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14th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 29, 2021

All members and guests, please fill out the Welcome Form found at the end of your row and pass it on to your neighbor. The pastoral and spiritual care of the members of Christ Church is very important to us. In order to care for all of you, we need to know who is present and who is not. So, please take a moment to sign the pad. The Welcome Forms will be picked up by the ushers at the end of the service.

PRELUDE

As Newborn Stars Were Stirred to Song
Music: John Carl Hirten/Text: Carl P. Daw Jr.
~Sanctuary Choir~

As newborn stars were stirred to song when all things came to be, as Miriam and Moses sang when Israel was set free, so music bursts unbidden forth when God-filled hearts rejoice, to waken awe and gratitude and give mute faith a voice.

In psalms that raise the singer's sense to universal truths, in prophet's dark-toned oracle or hymn of three brave youths: the song of faith and praise endured through those God called to be a chosen people bearing light for all the world to see.

When God's redeeming Word took flesh to make salvation sure, unheeding hearts attuned to strife refused love's overture. Yet to the end the song went on: a supper's parting hymn, a psalm intoned on dying lips when sun and hope grew dim.

But silence won no vict'ry there; a rest was all it scored before glad alleluias rose to greet the risen Lord. The church still keeps that song alive, for death has lost its sting, and with the gift of life renewed the heart will ever sing.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P In deep gratitude we come to worship God.

C We recognize God as the source of all goodness.

P All good gifts come from the Spirit of God:

C love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, gentleness are all of God.

P We come with grateful hearts, not for things, but for who God is.

C We gather to show our gratitude in song and prayer.

~ posted on The Presbyterian Church in Canada website.

WELCOME & PREPARATION

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.
C Amen.

P **Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,**
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God, our provider,
C help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.
We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.
We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.
We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

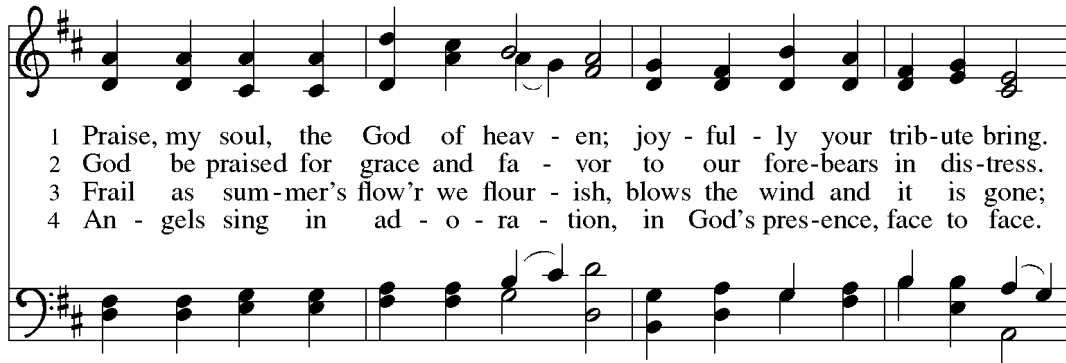
Turn us again to you.
 Where else can we turn?
 Share with us the words of eternal life
 and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

P Beloved people of God:
 in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
 you are fed and nourished.
 By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
 there is always more than enough.
 Through Jesus, ✚ the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:
 you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. C Amen.

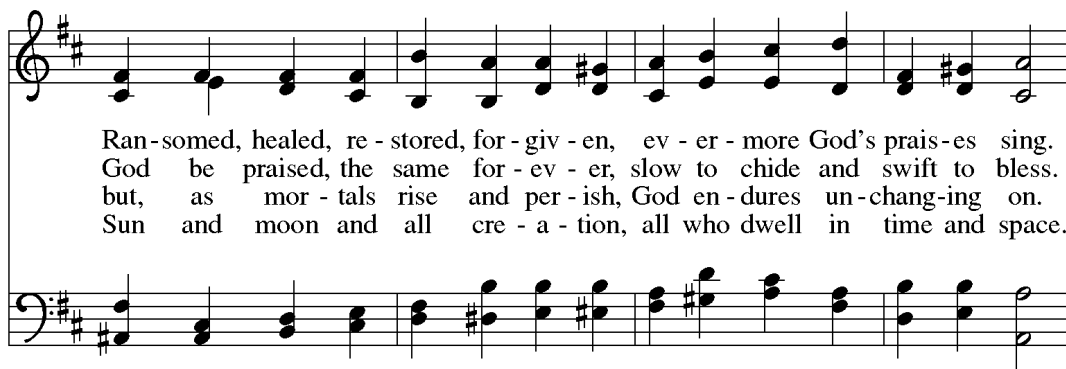
Please stand as you are able.

HYMN

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven



1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib-ute bring.
 2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.
 3 Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
 4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres-ence, face to face.



Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais-es sing.
 God be praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
 but, as mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en-dures un-chang-ing on.
 Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847; alt. Walter R. Bouman, 1927–2005
 Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

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Please be seated.

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with you all. (2 Corinthians 13:13)

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray:

O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST LESSON Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

L ¹So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, **who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!"** ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your **children and your children's children.**

L The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

PSALM 15

Spoken responsively.

L LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

C ²Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;

L ³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

C ⁴In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD.

They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

L ⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

SECOND LESSON James 1:17-27

L ¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰**for your anger does not produce God's righteousness.** ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

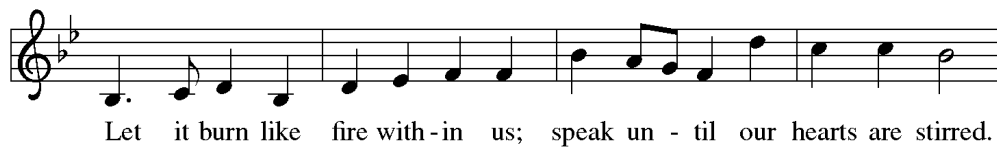
²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

L The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Please stand for the reading of the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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GOSPEL Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

P The holy gospel according to Mark.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

P ¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵**So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?"** ⁶He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,

but their hearts are far from me;

⁷in vain do they worship me,

teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that **come out are what defile.**” ²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³**All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.**”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON

Rev. Wes Smith

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN

O God beyond All Praising



1 O God be-yond all prais - ing, we wor-ship you to - day
2 The flow'r of earth - ly splen - dor in time must sure - ly die,
3 Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,
and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay;
its frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der to you, the Lord most high;
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;
for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
but hid - den from all na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown -
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,
at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:
though small in mor - tal stat - ure, to heav - en's gar - den grown:
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:
we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,
for Christ, your gift from heav - en, from death has set us free,
to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,

we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
 and we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
 and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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APOSTLES' CREED

P Gathered together by the power of the Holy Spirit we confess our common faith:

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Elements of today's prayers are adapted from ~ Paul Sauer, and posted on the [Lutheran Forum](#) website.

P **Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.**

A brief silence.

We pray for the church, that it might be a safe haven for all who seek your presence. Fill it with pastors, deacons, and leaders who echo your expansive and generous welcome. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P God of the living, with all your creatures great and small we sing your bounty and your goodness, for in the harvest of land and ocean, in the cycles of the seasons, and the wonders of each creature, You reveal your generosity. Teach us the gratitude that dispels envy, that we may

honor each gift as you cherish your creation, and praise you in all times and places. Lord in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We pray for individuals in positions of authority. Raise up wise and discerning leaders in federal, state, and local governments and guide them to seek the benefit of every person. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We pray for all who are in need. Support and encourage those who are unemployed, underemployed, or experiencing poverty. Bring food, shelter, clothes, and stability for daily life and instill in your people a desire to be your hands in the world for the sake of others. This day we pray especially for Cathy, Victoria, Diane, Jenn, Jenny, Ed, David, Marilyn, Martin, Candice, Rayce, and Dorothy and all those who we now name in our hearts or in the presence of this assembly. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We pray for this congregation, especially those beginning a new school year. Empower teachers and school administrators. Guide students in their learning and development. Accompany parents, foster parents, and caregivers who provide encouragement and love. Give patients where it is needed and grace to those discerning safety measures. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We give thanks for the faithful departed who showed us how to honor God with our heart. Inspire us by their example and renew our faith, trusting that we will be united with them in glory. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Gracious God, let our prayers be offered to you with the gentleness that is born from your wisdom from above, that is pure, peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, and full of mercy.

C Amen.

GREETING OF PEACE

P The peace of the Lord is with you always.

C And also with you.

In this age of social-distancing, you are invited to shake hands as you are comfortable or leave a word of peace in the comment section of the worship broadcast. Send greetings to a church member, a person *you don't recognize, or simply like or love someone else's post. In all things spread peace.*

VOLUNTARY

ANTHEM

Draw Us in the Spirits Tether
~Sanctuary Choir~

Harold Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in Thy name, two or three are met together Thou are in the midst of them; Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now Thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Father, break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluia! Alleluia! So knit Thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living sake as sacraments of Thee, That by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be. Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve Thee faithfully.

OFFERTORY

The offering is our opportunity to "offer" an expression of our gratitude and appreciation for God's goodness, from the blessings God has entrusted to us. (John 15:5; Psalm 51:10-12)

Please stand as you are able.

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vine - yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us Pray.

Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world. C Amen

THE MEAL

Communion is both an individual and communal sacrament. Individual in that Jesus is present in, with, and around the elements we take into ourselves, and communal in that we partake of the bread and wine as a collective body of believers. Because of the communal nature of communion, please refrain from eating and drinking until pastor invites you to do so. All (no asterisk) are welcome **at God's table.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

P The Lord is with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places

give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,

through our Savior Jesus Christ;

who on this day overcame death and the grave,

and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,

with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy,

and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.
C Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

Please be seated. Time for prayer and meditation

ANTHEM

What Shall I Render to My God?
American folk tune, arr. Austin C. Lovelace
~Sanctuary Choir~

*What shall I render to my God for all his mercies store? I'll take the gifts he hath bestowed and humbly ask for more. The sacred cup of saving grace I will with thanks receive, and all his promises embrace and to is glory live. My vows I will to his great name before his people pay, and all I have, and all I am, upon his altar lay. Thy lawful servant, Lord, I owe thee whatever is mine. Born in thy family below, and by redemption, thine. Thy hands created me, thy hands from sin have set me free. The mercy that hath loosed my bands hath bound me fast to thee. Praise him, **ye saints, the God of love who hath thy sins forgiven, 'till** gathered to the church above, we sing the songs of heaven.*

HYMN

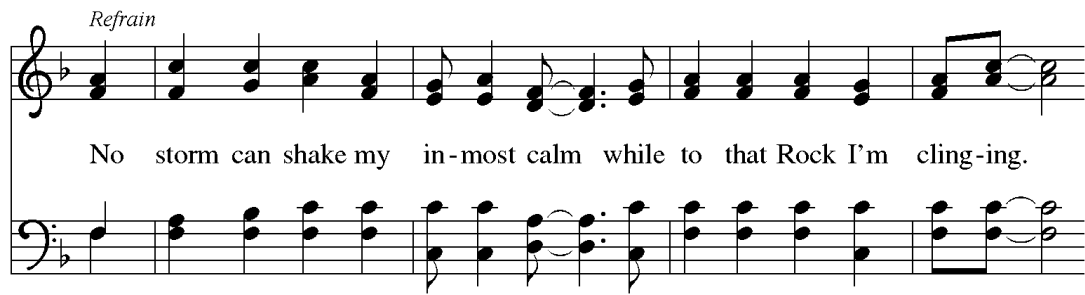
My Life Flows On in Endless Song

1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam - en - ta - tion,
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
 3 What though my joys and com - forts die? The Lord my Sav - ior liv - eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring - ing!

I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing - ing?
 What though the dark - ness gath - er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing - ing?

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Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

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 Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table
 more than we could ever ask.

As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
 In your name we pray. C Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAREWELL AND GODSPEED

BENEDICTION Adapted from the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand.

P On our own
 what we have to give
 doesn't amount to much
 in the light of all you have given to us
 and in the face of so much need.

Put together as a congregation,
what we've offered you here this morning in love
 that it becomes more,
 not simply added together,
 but somehow multiplied in its usefulness.

We ask you to bless our gifts
 and just as it was with the loaves and fishes,
 there is enough for all.
 In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. C Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN

When in Our Music God Is Glorified



1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, and ad - o -
2 How oft, in mak - ing mu - sic, we have found a new di -
3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song, in faith and
4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night when ut - most
5 Let ev - 'ry in - stru - ment be tuned for praise; let all re -



ra - tion leaves no room for pride, it is as
men - sion in the world of sound, as wor - ship
love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, borne wit - ness
e - vil strove a - gainst the light? Then let us
joyce who have a voice to raise; and may God



though the whole cre - a - tion cried:
moved us to a more pro - found
to the truth in ev - 'ry tongue: Al - le - lu - ia!
sing, for whom he won the fight:
give us faith to sing al - ways:

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SENDING

P You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news!
C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Toccata (from Symphony No. 5), Op. 41, No. 1

Charles Marie Widor

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Nikolai Frederik Severin Grundtvig, bishop, renewer of the church, died 1872

Thursday, September 2, 2021

Grundtvig was, with Søren Kierkegaard, one of the two great Danish theologians of the nineteenth century. As a pastor, he battled the prevalent idea that Christianity was more a philosophy than divine revelation. He wrote over a thousand hymns.



SERVING US AT WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

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