



A joyful church, guided by God, loving our neighbors.

9th Sunday after Pentecost/A Sacred Summer Series: *Play*
Sunday, 25 July 2021

THE GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

Simple Gifts
Scott Brodie, soloist

Shaker Song, arr. Aaron Copland

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free
'Tis the gift to come down where you ought to be
And when we find ourselves in the place just right
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed
To turn, turn will be our delight
'Till by turning, turning we come round right

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. K. Nicholas Yoda

PRELUDE

Rock of Ages - TOPLADY, arr. Diane Bish

Theresa Merrill

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Hallelujah!

Many: **PRAISE GOD in this house of worship!**

One: Praise God under open skies!

Many: **PRAISE GOD for acts of power!**

One: Praise God for magnificent greatness!

Many: **PRAISE GOD with our voices and our instruments!**

One: Praise God with our actions and our bodies!

Many: **GOD, WE PRAISE YOU with all we have and all we are!**

OPENING PRAYER: As we pray, think back to a time in your childhood. You might still be in that time of life or it might be a few years ago. But think back to a time when you just felt free to run around outside without a care in the world. You shouted and yelled and laughed and danced and played and were silly and didn't care what others thought. You simply were in that moment. How did it feel then? How does it feel now? Let that spirit be in you this morning as we gather together. May you feel free to offer everything of yourself in this moment right now. Amen.

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust
the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.
When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace; in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.
His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood; when all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay.

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.
When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found, dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before
the throne.

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

*CALL TO CONFESSION: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not within us. In confession we acknowledge our brokenness and our need for God who is faithful, just, loving and forgiving. In humility and in faith let us confess our condition to God by praying together...

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **O God, sustained by Your mercy we make bold to confess our sin. We expel strangers and deny hospitality. We judge others all too freely. Our hasty words cause conflict and tension. We are disturbers of Your peace. As You sent Christ to reconcile Your people, forgive the failings of our unredeemed humanity and show us once again the image of Your Son, who loved His enemies and taught us to do the same.**

(Time of Silent Personal Confession)

*THE KYRIE: **Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ, have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy upon us.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON: "Now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace...and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us." As we dwell in Christ, so let us also receive his forgiveness of our sins. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI #581: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

GIFT OF THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE LESSON:

John 21:4-8

4 Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore. But the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. 5 He called out to them, "Friends, don't you have any fish?" "No," they answered. 6 He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat. There you will find some fish." When they did, they could not pull the net into the boat. There were too many fish in it. 7 Then the disciple Jesus loved said to Simon Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Peter heard that, he put his coat on. He had taken it off earlier. Then he jumped into the water. 8 The other disciples followed in the boat. They were towing the net full of fish. The shore was only about 100 yards away.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Simple Song - Leonard Bernstein
Scott Brodie, soloist

Sing God a simple song: Lauda, Laudē Make it up as you go along: Lauda, Laudē
Sing like you like to sing. God loves all simple things,
For God is the simplest of all, For God is the simplest of all.

I will sing the Lord a new song To praise Him, to bless Him, to bless the Lord.
I will sing His praises while I live All of my days.

Blessed is the man who loves the Lord, Blessed is the man who praises Him.
Lauda, Lauda, Laudē And walks in His ways.

I will lift up my eyes To the hills from whence comes my help.
I will lift up my voice to the Lord Singing Lauda, Laudē.

For the Lord is my shade, Is the shade upon my right hand,
And the sun shall not smite me by day Nor the moon by night.

Blessed is the man who loves the Lord, Lauda, Lauda, Laudē,
And walks in His ways. Lauda, Lauda, Laudē,
Lauda, Lauda di da di day. All of my days.

SERMON

Fishing the Other Side...

Dr. K. Nicholas Yoda

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #270

O Lord, You are My God and King

JERUSALEM

O Lord, you are my God and King, and I will ever bless your name; I will extol you every day,
and evermore your praise proclaim.

You, Lord, are greatly to be praised; your greatness is beyond our thought;
all generations shall tell forth the mighty wonders you have wrought.

How rich in grace are you, O Lord, full of compassion, merciful, your anger always slow to rise; your steadfast love you show to all,
for you are good in all your ways; your creatures know your constant care.

To all your works your love extends; all souls your tender mercies share.

Your works will give you thanks, O Lord; your saints your mighty acts will show, till all the peoples of the earth your kingdom, power,
glory know.

Eternal is your kingdom, Lord, forever strong, forever sure; while generations rise and die, your high dominion will endure.

*BENEDICTION

Dr. K. Nicholas Yoda

POSTLUDE

Rejoice! - Peter Burkhardt

Theresa Merrill

TENTATIVE END OF SUMMER /FALL SCHEDULE:

1 August: DKNY Preaching (Create)
Return of Congregational Hymn Singing

8 August: Amy Preaching (Grief)

15 August: DKNY Preaching (Silence)
Start of Evening Vespers

22 August: DKNY Preaching

29 August: DKNY Preaching
Evening Vespers

5 September: DKNY Preaching

***12 September:** DKNY Preaching
Evening Vespers

19 September: DKNY Preaching

26 September: DKNY Preaching
Evening Vespers

3 October: DKNY Preaching

10 October: DKNY Preaching
Evening Vespers

17 October: DKNY Preaching

24 October: DKNY Preaching
Final Evening Vespers

31 October: DKNY Preaching

***Return to 8:30 and 10:30 Service Times**

***Return of Choir**

***Return of Christian Education (More detailed instructions are coming concerning Youth, Nursery, Etc.)**

REMEMBER THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

New Prayer Concerns:

- **All Families who have suffered a loss**

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

- **Denise Bien**, Health concerns
- **Darryl Davis**, health concerns, brother of Diana Hargrave
- **Dorothy Fisher**, Health concerns
- **Jen Hargrave**, daughter of Diana, sister of Wes, health concerns
- **Vera Lambert**, Health concerns, hospitalized
- **Glenn Montague**, Health concerns

- **Tom Wise**, Health concerns

Serving in the Armed Forces:

- **Zachary Huffman**, Friend of Barb Imm
- **Brian Montague**, grandson of Glenn Montague

Mission Coworkers:

- **McGill Family**, back in the United States

****Please notify the church office of any prayer requests you may have including those of you who have loved ones in the Armed Forces or in Mission.**

BLESSED BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Month of July: 2 Bonnie Anderson, 4 Cathy Behan, 6 George James, 10 Alexander Navarro, 8 Nancy Forbriger, Penny Golden, Tom Crosby, 9 Marjorie Evert, 10 Adell Elliot, 11 David Navarro, Steve Morgan, 13 Jeanette Marshall, 17 Marla James, 20 Marge Hammelrath, 21 Amy Odeh, 23 Dorothy Fisher.