

PENTECOST 6 SUNDAY

July 4, 2021

Organ Prelude: Meditation from Thaïs

Massenet

Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

CALL TO WORSHIP:

‘Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.’
(Hebrews 11:1)

We come to church so we can explore what it is we believe and to cultivate greater openness to believe.

‘When he saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, ‘Son, your sins are forgiven.’ (Mark 2:5)

We come to church so we can find spiritual community in the faith of others and the love of God which can reach down into the broken places within us.

ALL: Let us worship God together!

Hymn: Simply trusting every day

No. 689

1. Simply trusting every day,
trusting through a stormy way,
even when my faith is small,
trusting Jesus, that is all.

Refrain:

**Trusting as the moments fly,
trusting as the days go by,
trusting him whate'er befall,
trusting Jesus, that is all.**

2. Brightly doth his Spirit shine
into this poor heart of mine;
while he leads I cannot fall,
trusting Jesus, that is all. **(Refrain)**

3. Singing, if my way be clear,
praying, if the path be drear,
if in danger for him call,
trusting Jesus, that is all.
(Refrain)

4. Trusting him while life shall last,
trusting him till earth be past,
till within the jasper wall,
trusting Jesus, that is all.
(Refrain)

Prayer of Approach, Confession & 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 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. Amen.**

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

Children's Theme for Church School

Special Music: But the Lord is mindful of his own

Mendelssohn

Soloist Elias Theocharidis

Scripture Readings: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-12, Mark 2:1-12

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-12

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered God faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’

Mark 2:1-12

When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. ²So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. ³Then some people came, bringing to him a paralysed man, carried by four of them. ⁴And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. ⁵When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, ‘Son, your sins are forgiven.’ ⁶Now some of the scribes were sitting there,

questioning in their hearts, ⁷‘Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?’ ⁸At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, ‘Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? ⁹Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, “Your sins are forgiven”, or to say, “Stand up and take your mat and walk”? ¹⁰But so that you may know that the son of humanity has authority on earth to forgive sins’—he said to the paralytic— ¹¹‘I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home.’ ¹²And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, ‘We have never seen anything like this!’

We are listening, O God;

Speak to us!

Sermon:

FAITH AND SELF-WORTH

Dr. Harris

Special Music: As the deer

Martin Nystrom

Soloist Radostina Borisova with Choir

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern

Hymn: One more step along the world I go

No. 641

1. One more step along the world I go.
One more step along the world I go.
From the old things to the new
keep me traveling along with you.
And it's from the old I travel to the new.
Keep me traveling along with you.

2. Round the corners of the world I turn.
More and more about the world I learn.
All the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me.
And it's from the old I travel to the new.
Keep me traveling along with you.

3. As I travel through the bad and good
keep me traveling the way I should.
Where I see no way to go,
you'll be telling me the way, I know.
And it's from the old I travel to the new.
Keep me traveling along with you.

4. Give me courage when the
world is rough.
Keep me loving though the world is tough.
Leap and sing in all I do.
Keep me traveling along with you.
And it's from the old I travel to the new.
Keep me traveling along with you.

5. You are older than the world can be.
You are younger than the life in me.
Ever old and ever new,
keep me traveling along with you.
And it's from the old I travel to the new.
Keep me traveling along with you.

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Organ Postlude: Great is Thy faithfulness

Thomas Chisholm

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