Service of Worship  October 10, 2021   9:30am
The First Sunday of the Season of Thanks Giving

Gathering

PRELUDE  “Alleluia”  by Claude T. Smith
Brass Sextet – Pam Kelly, director
Phil Holmes & Russ Thompson, trumpets – Jim Kelly, horn
Mike Setser & David England, trombones – Trey Bures, tuba

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS  Rev. Sue Trigger

INTROIT  “Joy!”  Beethoven
Clarinet Sextet – Pam Kelly, director  arr. Russell Coleman
Bob Dover, Amy Jantz, Lauren Bond, Robin Thompson,
Edwin Fukunaga, clarinets – Pat Setser, bass clarinet

CALL TO WORSHIP video  Psalm 118
We give thanks to you, God, for your love endures forever.
Open the gates of righteousness. We will enter and give you thanks.
Thank you for answering us. You have become our salvation.
This is the day that you have made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.
Blessed are those who enter in your name, O Lord.
From your house we will give them blessings.
You have made your light to shine upon us all,
so we will join our voices together in songs of thanksgiving and praise.
You are our God, and we give you thanks
for you are good and your love endures forever. Amen
HYMN OF PRAISE  14  “For the Beauty of the Earth”  
(Stanzas 1, 2, 4, & 5)  DIX

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

For the Beauty of the Earth

1 For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, 
2 For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night, 
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind’s delight, 
4 For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, 
5 For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;

for the love which from our birth o’er and around us lies: 
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light: 
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight: 
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild: 
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

TEXT: Folliott Sandford Pierpoint, 1864, alt.
MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838; alt. William Henry Monk, 1861; harm. The English Hymnal, 1906 7 7 7 7 7 7 7
PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Merciful God, we come before you with thankful hearts. Thankful for the many gifts you have given us. You have clothed us and given us shelter. You have given us food to fill our stomachs, friendship to fill our hearts. And yet, if we are honest with you, we know that we fail to follow you in life-giving ways. Instead of trusting in your power, we trust in our own strength. Instead of trusting in your provision, we rely on our own ability to provide. And when it comes to your community, your church, we only commit so much. We are, like the Corinthians, unable to give up our rights for the sake of others. We care too highly for our own ways, our own thoughts, our own perspectives, and not nearly enough on your Word and your influence on our lives. Grant us, O Lord, a contrite spirit, that we may turn to you, that our community might resemble your kingdom more fully. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE & SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
One: May the peace of Christ be with you.
   All: And also with you and all others!

ANTHEM
*“Come By Here” African American spiritual
Chancel & Exaltation! Singers II Setting by Kyle Pederson
Patrick O’Halloran, director
Barbara Douglas, Kathy Williams, Lara Schesser, Kathy Bures,
Rebecca Prater, Pam Kelly, Kylie Sutherland, Andrew Alka
Jake Cummings, Jim Kelly, Ellin Schoenfeld, Chris Alka,
Mike Hockley, Mac Fechtling, & Bob Dover

Come by here, my Lord, come by here. O Lord, come by here.
Someone’s prayin’ Lord, come by here. O Lord, come by here.
Someone’s cryin’ Lord, come by here. O Lord, come by here.
In the morning, Lord, In the evening, Lord, In my waking, Lord,
   In my sleeping, Lord, you are here.
In my pleading, Lord, waiting, caring, Lord, blessing, you are here.
   In my loving, here in my hoping, grieving, you are here.
In my longing, falling, hiding, rising, healing, aching, laughing, praising, Lord,
in my seeking, finding, breathing, dying, Lord, you are here.
Come by here, my Lord, come by here. O Lord, you are here.
Equipping

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON  Isaiah 32:16-18  (*Common English Bible*)  Dave Pack

Then justice will reside in wild lands,
and righteousness will abide in farmlands.
The fruit of righteousness will be peace,
and the outcome of righteousness,
calm and security forever.
Then my people will live in a peaceful dwelling,
in secure homes, in carefree resting places.

EPISTLE (Letter) LESSON  1 Thessalonians 5:12-24  (*CEB*)
Brothers and sisters, we ask you to respect those who are working with you, leading you,
and instructing you. Think of them highly with love because of their work. Live in peace
with each other. Brothers and sisters, we urge you to warn those who are disorderly.
Comfort the discouraged. Help the weak. Be patient with everyone. Make sure no one
repays a wrong with a wrong, but always pursue the good for each other and everyone
else. Rejoice always. Pray continually. Give thanks in every situation because this is God’s
will for you in Christ Jesus. Don’t suppress the Spirit. Don’t brush off Spirit-inspired
messages, but examine everything carefully and hang on to what is good. Avoid every
kind of evil. Now, may the God of peace himself cause you to be completely dedicated
to him; and may your spirit, soul, and body be kept intact and blameless at our Lord
Jesus Christ’s coming. The one who is calling you is faithful and will do this.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words
Thanks be to God!

SERMON  “T = Trust”  Rev. Sue Trigger

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN  37  “Let All Things Now Living”  ASH GROVE
Let All Things Now Living

1. Let all things now living a song of thanks-giving,
   to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
   by guiding us on to the end of our days.

2. By law God enforces, the stars in their courses,
   the sun in its orbit obediently shine;
   the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.

God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us,
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;

a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
with glad adoration, a song let us raise.

Written for an easy-to-sing folk melody familiar in England as well as Wales, this 20th-century North American text bears many resemblances to both Psalm 148 and the traditional canticle Benedicite, omnia opera Dei (Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord).
Sending

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Fanfare”
Anonymous

Phil Holmes, trumpet – Linda Dover, organ

GOD’S PEACE TO YOU

*Today’s anthem, “Come By Here” setting by Kyle Pederson, was donated in memory of Keith Elmore & Kathy Elmore Hovis (Rebecca Prater’s brother & sister) by Chancel Choir, August 2020.

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