



GRACE COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship July 4, 2021 10:00am
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gathering

PRELUDE		Linda Dover, piano
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Harold Frye
INTROIT (<i>video</i>)	<p>“This Is My Father’s World” Charter Ringers I – Celia Nicholas, director Kathy Bures, Jim Kelly, Pam Kelly, Angela Krug, & Lara Schesser <i>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, his hand the wonders wrought.</i></p>	arr. Bill Ingram
CALL TO WORSHIP (<i>One</i>)	<p>Strangers meet. Oil and grain turn to bread. The sick are healed. The weary are lifted up. The prisoners are set free. The everyday becomes a miracle. This is God’s work. We are its witnesses. Let us worship God.</p>	Harold Frye
HYMNAL 327	<p>“From All That Dwell Below the Skies” (<i>stanzas 1 & 3</i>)</p>	LASST UNS ERFREUEN

327 From All That Dwell Below the Skies

(Psalm 117)

Unison

1 From all that dwell be-low the skies let the Cre - a - tor's praise a -
 2 In ev - ery land be - gin the song; to ev - ery land the strains be -
 3 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord; e - ter - nal truth at - tends thy

Harmony *Unison*

rise: Let the Re - deem - er's
 long: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! In cheer - ful sound all
 word: Thy praise shall sound from

name be sung through ev - ery land, in ev - ery tongue.
 voic - es raise and fill the world with joy - ful praise.
 shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.

Harmony

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Because Psalm 117 contains only two verses, Watts's paraphrase had only two stanzas. Most later hymnals have created or borrowed additional stanzas, like the one included here, to enlarge the hymn. Perhaps the best solution is found by adding Alleluias, as this tune invites.

To you I lift up my eyes,
O you who are enthroned in the heavens!
As the eyes of servants
look to the hand of their master,
as the eyes of a maid
to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to the Lord our God,
until he has mercy upon us.
Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
for we have had more than enough of contempt.
Our soul has had more than its fill
of the scorn of those who are at ease,
of the contempt of the proud.

ANTHEM (*video*)

“The Truth Shall Make You Free”

by Buryl Red

from *Celebrate Life*

Exaltation! Then & Now (*Senior High & Alumni*) – Rebecca Prater, director
Donna Heer, piano – Kat Mason, flute – Miles McDonald, guitar – Eric Lee, drum set
Jenna Lillian, Isabel Battaglioli, Lindsay Callender, Andrew Alka, & Miles Dalton, singers

*He's the wind I soar on, he's the grass I run through, he's the one I turn to when I have to laugh or cry.
He's the light of my world, he's my priceless pearl, he's my answer to why he's my friend even after I die.
He's the sun I sing in, he's the sea I swim in, he's the mountain I climb to when I want to reach a new high.
Jesus my Lord. Of all the things he said to me, the best was, truth shall make you free.
You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. You shall know the truth, and love is the proof,
for you shall know the truth and love is the proof that the truth shall make you free.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 7:1–7 (NRSV)

Harold Frye

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: Stand in the gate of the Lord's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the Lord, all you people of Judah, you that enter these gates to worship the Lord. Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Amend your ways and your doings, and let me dwell with you in this place. Do not trust in these deceptive words: “This is the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord.” For if you truly amend your ways and your doings, if you truly act justly one with another, if you do not oppress the alien, the orphan, and the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not go after other gods to your own hurt, then I will dwell with you in this place, in the land that I gave of old to your ancestors forever and ever.

SERMON

“Some Thoughts About Unmasking”

Rev. Don Wilson

[Sending](#)

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Don Wilson

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

HYMNAL 340

“This Is My Song”
(stanzas 1 & 3)

FINLANDIA

This Is My Song

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
 3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
 thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
 and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

The first two stanzas of this hymn were written between the 20th century's two world wars and focus on the theme of international peace. The third stanza, by another author and added later, uses the language of the Lord's Prayer to voice a distinctly Christian perspective.

THE LIFE OF THE NATIONS

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Rev. Don Wilson

POSTLUDE

Linda Dover, piano

GOD'S PEACE TO YOU

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