

June 21, 2020

PENTECOST 3 SUNDAY

Prelude: Toccata in A major by Bruce Nasmith

Organist: Bruce Nasmith

Worship Theme & Welcome

Call to worship:

Our God, the biblical God, is a God who takes sides. Our God is a God of the oppressed, the colonized, the slaves. Our God is a God who visits and empowers those crying out for liberation and justice. Our God is a God who vindicates those who suffer injustice and gives them strength to fight with integrity of spirit and respect for the humanity of others. Our God is a God who enters our pain and suffering and becomes personal to us when our energy and hope are spent...

This is the God the slave woman Hagar encountered when she was discarded by Abraham and Sarah. This is the God who empowered her to take care of her son Ishmael and become the matriarch of a whole people.

Visit us, O God, reveal yourself to us, give us your personal name so that we may claim you as our own God.

In this time of uncertainty, fear and social unrest, may we find our way in a new way as your children in spirit and in truth. May we discover in ourselves new power to become because you are in us as life-giving energy.

ALL: Reveal yourself to us, O God, and speak to us as we worship you, together!

Hymn #422: “Sing a new song unto the Lord”

Soloist: Chris Tanaka-Mann

Prayer of Approach, Confession & The Lord's Prayer

The Peace of Christ be with you all;
And also with you.

Special Music: “The Little Prince” words by Bruce Nasmith to a tune by T. Moore

Soloist: Anna Bateman, Pianist: Bruce Nasmith

Scripture: Genesis 16. 1-11, 13 & Genesis 21. 9-21

Sermon: WHEN ‘GOD’ NEEDS TO BE PERSONAL

Special Music: “The Hammer Song” by Pete Seeger

Soloists: Erin Stone & Bruce Nasmith

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern

Hymn #671: “I heard the voice of Jesus say”

Soloists: Elias Theocharidis and Shaun Alphonso, Organist: Bruce Nasmith

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Postlude: The Rejoicing by G. F. Handel

Organist: Bruce Nasmith



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