

Sunday, September 20, 2020

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PRELUDE

excerpts from **Genesis** Allen Webber, *piano* Allen Webber, 2020

COMPOSER'S NOTE: I quote TERRA BEATA, but in my harmonization. The hymn tune is composed by Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915, with lyrics by Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901, and the title, *This Is My Father's World*, see *Glory to God #370*.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Katherine Robinson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

Teach me your way, o Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,

for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence.

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

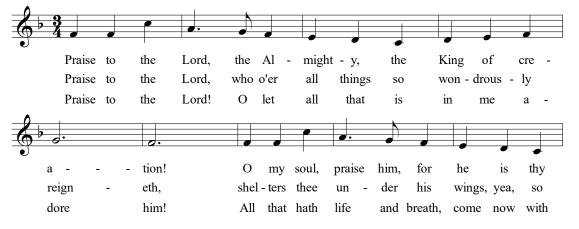
Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

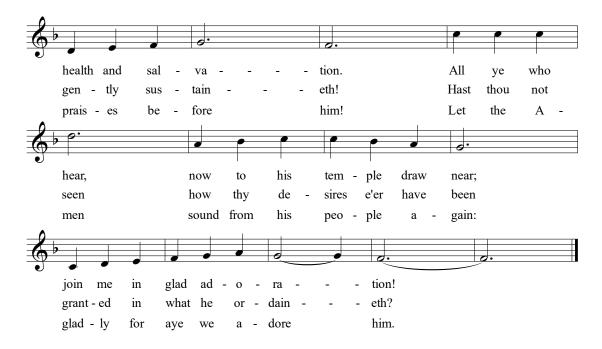
HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

Donna Drake and Austin Brown, song leaders





CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God,

We confess that we have tried to hide from you,

for we have missed the mark.

We have lived for ourselves and chosen to stay apart from you,

forgetting your truth and love.

We have turned from our neighbors,

and refused to bear the burdens of others.

We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by

the hungry, the poor and the oppressed.

In your mercy, forgive or sins and free us from selfishness,

that we may choose your will and walk in your way,

through Jesus, the Christ, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Surely It Is God Who Saves Me

FIRST SONG







FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

David Carter Florence

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 15:1-6 and Ephesians 2:14-18

SERMON

HYMN

Promise and Purpose: Vision in the Black of Night

To Abraham and Sarah LLANFYLLIN То A - bra-ham and Sa rah the call of God was clear: "Go _ Sa From A - bra-ham and rah a pil - grim de -_ rose а race, We of this gen - er а _ tion on whom God's hand is laid can forth and Ι will show _____ fair. You you а coun - try rich and pen - dent for jour bun - dant their _ ney on God's a grace; and jour - ney to the fu _ ture se cure and un - a fraid, re --0 0 need not fear the jour ney, for I have pledged word that my "That in their heart was writ ten by God this sav ing word, God's ing "That joic ing in good - ness and trust in this word, Ι God." shall be ple and will your you my peo be I God." shall ple will your you be and be my peo you shall be ple and Ι will be your God." my peo

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL TO OFFERING

Offertory

Be Thou My Vision Anna Banzhoff, soloist Arr. Edwin T. Childs

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To respond to the devastation and loss from fires on the west coast and flooding on the gulf coast, please go to the giving page on <u>our website</u> and designate PDA for your gift. Checks can be dropped off at the church on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday from 9-1:30, or sent through the mail.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune, **Lobe Den Herren** Michael Barker, *organ*

Walter Webber

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In addition to the musicians named above whom we know, we welcome Allen Webber in our worship this morning. Allen Webber is professor of music at Palm Beach State College in Florida and a frequent vocal soloist in that area. He worships with us regularly via the internet; his son is Sam Webber on our church staff. Walter G. Webber was a British composer active in the mid-twentieth century but no apparent relation to the other Webbers mentioned in this service!

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We look forward to hearing from you.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Karen Austin following the death of her Aunt Shirley McGavock who passed away on September 16 after struggling with cancer. Prayers requested for Karen's family, especially Uncle Hugh, who continues to recover from his motorcycle accident earlier this summer.

Death of Lynn Gilliland's sister and Kitty Neal's daughter, Maggie Tuggle, September 6.

Paul and Diane Ginther's first grandchild Maxine Jeanne Ginther was born September 11

Barb Griffin at home recovering from a fractured femur

Wade Talbot, prayers now that he is under hospice care

Our PC(USA) Mission Co-workers: John McCall in Taiwan; Dan & Elizabeth Turk in Madagascar; Gary & Marlene Van Brocklin in South Asia. **Outreach Foundation:** Frank Dimmock

Seminary Student: Emily Beaver, Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia

Our partner **Presbytery** and partner church, **Ebenezer**, in Guatemala The situation in Guatemala is very difficult with COVID-19. It seems that our Ebenezer church members are healthy, but many are not able to work and it is not easy to get food.

Please remember in prayer these people with ongoing concerns.

Martha Jean Alvis, Glenn & Evelyn Bannerman, Daisy Buckner, Chad Carlton, Jane Collins, Jim Davies, Doris Hogle, Becky Hughes, Barbara Jenkins, Mary McElrath, Nancy Murray, Margaret Rada, Betty Rand, Penny Sampson, Renee & Charles Sandy, Callie Shaffer, Margie Tyas, Ann Weeks, Paul Willison

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PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Holy God:

When things aren't going well sports coaches love to talk about "getting back to basics:"

forget all the fancy schemes and focus on blocking and tackling or hitting and throwing.

Do the core tasks well and things will begin to come right again.

In these turbulent days help us to get back to basics:

leaning on your promises, trusting you to be our shield and our reward.

Amen

Prayer composed by Ken Kelly

Our Church's Vision Embodying the Love of Christ

Inspiring through Worship and Faith Formation • Nurturing through Fellowship Equipping to Serve • Welcoming to All

Session

Mike Ballard, clerk

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