Service of Worship
June 28, 2020 10:00am
4th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

PRELUDE by Johann Nicolaus Hanff (1630–1706)
“Auf meinen lieben Gott”
Linda Dover, organist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT “Madrigal” by Philippe Gaubert
Kat Mason, flute

CALL TO WORSHIP (spoken together)

We worship, sing, pray, and hear God’s Word, because:
    God’s love lasts forever!
Even when God seems far away, we know:
    God’s love lasts forever!
Even when nothing is going right, and we’re ready to give up, we know:
    God’s love lasts forever!
When people treat us badly, we know:
    God’s love lasts forever!
When we’re all alone, and we feel like no one loves us, we know:
    God’s love lasts forever!

HYMN 16 O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZUNGEN HÄTTE
“O, That I Had a Thousand Voices”
(printed hymn below)
16  O That I Had a Thousand Voices

1  O that I had a thousand voices to praise my God with thousand tongues!
2  Let every power in me implanted, arise, keep joy in summer air;
3  You forest leaves so green and tender that dance for you flowers so fair;
4  All creatures that have breath and motion, that through the world I might be,your noblest work is to adore! O soul and powers can never quite declare the wonders of God's might!

The German original of this hymn contained too many stanzas to sustain a unified theme. The four selected here place humankind in the midst of creation and form an effective song of praise to the Creator. As the tune name suggests, the music was later composed for these words.

TEXTE: Johann Gützlaff, 1704; trans. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.
MUSIC:ATTR. Johann B. König, 1738; Harmonischer Liederschatz, 1738
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O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZUNGEN HÄTTE
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TIME WITH STEWART

PRAYER OF ASKING
Lord God, few of us misunderstand you all of the time, but all of us misunderstand you some of the time: Your thoughts on happiness; Your ideas on giving; Your way of making whole. These are not always our ready choices. Give us faith, we pray, to risk a dangerous hope, to be ready to think as you teach, and to act as you lead. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
One: May the peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you and all others!

ANTHEM

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”
Chancel Ensemble
Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
When my day grows drear, precious Lord, linger near, when my life is almost gone;
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Equipping to Develop and Share a Faith That Works in Real Life

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON
Psalm 13:1–6 (Common English Bible)
How long will you forget me, Lord? Forever? How long will you hide your face from me?
How long will I be left to my own wits, agony filling my heart? Daily?
How long will my enemy keep defeating me?
Look at me!
Answer me, Lord my God!
Restore sight to my eyes!
Otherwise, I’ll sleep the sleep of death, and my enemy will say, “I won!”
My foes will rejoice over my downfall.
But I have trusted in your faithful love.
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
    Yes, I will sing to the Lord
because he has been good to me.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON
Rev. Mitch Trigger

“I’m as Mad as ... and I’m Not Gonna Take This Anymore!”

OPPORTUNITY FOR STEWARDSHIP

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Sending to Serve in the World

HYMN 756
“O God of Every Nation”
(printed hymn below)

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O God of Every Nation

1. O God of every nation, of every race and land,
   redeem the whole creation with your almighty hand.

2. From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right,
   from trust in bombs that shower destruction through the night,

3. Lord, strengthen those who labor that all may find release,
   from fear of rattling saber, from dread of war's increase;

4. Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease,
   when hatred and division give way to love and peace,

Where hate and fear divide us and bitter threats are hurled,
from pride of race and station and blindness to your way,
when hope and courage falter, your still small voice be heard;
till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign
in love and mercy guide us and heal our strife-torn world.

de liver every nation, eternal God, we pray.
with faith that none can alter, your servants undergird.
and Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.

If we truly believe that God cares for all people, we cannot limit our prayers and songs for peace to the welfare of our own nation, no matter how much we may love it. This challenging text is set to a stirring Welsh tune, named for a hamlet with a prominent Baptist chapel.

MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; Dlybod Mullan, 1872; harm. The English Hymnal, 1906
POSTLUDE

“Rigaudon” by Andre Campra (1660–1744)

Linda Dover, organist

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