



BLACK MOUNTAIN Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 20, 2020



PRELUDE

excerpts from Genesis

Allen Webber, 2020

Allen Webber, *piano*

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*



Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - - - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy

reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so

dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - - - - tion. All ye who
 gen - tly sus - tain - - - - eth! Hast thou not
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the A -

hear, now to his tem - ple draw near;
 seen how thy de - sires e'er have been
 men sound from his peo - ple a - gain:

join me in glad ad - o - ra - - - - tion!
 grant - ed in what he or - dain - - - - eth?
 glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

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 our 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

refrain

Sure - ly it is God who saves me, I will trust the Lord and not be af
 Sure - ly it is God who saves us, we will trust the Lord and not be af -

raid. ____ For the Lord is my strong hold and my sure__ de fense, and
 raid. ____ For the Lord is our strong - hold and our sure__ de - fense, and

God will be my Sa - vior.
 God will be our Sa - vior.

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

David Carter Florence

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

SERMON *Promise and Purpose: Vision in the Black of Night*

HYMN *To Abraham and Sarah* LLANFYLLIN

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL TO OFFERING

Offertory

Be Thou My Vision
 Anna Banzhoff, soloist

Arr. Edwin T. Childs

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

Walter Webber



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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Members: share prayer requests, pastoral concerns, or updated contact information.

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



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*

Class of 2020

Jane Bannerman
Emma Bell
Anne Provost Drummond
John Evans
Patti Pyle

Class of 2021

Liesl Case
Dave Johnson
Deb Mullis
Bill Straughan

Class of 2022

Ellen Begley
Austin Brown
Daniel Wiggs
Cheryl Wilson

Deacons

Class of 2020

Kristy Beaver
Dee & Bill Cox
Susan Dannenberg
Gay Ferguson
Olivia & John LaMotte
Ginny & Rick Lindsey
Lew Rudisill
Hannah & Sam Webber

Class of 2021

Yvette Ballard
Carey Jo Elam
Kiersten & Weston Hall
Franklin Harris
Cindy & Ed McDaniel
Cathy & Neil McMillan
Gayle & Peter Mudge
Kay & Mike Salmon
Margaret Waterstradt

Class of 2022

Susan & Ernie Banzhoff
Kay & Jim Layman
Susan McElrath
Mary & Don McMahill
Martha Jane Petersen
Delores Spielman
Janine & Russ Spiller

Ministers: Every Member Of The Congregation

Mary Katherine Robinson Pastor/Head of Staff
David Carter Florence Associate Pastor for Congregational Faith Formation
Bob Tuttle Parish Associate
Michael Barker Director of Music and Worship Arts
Alice Patton Director of Preschool Ministry
Sam Webber Director of Operations and Youth Ministry
Brittany Williams Director of Congregational Life and Children's Ministry
Jackie Kerr Director of Communications



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