

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

Hearing assistance devices are available. Please ask a greeter for a receiver.

(*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

We Gather in God's Name

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prayer for Mother

Jodie O'Regan

At dawn the last of her night stars steers my path. Through the trees I see the way.
When the sun is hot I rest in her green grass. I drink from her river. And I am restored.

She lifts me high in her expectation. She holds me close when I am hurt.

She talks me through my fears. I have heard death's low drum.

But She knows the smallness of death, in the vast universe. And is not afraid.

She feeds me she nurtures my body. She fortifies me. Like a child I surrender.

I rest my head against her. She will bring sanctuary.

To my weary soul for all of the days. All of the days of my life.

inspired by Psalm 23

Amy Finka, soprano

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Sing a new song to God, who has done marvelous things.

P: We celebrate God's steadfast love and rejoice in God's faithfulness.

L: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; break forth in songs of praise.

P: With lyre and trumpets and horns, we make melody in thanks to God.

L: Rejoice that God has come in Jesus Christ to call us beloved friends.

P: We sing for joy that Christ chooses us to go out and bear much fruit.

*INVOCATION

***HYMN #703**

“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

Amy Finka, cantor

CALL TO CONFESSION

God comes to judge the earth with righteousness and the people with equity. We can bring our failures and wrongdoings to God, knowing that God will receive us fairly and help us to overcome our sin. Let us confess together:

(Time for silent confession)

CONFESSION OF SIN (*UNISON*)

O God, we have not lived as your servants; how can we even aspire to be Jesus' friends? We complain rather than sing your praises. We ignore your commandments and dismiss them as unimportant. We focus on our own self-interest rather than giving ourselves for causes and people important to your purposes. Turn us around, God, and help us to devote ourselves to your way. In Jesus' name. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE**

L: Whatever you ask of God may be given you. The Holy Spirit comes among us, bringing assurance of God's forgiveness and changing past distinctions. Abide in God's love. You have been chosen to be Christ's friend and appointed to bear much fruit. Friends, hear and believe the good news:

P: *In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.* Thanks be to God.

L: May the peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you.

(For those in the sanctuary, please greet one another with a friendly wave.)

***GLORIA PATRI** Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.

God's Word Is Proclaimed

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE VERSE "These Treasured Children"

*Come Holy Spirit, help us be
a nurturing community.
Empower us to realize
God's kingdom through our children's eyes.*

NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 10:44-48

L: The word of the Lord. P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Gentile Pentecost: God Loves All! Rev. Scott Huie

We Respond to God's Word

***HYMN #7**

"Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth"
Amy Finka, cantor

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

DEDICATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (*unison*)

Eternal God, each of us is a fragile miracle, evidence of you creative hands and amazing grace. We who have been crafted in your image and blessed with numerous gifts now give these material gifts to our Creator who loves and sustains us now and forever more. These gifts, Lord are brought to you in love through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

We Seal God's Word Upon Our Hearts And Bear It Into the World

*HYMN #317

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

Amy Finka, cantor

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Paeon

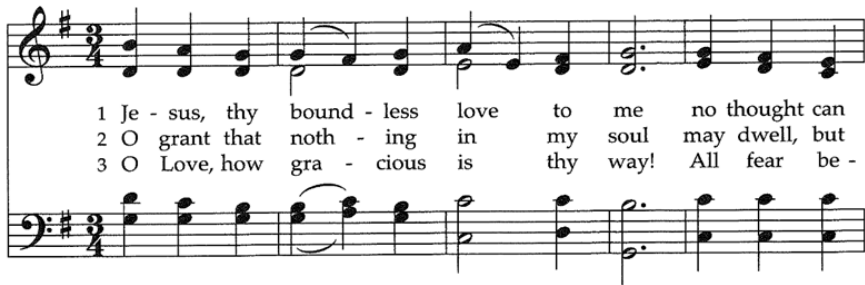
Gordon Young

(please remain seated during the closing voluntary)

Music Note

Today's Opening Voluntary was composed by Jodie O'Regan. Mrs. O'Regan served as DPC's composer in residence from 2018-2020.

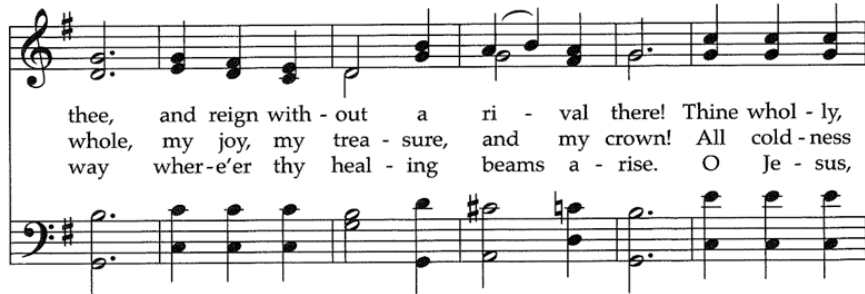
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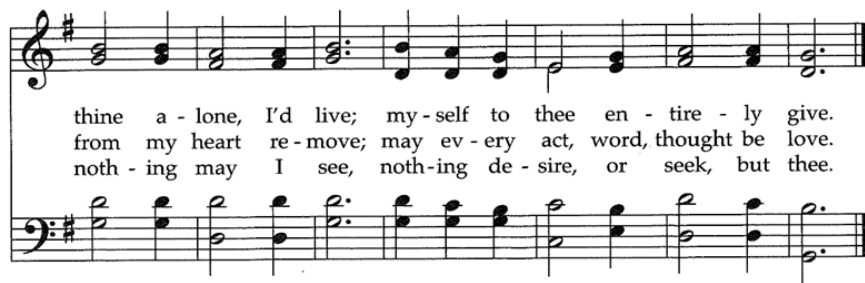
1 Je - sus, thy bound - less love to me no thought can
 2 O grant that noth - ing in my soul may dwell, but
 3 O Love, how gra - cious is thy way! All fear be -



reach, no tongue de - clare; O knit my thank - ful heart to
 thy pure love a - lone; O may thy love pos - sess me
 fore thy pres - ence flies; care, an - guish, sor - row melt a -



thee, and reign with - out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly,
 whole, my joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness
 way wher - e'er thy heal - ing beams a - rise. O Je - sus,



thine a - lone, I'd live; my - self to thee en - tire - ly give.
 from my heart re - move; may ev - ery act, word, thought be love.
 noth - ing may I see, noth - ing de - sire, or seek, but thee.

John Wesley learned the original German hymn from the Moravians during his time in Savannah, Georgia, and translated all sixteen stanzas. The tune, named for a 4th-century martyr, comes out of the Roman Catholic revival movement of the mid-19th century.

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth 7



1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright
 2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing
 3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - turing one, in arms of



morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - ery
 me your food of light, grain of life, and grape of
 pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and



breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
 love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.
 grow un - til I flower, un - til I know.

As the tune name hints, this text is derived from images in the writings of the English medieval mystic, Julian of Norwich. In 1393 she wrote down an account of her sixteen remarkable visions experienced twenty years earlier; they formed the basis of her theology of God's love.

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1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com -
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet

south or north, but one great fel - low -
 mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
 race may be. All chil - dren of the
 south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

This setting expands and enhances the thematic inclusiveness of an early 20th-century text by adapting the melody of a traditional spiritual to carry these words. This 1940 pairing marked the first use of African American musical material in a mainline North American hymnal.

OUR MISSION

Gathering in the heart of Nashville, we are a community of disciples of Jesus Christ. We seek the welfare of the city as we seek the kingdom of God.

We are an historic church working to be a welcoming and inclusive congregation. Together we actively share God's grace and love through worship, education and service, and through being an active voice in promoting justice and peace in our community and the world.

OUR VALUES AND ETHOS

- Belief in God's love and in Christ's ministry
- The desire to welcome and embrace everyone. No exceptions.
- Service to God, service to our neighbors
- God's gift of creativity

SESSION 2021

Class of 2021

Jim Hoobler
Mary Turner
David Maddox

Class of 2022

Erin Bell
Tom Byl
Jake Byl

Class of 2023

Tom Wills
Samera Zavaro
Leslee Hughes

THE CHURCH STAFF

Dena Swoner, Office Manager
Paulino Jarquin, Maintenance Manager
Dr. William Taylor, Director of Music

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You must come down 4th from Church Street. Parking in this garage is complimentary from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Parking vouchers are necessary to exit the garage without having to pay. To get one, just ask one of our greeters.