

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2020

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE Piano Sonata in C Minor-Second Movement
Franz Schubert

Nenad Ivovic

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Joyce Simpson

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

People: God's right hand and holy arm have gotten the victory.

Leader: The Lord has made known the victory; God has revealed vindication in the sight of the nations.

**People: The Lord has remembered steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of the nation.**

HYMN: #451 Black Hymnal

"Be Now My Vision"

*Be now my vision, o God of my heart;
Nothing surpasses the love You impart-
You my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping Your presence my light.*

*Be now my wisdom, and be my true word;
Ever within me my soul is assured;
Mother and Father, You are both to me,
Now and forever Your child I will be.*

*Riches I need not, nor life's empty praise,
You, my inheritance, now and always;
You and you only are first in my heart,
Great God my treasure, may we never part.*

*Sovereign of heaven my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

CALL TO RECONCILIATION:

Leader: Jesus calls us to come, holding nothing in our hands, confessing our need of God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

All: God of true peace, we confess that we have preferred the peace the world gives over that which You offer. We have often sought the peace of worldly security and social conformity over the challenge and fulfillment of discipleship to Jesus Christ. Forgive us and deepen our trust in You that we may give ourselves to the adventure of living in faith. Make us responsive and responsible to Your Holy Spirit, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Leader: This is the Good News! In Jesus Christ God forgives us and returns the lives we have offered, overflowing with new life. Amen.

MUSICAL RESPONSE Prelude Op. 37 No.1
A. Scriabin

Nenad Iovic

PRAYERS, CONCERNS, AND JOYS
PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Janice Touloukian

THE LORD'S PRAYER (using "debts")

**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, for ever. Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

"The peace of Christ be with you."

"And also with you."

THIS MORNING'S LESSONS: Deuteronomy 24:8-22

Luke 20:27-40

REFLECTION ON THE WORD

Rev. Shepard Parsons

COMMUNION

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison)

All: We give thanks, O God, because in Your own free gift of love You have reached out to us. You have refreshed us at Your table, touched our deepest needs, and called us to a life shared in memory and hope. Send us forth with courage and joy in the name of Jesus Christ, that we too, may become bread and peace for one another and the world. Amen.

HYMN: #595 Black Hymnal

“Some Glad Morning” (I’ll Fly Away)

*Some glad morning when this life is o’er, I’ll fly away;
To a home on God’s celestial shore, I’ll fly away.*

Refrain: *I’ll fly away, O Glory, I’ll fly away;
When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I’ll fly away.*

*When the shadows of this life are gone, I’ll fly away;
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I’ll fly away.*

*Just a few more weary days and then, I’ll fly away;
To a land where joys will never end. I’ll fly away.*

BENEDICTION

May God bless you and keep you.

May God’s face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May the countenance of the Lord be lifted upon you and give you peace.

Amen!

POSTLUDE

Prelude No.3

G. Gershwin

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