SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 12, 2020 — 11 AM LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

PRELUDE
Dr. Edward Alan Moore, organ
“Andante” G.F. Handel
“Adoration” Florence Price

OPENING WORDS
The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

SHARING GOD’S PEACE
The Rev. Fowler-Searcy
Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes. The peace of Christ be with you.
People: Y también contigo. And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Romans 8; responsive reading)
The Rev. Fowler-Searcy
Leader: The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought.
People: We know that all things work together for good for those who love God.
Leader: What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?
People: You, who did not withhold your own Son, will you not also give us all things through him?
Leader: Come let us worship God with thanksgiving and in the beauty of holiness.

* HYMN #406 (sing 3x) “We Are Standing on Holy Ground” HOLY GROUND
We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around.
Let us praise Jesus now; we are standing in his presence on holy ground.

CALL TO CONFESSION
The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
The Rev. Dr. Bush
Gracious God, have mercy upon us as we make our confession to you. We question your judgement when your will conflicts with our own. We are reluctant to follow the course you prescribe, when it causes us to be uncomfortable or feel out of control. Our patience grows thin when you intrude in life’s journey, causing us to veer from the path we have chosen to pursue. We seek to be faithful and obey your directions, but our own desires delay us in fulfilling your will. Have mercy on us. Forgive us and deliver us from self-deception and self-centeredness. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS
The Rev. Dr. Bush
Leader: Paul assures us that the Spirit helps us in our weakness, and intercedes for us according to God’s will. In Jesus Christ, God calls us and conforms us to Christ, so that in him we receive the promise of new life. As we dwell in the Spirit let us also rest assured in the promise. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
¡Aleluya y alaben a Dios! Hallelujah and praise God!

* Indicates where to please rise in spirit.
Hymn #288 (sing 3x)
“Spirit of the Living God”
LIVING GOD

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Scripture Lesson
Micah 6:1-5
Dr. Moore

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Time for Children & Families
Sara Hackett

Organ Meditation
“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”
Johann Sebastian Bach

Prayer of Illumination
The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Scripture Lesson
Micah 6:6-8
The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Sermon
“The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Hymn #372
“O For a World”
AZMON

O for a world where everyone respects each other’s ways,
Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
Where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.

We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice,
That opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.

O for a world preparing for God’s glorious reign of peace,
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Prayer of Intercession & The Lord’s Prayer
The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

Offering Invitation
The Rev. Callahan

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HYMN #767

Together we serve, united by love,
Inviting God’s world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,
Extending God’s love to the last and the least.

We seek to become a beacon of hope,
A lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
Until we see Christ in each person we meet.

We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,
The busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
We offer a home to those who will come,
Our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.

Together, by grace, we witness and work,
Remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve in Spirit and truth,
Remembering love is the strength of our song.

BLESSING & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Festive Trumpet Tune”

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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY’S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
Liturgists: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan Sara Hackett
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore Organist/Music Director Jacob Berger, Cantor
A/V: Tim Benedict Wayne Gaines
WE ARE STANDING ON HOLY GROUND (sing 3x)

We are standing on holy ground,
and I know that there are angels all around;
let us praise Jesus now;
we are standing in his presence on holy ground.

The phrase "holy ground" resonates with the experience of Moses at the burning bush, where he had an encounter with God (Exodus 3:5; also quoted in the martyr Stephen's sermon, Acts 7:33). The reference to angels may recall Jacob's vision (Genesis 28:12-17) or Hebrews 12:22.

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SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD (sing 3x)

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Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

KOREAN
살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서
살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서
빛으시고 채우소서
 살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서

SPANISH
Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.
Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.
Tómame, cámbiame, lléname, úsame.
Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.

Both the words and the music of this prayer-song were written by a Presbyterian minister from Tarboro, North Carolina. The words were initially inspired by Jeremiah 18:1-6; a friend helped him set them to music during an evangelistic meeting in Orlando, Florida, where the song was first sung.

TEXT: Daniel Iverson, 1926; Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee; Spanish trans. anon.
MUSIC: Daniel Iverson, 1926
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O FOR A WORLD

1. O for a world where every one respects each other’s ways,
2. O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
3. We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice
4. The poor are rich, the weak are strong; the foolish ones are wise.
5. O for a world preparing for God’s glorious reign of peace,

where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.
where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.
that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.
Tell all who mourn: outcasts long, who perishes will rise.
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Everything longed for in this text is a reminder of how far our present world is from what God wants. Yet this is not just wishful thinking; it is a call to action, a summons to participate in the fulfillment of God’s desire for all earth’s people to live in radical shalom.

TEXT: Miriam Therese Winter, 1987
MUSIC: Carl Gottlieb Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839
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TOGETHER WE SERVE

Capo 3: (G) (D) (Em) (Bm7)

1 To - geth er we serve, u - nit ed by love,
2 We seek to be - come a bea con of hope,
3 We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor,
4 To - geth er, by grace, we wit - ness and work,

(C) (G) (Am7) (Dsus) (D)

in - vit ing God’s world to the glo - ri ous feast.
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
the bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need care.
re - mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow strong.

(G) (D) (C) (Bm)

We work and we pray through sor - row and joy.
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through.
We of - fer a home to those who will come,
To - geth er we serve in Spir - it and truth,

(G) (C) (G) (Am) (D7) (G)

ex - tend ing God’s love to the last and the least.
un - til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.
our hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.
re - mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

The first three words of this text appear in the website address for First Presbyterian Church of San Anselmo, California, for whose centennial the hymn was commissioned. The text draws on Ephesians 4:11–16, a passage describing the many gifts and ministries within the body of Christ.

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