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Second Sunday after Pentecost
Father's Day

REFLECTION

"The church-community has, therefore, a very real impact on the life of the world. It... must become visible to the world not only through the communal bond evident in the church-community's order and worship, but also through the new communal life among brothers and sisters in Christ."

~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer

PRELUDE

O God, Thou Faithful God

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome! This is a time to celebrate and worship God who loves us!

We are grateful and thankful for all God's blessings in our lives.

We gather to remember that Christ gave his life for us.

We humbly praise God for such a gift!

Come, friends! Come and worship the God of love and hope.

Praise be to God at all times and in all places! AMEN.

****HYMN No. 726**

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; Will you let my name be known;
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"

"Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?"

"Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"

"Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"

Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In Your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(In Unison)*

Now that Easter is done and gone, Holy One, we no longer hear the special music. Rather than living in the newness you bring, we do things the way they have always been done. Instead of proclaiming what we hear in quiet from the rooftops, we stay quiet. We act as if having a visible faith means having a visible building and a tall steeple. And the ones we might have rescued begin to drown in turmoil. Please forgive us, Lord. Please heal and restore us to wholeness and hope. Give us courage to be your disciples. Help us to learn how to make the good news of Jesus visible in what we do and communicated in what we say. We ask this in Jesus' Name.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, listen to the good news! Christ came to give us new life; to redeem and heal our brokenness.

We are made whole through his boundless love. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. AMEN.

****HYMN No. 591 (Refrain)**

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

HALLE, HALLE

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:43 - 47

SPECIAL MUSIC

Give Me Jesus

African American Spiritual
arr. Tom Trenney

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 10:26-27, 38-39

SERMON

The Church in Acts: Visibility

Rev. William Schram

****HYMN No. 319**

Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing

SMITH

Men of faith, rise up and sing

Of the great and glorious King.

You are strong when you feel weak;

In your brokenness complete.

Shout to the north and the south;

Sing to the east and the west.

Jesus is Savior to all,

Lord of heaven and earth.

Rise up, women of the truth.

Stand and sing to broken hearts

Who can know the healing power

Of our awesome King of love.

Shout to the north and the south;

Sing to the east and the west.

Jesus is Savior to all,

Lord of heaven and earth.

We've been through fire; we've been through rain;

We've been refined by the power of his name.

We've fallen deeper in love with you.

You've burned the truth on our lips.

Rise up church, with broken wings;

Fill this place with songs again

Of our God who reigns on high;

By God's grace again we'll fly.

Shout to the north and the south;
Sing to the east and the west.
Jesus is Savior to all,
Lord of heaven and earth.

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. 339**

Lift Every Voice and Sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE

Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise High as the listening skies;
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on, till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died.
Yet, with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by Thy might Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
Shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.

****BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

March

R. G. Thompson

****Those who are able may stand.**

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. William Schram
Noel A. Piercy, Organ & Piano
Paul Salierno, Soloist & Cantor
Ray Liptak & Rob Thiemann, AV Engineers