

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 4, 2021



Saw a Wheel on the Earth, egg tempera on wooden panel
Northfield Arts Guild's "Sacred Space" exhibition 2016
Michon Weeks, American

Faith Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome and Announcements

Dawn Shirey

Joys and Concerns

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude *Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier BWV 731*
Dearest Jesus, we are here

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

**Please rise in body or in spirit; unison parts are in bold.*

***Call to Worship**

From near and far, north and south, city and county, we gather:

Called by the One who says, "Come and see..."

Skeptics and scholars, some sure and others full of doubt, we come:

Hoping to find the living Word for our lives.

Into a circle that is wide and unbroken, we are enfolded,

Connected as a family of Faith; thanks be to God!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you know us completely. Trusting in your love, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole hearts, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. When the chaos of the world is overwhelming, we do nothing instead of seeking the peace only you can bring. In your mercy, heal our broken hearts, give us ears to hear your call, and the courage to follow. We open ourselves to you in silent prayer...

Assurance of Grace

Gloria 591 *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*

HALLE, HALLE

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A Moment with Faith Kids

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading John 1:43-46

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.'

Music *Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast*

Jason W. Krug
(b. 1978)

Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 1:1-14

In the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, on the fifth day of the month, as I was among the exiles by the river Chebar, the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God. On the fifth day of the month (it was the fifth year of the exile of King Jehoiachin), the word of the Lord came to the priest Ezekiel son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and the hand of the Lord was on him there.

As I looked, a stormy wind came out of the north: a great cloud with brightness around it and fire flashing forth continually, and in the middle of the fire, something like gleaming amber. In the middle of it was something like four living creatures. This was their appearance: they were of human form. Each had four faces, and each of them had four wings. Their legs were straight, and the soles of their feet were like the sole of a calf's foot; and they sparkled like burnished bronze. Under their wings on their four sides they had human hands. And the four had their faces and their wings thus: their wings touched one another; each of them moved straight ahead, without turning as they moved. As for the appearance of their faces: the four had the face of a human being, the face of a lion on the right side, the face of an ox on the left side, and the face of an eagle; such were their faces. Their wings were spread out above; each creature had two wings, each of which touched the wing of another, while two covered

their bodies. Each moved straight ahead; wherever the spirit would go, they went, without turning as they went. In the middle of the living creatures there was something that looked like burning coals of fire, like torches moving to and fro among the living creatures; the fire was bright, and lightning issued from the fire. The living creatures darted to and fro, like a flash of lightning.

This is the word of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

What Is Supposed to Happen Now? **Dr. Arthur M. Sutherland**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn 340** *This Is My Song*

FINLANDIA

Invitation to the Offering

If you wish to contribute online, please scan the QR code with your mobile device to be directed to Faith's online giving site.



Offertory *Give me Jesus*

Daniel Rich, *baritone*

arr. Moses Hogan
(1957-2003)

Prayers of the People and Our Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

***Hymn 339** *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

LIFT EVERY VOICE

Charge and Benediction

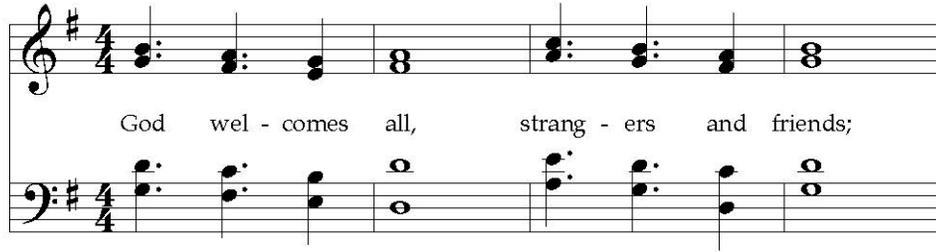
Postlude *Fantasia on "America, the Beautiful"*

Rex Koury
(1911-2009)

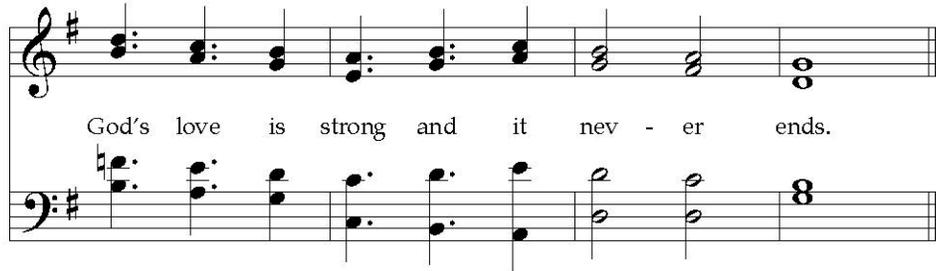
***Passing of the Peace**

God Welcomes All

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God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;



God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

This "short song," as the Iona Community calls it, can be especially effective as a means of setting a welcoming tone for a service (especially an ecumenical one). Like most such songs, it needs to be sung several times, adding and improvising harmony with each repetition.

TEXT: John L. Bell, 2008

MUSIC: South African song; transcr. John L. Bell, 2008

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THEMBA AMEN

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This Is My Song

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
 3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
 thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
 and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.
 my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

339 Lift Every Voice and Sing

1 Lift ev - ery voice and sing till earth and heav - en
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

ring, ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
 rod, felt in the days when hope un - born had
 tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the

ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening
 died. Yet, with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry
 way; thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the

skies; let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 feet come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
 light, keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Initially a poem for a school assembly at which Booker T. Washington spoke on Lincoln's birthday in 1900, this text and tune have gained national recognition and devotion, not only within the African American community, but also among all who seek liberation from oppression.

THE LIFE OF THE NATIONS

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get

us. Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -
 tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at
 thee; shad - owed be - neath thy hand may we for - ev - er

gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.
 last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Dr. Arthur M. Sutherland, *Guest Preacher*
Dr. Samuel Springer, *Minister of Music & Organist*
Dawn Shirey, *Liturgist & PowerPoint*
Daniel Rich, *Guest Musician*
Patrick Baker, *Zoom Moderator*

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN MINISTRY

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, *Pastor*
Dr. Samuel Springer, *Minister of Music and Organist*
Rev. Doris Cowan, *Parish Associate*
Rev. Bill Millen, *Parish Associate*

Faith Church once again welcome **Dr. Arthur M. Sutherland** to the pulpit. Originally from Washington, D.C., Arthur Sutherland, Ph.D., associate professor of theology, also teaches Messina courses and classes in the Honors Program. He served as the director of national fellowships at Loyola. Dr. Sutherland, who holds advanced degrees from Yale University Divinity School and Princeton Theological Seminary, has conducted research in Germany and Switzerland and received fellowships from the Fund for Theological Education, the Association for Religion and Intellectual Life, the Christian Scholars Fund, and the Wabash Center for the Teaching of Theology and Religion. His research interests are in the history of Christian doctrine, African-American theology, and the spirituality of generosity.

Session

Mike Billings, Clerk

2022	2023	2024
Paula Burger	Mike Billings	Karen Burd
Andy Fuller	Bobby Hall	Ellsworth Jackson
Neil Nemser	Carl Herber	Karen Meyers
Charleen Witherspoon	Ted Wallace	Mike Shirey

Deacons

Lauren Hill, Moderator

2022	2023	2024
Deb Colmers	Patrick Baker	Phyllis Compton
Lauren Hill	Bill Curtis	Susan Minor
Mary Hodgson	Chandra Jackson	Curtis Moore
Robin Nemser	Veronica Herber	David Meyers