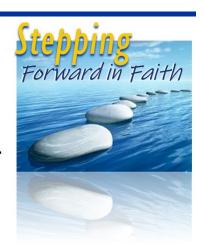


For I know the plans
I have for you, says the Lord . . .
- Jeremiah 29:11



CHURCH LIFE UPDATE

Steven Phillips

INTROIT Sanctus Andre Thomas

(Chancel Choir with Matt Jarvis, soloist)

Above him stood the seraphim.

And one cried to another:

Holy, holy, holy (is the) Lord God Almighty who was, and is to come! Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; heaven and earth are full of thy glory!

In the year that King Uzziah died I also saw the Lord.

He was sitting on his throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

Above it stood the seraphim; each one had six wings. And with two he covered his face,

and with two he covered his feet, and with two he did fly. And one cried to another: Holy, holy, holy...

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna to the Son of David.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Lord God of hosts.

Like the seraphim I want two wings to cover my face;

O Lord, I want two wings to fly away so the world can't do me no harm.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; heaven and earth are full of thy glory!

Text from Isaiah 6 and traditional liturgy

* CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 121 Becky Fingerle

We lift up our eyes to the hills; from where will our help come?

Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

In praise and with thanksgiving, we gather as one body, with song and with prayer.

The Lord will keep our going out and our coming in from this time and forevermore.

Come, let us worship God.

* **HYMN 301 (VERSES 1, 2, 4 & 5)** Let Us Build a House

TWO OAKS

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;

here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

^{*}Those who are able are invited to stand.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger: all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Timothy Boggess

Grace-filled God,
we confess that we pursue our own needs,
neglecting the needs of others.
We pursue our own desires,
while slowly destroying the gifts of your creation.
We deflect the call to ministry,
ignoring the cries of those in need.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Open our eyes to the truth of the gospel that, whatever the time or wherever we are, we may fully embody your love and justice for all the world.

(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*SONG OF JOY 14 (VERSE 1) For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:29-42

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *The Heidelberg Catechism*Becky Fingerle

What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—
not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ,
who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins
and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil;
that he protects me so well
that without the will of my Father in heaven
not a hair can fall from my head;
indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation.

Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known; will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

*BENEDICTION Timothy Boggess

POSTLUDE We Are One in the Spirit Scholtes /arr. Phillips

