

HILLS CHURCH



CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 25, 2021

* *Those who are able may rise.*

PRELUDE: Allegro (from *Suite Gothique*)
John Finney, organ

Léon Boëllmann

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: All your works give thanks to you, O Lord.

All: **All the faithful shall bless you.**

One: You open your hand

All: **and satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

One: Holy One, you are near to all who call on you!

All: **You uphold us when we are falling,
you are kind in everything you do.** (Psalm 145)

* HYMN: This is My Father's World *Terra Beata*
Hymns of Truth & Light (blue hymnal) #60

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living God of every time and place, you teach us again and again what goodness is, and how we should all live together. We want to live lives of health and wholeness, caring and contributing. We set out to do your will: loving our families, friends and neighbors, yet we stumble again and again. Catch us. Forgive our weakness and inertia. Stir enthusiasm and energy into us to inspire new ideas, connections, and right relationships. Help us to bring about the best in everyone we meet, and create the harmony and peace we desire. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* SUMMARY OF THE LAW

* GLORIA

Music by Alice Jordan

**Glory to God the Creator,
and to the Christ, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

SOLO: Balm in Gilead
Stephen Lebrón, baritone

*African-American Spiritual
arr. Harry T. Burleigh*

EPISTLE READING: Ephesians 3:14-21

GOSPEL READING: John 6:1-21

HOMILY: "Strength Training"

Rev. Judy Swahnberg

PRAYER CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

* HYMN: O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing *Azmon*
Hymns of Truth & Light (blue hymnal) #39

* COMMISSION & BENEDICTION

Please remain seated during the Postlude.

POSTLUDE: Toccata in F major *Dietrich Buxtehude*
John Finney, organ



This Is My Father's World

60

1. This is my Fa-ther's world; and to my lis-tening ears, all
2. This is my Moth-er's world; the birds their car-ols raise, the
3. This is my Mak-er's world; oh, let me ne'er for - get that

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
morn - ing light, the flow - ers bright, de - clare their Mak - er's praise.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
This is my Moth-er's world; she shines in all that's fair; in
This is my Mak-er's world; why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the won - ders wrought.
rus - tling grass I hear her pass; she speaks to me ev - ery - where.
heav - ens ring; let na - ture sing. God reigns; let earth be glad.

WORDS: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901, alt.

MUSIC: Traditional English melody; adapt. Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915

TERRA BEATA
SMD

Lockport NY Presbyterian pastor Babcock often walked out to a sweeping view of Lake Ontario, saying as he left the house, 'I am going out to see my Father's world.'

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
 2. My gra-cious Sav-ior and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
 3. Je-sus! the name that calms our fears, that bids our sor-rows cease,
 4. Glo-ry to God, and praise and love be ev-er, ev-er given

the glo-ries of my God and King, the tri-umphs of God's grace!
 to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
 is mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, is life, and health, and peace!
 by saints be-low and saints a-bove, the church in earth and heaven.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.
 MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; adapt. Lowell Mason, *Modern Psalmody*, 1839

AZMON
 CM

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Preacher: Rev. Judy Swahnberg
 Liturgist: Rev. Deborah Thornton
 Lay Reader: Elaine Vildzius
 Soloists: Shannon Lebrón
 Stephen Lebrón

PARISH REGISTER

Prayers of joy for:

- Tia Pinney and Kevin Groppe on the July 14 birth of their grandson, Hayes George Atkins Groppe, son of Nathaniel Groppe and Maylis Atkins
- Stephen “Kofi” Obeng and Daphne Lyon Murphy, married on July 17, 2021 in New York State. Steven is the son on Vida and Rev. Pashington Obeng
- Julie and David Safai and to their son, David “Porter” Saffai, who received the sacrament of Holy Baptism in a private service officiated by Rev. Anne Marie Holloway and hosted by Deacons Mimi D’Angelo and Lucy Sur on Sunday, July 18. Congratulations also to Porter’s uncle and godfather, Karl Jeffrey “Jeff” Karlson, who received the sacrament of baptism as well. Porter is the grandson and Jeff is the son of Debbie and Karl Karlson

Note: *As a COVID precaution for young children, The Hills Church is continuing to hold private baptisms within the sanctuary or outside. Our hope is to introduce and welcome our newly baptized friends to the congregation when it is safe to do so.*

Prayers of health and healing for:

- Amanda Crowley’s father, Terry Peel, COVID recovery
- Todd and Amanda Crowley’s son, Sam, continued prayers
- Harriet Dishman’s cousin, Hugo Grooters, recovering after multiple surgeries
- Neely Dodge’s sister, Dorian Polhemus
- Alice Erickson, recovering after surgery
- John David Ferrer’s dear friend Sary Rodriguez, recovering from a stroke
- John Finney’s brother-in-law, Lloyd Steffen, healing from a second surgery

- Kelly Ford's sister, Diane Current, hospitalized in CA
- Emily Gauthier's daughter, Sophia Gauthier
- Jim Nicoletti, hospitalized and in treatment
- Marilyn Nutting's sister-in-law, Mary Ellen Nutting
- Burt Payne, hospitalized after having surgery
- Sarah Pedersen
- Lynn Perry
- Elaine Pipes and Helen Turner's brother, Bob Pipes
- Maryanne "Burkey" Pratt, recovering at home
- Elizabeth Robertson, continuing to recover
- Bob Sechrest, recovering at home after hospitalization
- Bob Tomasetti's friend, Kristi Withington
- Mariela Vargas' sister, Cristina

Prayers for those who are in hospice care, and for their families:

- Nick Bahns' father, Walter Bahns

Prayers for those continuing in treatment:

- Jeremy "JJ" Demers
- Barry Jacobson
- Rob Jaczko
- Helen Turner, in treatment

Always in our prayers:

- Matt Schuler, son of John and Dwin Schuler
- Martha Spencer, Bill Spencer's sister
- Prayers for the sick, and for the medical teams caring for them

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