EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 26, 2020 — 11 AM LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

PREFLUE
Dr. Edward Alan Moore, organ

“Praeludium in G Major”
Nicolaus Bruhns

OPENING WORDS
The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

SHARING GOD’S PEACE
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 (responsive reading)
The Rev. Dr. Bush

Leader: Blessed be God whose word gives hope and shapes our dreams.
People: Blessed be Christ whose love has conquered death.
Leader: Blessed be the Holy Spirit who orders our way and guides our steps.
People: Blessed be our God, Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, whom we worship this day and who leads us into fullness of life.

* HYMN #819 (vs. 1-3) “Be Still, My Soul”
Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide,
Who through all changes faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake
To guide the future surely as the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord;
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

* Indicates where to please rise in spirit.
CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
¡Alaben a Dios! Praise God!

HYMN #611 (vs. 1, 3) “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

TIME FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 91
Michelle Bard

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.” For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day, or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday.

A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. You will only look with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.

Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone. You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

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

SOLO “On Eagle’s Wings” Robin Schmeider, soloist

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 2:1-5, 7-9

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.
But we speak God’s wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
    nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love [the Lord].”

**INTRODUCTORY VIDEO**

**SERMON**

“What No Ear Has Heard”

The Rev. Dr. Bush

**VIDEO**


Ludwig van Beethoven

**PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER**

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

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**HYMN #647**

“Give Thanks”

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because we’re given Jesus Christ, the Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because we’re given Jesus Christ, the Son.
And now let the weak say, “We are strong.”
Let the poor say, “We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us.”
And now let the weak say, “We are strong.”
Let the poor say, “We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us.”
Give thanks. Give thanks.

**BLESSING & BENEDICTION**

The Rev. Dr. Bush

**POSTLUDE**

“National City Fanfare”

Dr. Moore, organ

Aaron David Miller
BE STILL, MY SOUL

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth under take
3 Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on

Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
To guide the future surely as the past.
When we shall be forever with the Lord;

Leave to thy God to order and provide,
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
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who through all changes faithful will remain.
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sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.

This meditative text seems to be rooted in Psalm 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God," while also reaching forward to 1 Thessalonians 4:17b, "we will be with the Lord forever." Much of the appeal of this hymn comes from its tune, named for the tone poem on which it is based.

TEXT: Katharina von Schlegel, 1752; trans. Jane Laurie Borthwick, 1855, alt.
MUSIC: Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr. The Hymnal, 1933, alt.
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JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE (vs. 1, 3)

1 Joy-ful, joy-ful, we a-dore thee, God of glo-ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-flect thy rays;
3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.

Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a-bove.
stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
Love di-vine is reign-ing o’er us, join-ing all in heav-en’s plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.
Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife.

Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
Joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller’s poem, “An die Freude” (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer’s Ninth Symphony. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

TEXT: Henry van Dyke, 1907, alt.  HYMN TO JOY
MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; adapt. Edward Hodges, 1842, alt.
GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because we’re given Jesus Christ, the Son. Give

Son. And now let the weak say, “We are strong”; let the

poor say, “We are rich because of what the Lord has done for

us!” And us!” Give thanks. Give thanks.

Drawing on language from 2 Corinthians 6:10 and 12:10 as well as Psalm 126:3, this short and repetitive song can be easily memorized. The simple vocabulary makes it suitable for multigenerational use, reminding all ages how gratitude for God's goodness changes our perspective.

MUSIC: Henry Smith, 1978
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       Organist/Music Director
       Robin Schneider, Cantor/Soloist
A/V: Tim Benedict
      Wayne Gaines