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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Adult Choir Recognition

REFLECTION

"The great thing is to prevent his (a new believer's) doing anything. As long as he does not convert it into action, it does not matter how much he thinks about this new repentance."

The Screwtape Letters, C.S. Lewis

PRELUDE

Variations on "When in Our Music God Is Glorified"

Kyle Johnson

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Becoming a baby,

Christ transformed all of us into his sisters and brothers.

Telling us stories we had forgotten,

God helps us to walk the paths of discipleship.

Becoming foolish in the world's eyes,

the Spirit teaches us all we need to find our way into the kingdom.

HYMN No. 293

"Loving Spirit"

OMNI DIE (CORNER)

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,
You have chosen me to be,
You have drawn me to your wonder,
You have set your sign on me.

Like a mother you enfold me,
Hold my life within your own,
Feed me with your very body,
form me of your flesh and bone.

Like a father you protect me,
Teach me the discerning eye,
Hoist me up upon your shoulder,
Let me see the world from high.

Friend and lover, in your closeness
I am known and held and blessed:
In your promise is my comfort,
In your presence I may rest.

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,
You have chosen me to be,
You have drawn me to your wonder,
You have set your sign on me.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(In Unison)*

From the depths of our lives, we lift our prayers to you, Lord of our hearts. We are so convinced we know who our sisters and brothers are, that we ignored those you long for us to embrace. Someone told us once that we had faults, and so we try to live up to their expectations. We are so intent on watching for all that could go wrong, we miss your hope rising just over the horizon.

If you kept a spreadsheet of our foolishness, Creator of your family, we would be in big trouble. But you do not let our mistakes distract you from walking with us in every moment. And so, we hear you calling us by name, and welcoming us into your family of faith, as we seek to follow Jesus Christ, our Brother, into reaching out to all around us. In Jesus's name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hope in Christ, dear friends. For the One who listens to our prayers is the Lord who loves us. The One who knows our foolish lives better than we do, is the Lord who forgives us.

This is indeed good news for us. No longer do we need to wait, but can rush into Christ's gracious embrace, knowing that God will walk with us even when we stumble, will continue to affirm us, when everyone else around us tears us down. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

TAIZÉ CHANT

"Cantate Domino canticum novum"

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Alleluia, alleluia.

Cantate Domino omnis terra.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Translation: Sing praises to the Lord. Sing in joy and gladness.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC

Reflections on "Candler"

Derek Hakes

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Philippians 2:12 – 30

SERMON

"Changing the World"

Rev. William Schram

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Hymn of Promise"

Natalie Sleeth

RECOGNITION OF THE CHANCEL HANDBELL CHOIR & CHANCEL CHOIR

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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 No. 641

“When in Our Music God Is Glorified”

ENGELBERG

When in our music God is glorified,
And adoration leaves no room for pride,
It is as though the whole creation cried:
Alleluia!

How often, making music, we have found
A new dimension in the world of sound,
As worship moved us to a more profound
Alleluia!

So has the church, in liturgy and song
In faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
Borne witness to the truth in ever tongue:
Alleluia!

And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night
When utmost evil strove against the light?
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:
Alleluia!

Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always:
Alleluia!

BENEDICTION

Please greet your fellow worshippers with a wave as you exit the sanctuary.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. William Schram
Rev. Barbara Piercy
Noel A. Piercy
Susan Jones
Paul Salierno, Cantor
Chancel Choir
Chancel Handbell Choir
Ray Liptak & Rob Thiemann, AV Engineers