our needs, to you we give
our praises, our prayers, and our thanksgivings on this day of remembrance. All honor
and glory be yours, O God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

ANTHEM: "Creation Will Be at Peace"

Anna Laura Page

In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease; in the holy mountain of the Lord
creation will be at peace. The wolf will lie down with the lamb, the cow and bear will feed, their
young will play together; a little child will lead. The leopard and goat will graze, the lion will feed
on straw. They will war no more; a child will lead them all.

MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 1:1-2, 26-2:3

Minister: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "The Glory of the Father"

Egil Hovland

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. We beheld the glory of the Father, full of grace and
truth. In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God. In Him was life; and the life was the
light of all. He came to his own, and his own received him not.

THE GOSPEL LESSON:

John 1:1-5

SERMON:

“Don’t Blow Out the Light”

Dr. Wright

* HYMN:

“Creator God, Creating Still”

ST. ANNE

Creator God, creating still, by will and word and deed,
Create a new humanity to meet the present need.

Redeemer God, redeeming still, with overflowing grace,
Pour out your love on us, through us, make this a holy place.

Sustainer God, sustaining still, with strength for every day,
Empower us now to do your will. Correct us when we stray.

Great Trinity, for this new day we need your presence still.
Create, redeem, sustain us now to do your work and will.

Jane Parker Huber

* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER

* THE DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above you heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, the Creator of the universe, the Redeemer of humankind, and the Sustainer of life. We believe in humanity, dust of the earth, made in God's image, driven by dreams, hungry for faith, lonely with doubt, whom God has marked with the power to love or hate, to nurture or kill, and to bless or curse. We believe in Jesus Christ, God Incarnate, flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone, who came to reveal what God is like, and what we can become. We believe that Jesus was crucified and raised from the dead, and that through his victory over sin, death, and the grave we too shall live, and never die. Amen.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP AND BENEDICTION

Please remain seated during the postlude.

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata in F

Gene Clarke

* Please stand as you are able.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Michael D. Riley by Brenda and Dennis Culpepper.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

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The Lakeside Chancel Choir

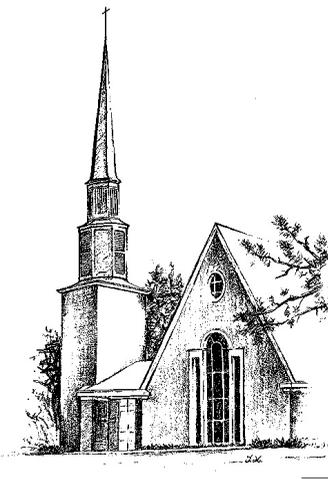
Madi Adkins
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