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Our Mission: Shining God's light by... Knowing Christ, Growing in His love, Going where He leads.

Sunday, September 11, 2022
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

REFLECTION

This creed announces in no uncertain terms that YHWH is the only God there is and is known by what the God has done for us from the beginning of our community's existence. Our Christian creeds rarely sound like this, so specific, so rooted in events of the past. We speak in our recitations of generalized doctrines, not intimate connections with events that have made us who we are. These Israelites are a people formed by the actions of this YHWH. – John Holbert

PRELUDE

Adagio for Strings, Op. 71
Samuel Barber (1910-1981), arr. William Strickland
A musical memorial for 9/11.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

It was the power of God that let the enslaved Hebrew people go forth into freedom.

All praise be to God.

It was the power of God that let Jesus go from death's entombment to a life redemptive for all people.

All praise be to God.

It is the power of God that frees us to lives of grace and caring.

All praise be to God.

****HYMN No. 307**

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

CWM RHONDDA

God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness;
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(In Unison)*

Loving Lord, our walk in faith is not easy. We stub our spiritual toes on casual commitment. We slip on the slighting words generated by unadmitted prejudice. We skid into easy selfishness that allows us to put off thinking about how our actions impact others. We stumble over ethical decisions that pull us toward difficult understandings demanding genuine changes of heart and practice. We fall headlong into unholy choices that harm others by ignoring their plight or contributing to their pain or refusing to hear their truth. Forgive us and make us fit traveling companions with others on the way. Grant us forward looking faith and stability of spirit. In Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

You are valuable to God and to the world. You are needed. There is no one quite like you, no one else that has what you bring, for each of us reflects the image of God and without you, a piece is missing.

We are beloved to God, to us, and to the world. We trust that we are forgiven when we have gone astray. Come, let us join in the work of restoration and reconciliation. Amen.

TAIZÉ CHANT

*“The Kingdom of God”
The Kingdom of God is justice and peace.
And joy in the Holy Spirit.
Come, Lord, and open in us.
The gates of your kingdom.*

Taizé Chant

MINUTE FOR MISSION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

SPECIAL MUSIC

Le Jardin Suspendu (The Hanging Gardens) Jehan Alain
(1911-1940; French organist, composer & soldier killed in WWII)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Corinthians 15: 1-8

SERMON

“The Power of Remembrance”

Rev. William Schram

****HYMN No. 771**

“What is the World Like”

NEW WORLD

What is the world like when God’s will is done?
Mustard seeds grow more than we can conceive.
Roots thread the soil; branches reach for the sun.
This is how God moves us each to believe.

What is the world like when God’s will is done:
Witness the wandering child coming home;
Watch as the parent breaks into a run.
This is how God longs for us when we roam.

What is the world like when God’s will is done?
No more is neighbor just ally or friend.
Peace thrives in places where once there was none.
This is how God works when rivalries end.

What is the world like when God’s will is done?
Ready for feasting, we watch through the night,
Tending our lamps till the new days begun.
This is how God readies us for the light.

These are the stories that Jesus imparts,
Filled with the Spirit who joins us as one.
Born through our voices, our hands, and our hearts,
This is a new world where God’s will is done.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

****HYMN No. 482**

“Baptized in Water”

BUNNESSAN

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;
Heirs of salvation, trusting the promise,
Faithfully now God’s praises we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Dead in the tomb with Christ our King;
One with his rising, freed and forgiven,
Thankfully now God’s praises we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Marked with the sign of Christ our King;
Born of the Spirit, we are God’s children;
Joyfully now God’s praises we sing.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Handbell Choir

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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. 749**

"We Are Called"

WE ARE CALLED

Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
To live in the freedom of the city of God.

We are called to act with justice;
We are called to love tenderly;
We are called to serve one another,
To walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
So hatred and violence will be no more.

We are called to act with justice;
We are called to love tenderly;
We are called to serve one another,
To walk humbly with God.

Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign,
And we'll walk with each other
As sisters and brothers united in love.

We are called to act with justice;
We are called to love tenderly;
We are called to serve one another,
To walk humbly with God.

****BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

"New York: The Principal City"

Pamela Decker (b. 1955)

(From the composer: "The song of the city is rich and full, its diverse and vibrant voices woven into a counterpoint where each retains its individuality while contributing to the incredible grandeur of the whole. Acts of nature and humanity may wreak havoc, but the song, the spirit, endures")

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

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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Rev. Barbara Piercy, Organist

Noel Piercy, Organist

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