SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 11, 2023
11:00 AM

CHURCH LIFE UPDATE — Steven Phillips

MOMENT FOR DISCIPLESHIP — **Beth-El Farmworkers Ministry** — Jorge Valazquez, Yuritzel Luviano

PRELUDE — *God Whose Giving Know No Ending* — arr. Steven Phillips

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** — Dick Wigton

We say we come to worship to be with God,
But the beautiful truth is:
God is already with us.
God is always with us.
So, in this time together,
let us lift our voices in praise
of this loving, ever-present God!

*** HYMN 469** — *Morning Has Broken* — BUNESSAN

Morning has broken
like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken
like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall
sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall
on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness
where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning,
born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation;
praise every morning,
God's re-creation
of the new day!

* *Those who are able are invited to stand.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION RC Smith

God of calling, you called Abraham and Matthew
and gave them the strength they needed to follow you.

You also called a people and cared for and nurtured them
so that they could live life in your abundance.

You also call us, but sometimes we prefer to
close our eyes and cover our ears,
turning our backs to your will.

Forgive us, O God, and grant us the confidence and the hope
that we need to follow when you call. Amen.

(a moment for silent reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* **SONG OF JOY 623** (vv. 1 & 2) *I've Got Peace like a River* PEACE LIKE A RIVER

I've got peace like a river;
I've got peace like a river;
I've got peace like a river, in my soul. (twice)

I've got joy like a fountain;
I've got joy like a fountain;
I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul. (twice)

* **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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SERMON *God Loves Nobodies* RC Smith

* **HYMN 726** *Will You Come and Follow Me* KELVINGROVE

"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?" (continued next page)

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.

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Confession of 1967*
Dick Wigton

The risen Christ is the Savior of all people.
Those joined to him by faith
are set right with God and commissioned
to serve as God's reconciling community.
Christ is the head of this community, the church,
Which began with the apostles
and continues through all generations.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

ANTHEM Climbing Up the Mountain (The Chancel Choir) Spiritual/ arr. William Henry Smith

Refrain:
Climbin' up the mountain, children,
didn't come here for stay,
and if I nevermore see you again,
goin' to meet you at the judgment day!

Moses went down into Egypt land,
he told ole Pharaoh,
that the good Lord sittin' on His heavenly throne
said "Let my people go!" good Lord!
"Let my people go!" (Refrain)

Daniel in the den of lions,
he did begin to pray,
and the Angel of the Lord locked the lion's jaw.
That sure was a mighty day, good Lord,
sure was a mighty day! (Refrain)

Children in the fiery furnace, they did begin to pray,
and the Angel of the Lord put the fire out.
That sure was a mighty day, good Lord,
sure was a mighty day! (Refrain)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Steven Phillips

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.

* **HYMN 839** *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!* ASSURANCE

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:
This is my story; this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long:
this is my story; this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Refrain)

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (Refrain)

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** RC Smith

* **POSTLUDE** *The Rejoicing* G. F. Handel