

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS & DEVICES SUNDAY

September 13, 2020

Prelude: Te Deum by Charpentier

Organist: Bruce Nasmith

Worship Theme & Welcome

CALL TO WORSHIP:

“As Jesus 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?’” (Mark 10: 17)

Eternal life is not life after death. It is fullness of life beginning now. It is living greater possibilities in our lives beginning now.

We worship God who is the source of all life in search of eternal life. We seek to follow Jesus because we believe Jesus opens a door of revelation, wisdom and understanding of what such a life can look like for us.

We worship God in need of courage because we know that such a life may involve giving up certain attachments, and taking up certain commitments.

We worship God seeking insight and discernment for how our privilege and comfort may block us from really wanting to be on the side of meaningful change, even when our lives feel stuck and unfulfilled.

Let us worship God together, knowing we will be challenged and trusting God’s grace will meet us should we falter to take up the challenge! Praise be to God for God’s infinite love!

Hymn #317: “Colourful Creator, God of mystery”

Soloists: Anna Bateman, Erin Stone, Shaun Alphonso, Chris Tanaka-Mann, Pianist: Bruce Nasmith

1. Colourful Creator,
God of mystery,
thank you for the artist
teaching us to see
glimpses of the meaning
of the commonplace,
visions of the holy
in each human face.
2. Harmony of ages,
God of listening ear,
thank you for composers
tuning us to hear
echoes of Gospel
in the songs we sing,
sounds of love and longing
from the deepest spring.
3. Author of our journey,
God of near and far,
praise for tale and drama
telling who we are,
stripping to the essence
struggles of our day,
time of change and conflict
when we choose our way.
4. God of truth and beauty,
Poet of the Word,
may we be creators
by the Spirit stirred,
open to your presence
in our joy and strife,
vessels of the holy
coursing through our life.

Prayer of Approach, Confession & The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever...**

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

Special Music: “Praise, Adoration” by Bruce Nasmith

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Blessing of the Backpacks and Devices

Scripture Reading: Mark 10. 17-31

Sermon: HOW MUCH ARE YOU WILLING TO CHANGE?

Special Music: "Have It All" by Brian Johnson, Bobby Strand, Lindsey Strand, Mia Fieldes & Joel Taylor, Arr. by Dan Galbraith

Soloists: Anna Bateman, Erin Stone, Shaun Alphonso & Chris Tanaka-Mann, Pianist: Bruce Nasmith

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern

Hymn #634: Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Soloists: Anna Bateman, Erin Stone, Shaun Alphonso, Chris Tanaka-Mann, Organist: Bruce Nasmith

1. Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?
2. Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?
3. Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?

- Will you kiss the leper clean
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?
4. Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?
5. Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Postlude: "Glory be to God on high" by organist Bruce Nasmith



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