



Online Worship Resource (Sunday, October 10, 2021)

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FLOWERS: Given to the glory of God by Kwabena & Paulina Sintim-Aboagye in celebration of their son, Kojo's birthday.

Prelude: Aria in F Major George Frederick Handel
 Jane Kerr, Organist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call to Worship from Psalm 90 Glenn Fahrig, Liturgist

Please stand as you are led and join me in our responsive Call to Worship:

Teach us to count our days

that we may gain a wise heart

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands -
O prosper the work of our hands!

Opening Hymn: "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.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;
For that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven.
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Call to Confession

(Liturgist)

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sins to God. Please join me in the prayer of confession:

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Alleluia! Amen.

Response: 'Come All You People'

Come all you people, come and praise your Maker; (3 times)

Come now and worship the Lord.

Uyai mose, tinamate Mwari; (3 times)

Uyai mose zvino.

Passing the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Children's Time

Judy Viccellio

Prayer for Illumination

(Liturgist)

Let us prepare our hearts to hear God's Word by praying together the Prayer for Illumination:

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that, hearing, we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Mark 10:17-31 and Hebrews 4:12-16

¹⁷ As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸ Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰ He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth."

²¹ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²² When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. ²³ Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

²⁸ Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹ Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

¹² Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³ And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴ Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn After Sermon: “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door.
Gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ your Son,
All at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone;
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace
conferred;
Ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

Call to offering (Liturgist)

Scripture teaches us that God loves a cheerful giver. Thank you for being those cheerful givers and for being so generous to the work and ministry of this church. Let us pray the prayer of dedication together:

Prayer of Dedication

Lord Jesus Christ, thank you that you have plans for me that are for my good and your glory. You said, “Give, and it will be given to you; for in the same measure as you give, it will be given to you again.” We give to you today as a response to your goodness to us. We ask that you receive our offerings and continue to supply all our needs. May your peace be in our hearts, your grace be in our words, your love be in our hands and your joy be in our souls. In your mighty name. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer 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.

Closing Hymn: "This Is My Father's World"

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world. O, let me ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world. The battle is not done: Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.

Benediction

Postlude: (#546) Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;

let us each your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.

O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

*Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound;
may the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.*

Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.

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Today's Worship Participants:

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Judy Viccellio, guitar, David Maley, piano, Glenn Fahrig, liturgist and
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