

PENTECOST 12 SUNDAY

August 15, 2021

Guitar Prelude: "St. Flavian" and "Fernando Sor Study no. 2"

arr. by Bruce Nasmith

Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Way beyond all journeying, truth behind all mystery, life within all living

We come to you, in humility and kindness to worship.

Liberating and abiding love, who makes a home where love is, Advocate and accompanying one,

We come to you, in humility and kindness to pray.

Giver of peace, of every good and inexplicable gift.

We come to you, in humility and kindness to praise. Be with us in worship, in our prayer, in our praise, and as we walk through each day.

Hymn: What does the Lord require of you (*Repeated and sung in a round*)

No. 709

1. What does the Lord require of you?
What does the Lord require of you?

3. To seek justice, and love kindness,
and walk humbly with your God.

2. Justice, kindness,
walk humbly with your God.

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.

Scripture Readings: Micah 6:1-8, John 14:15-31

Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

'O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,

Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.'

'With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?

Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

John 14:15-30

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.'

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.' Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, 'Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?' Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.'

'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe. I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me; but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us be on our way.'

We are listening, O God;
Speak to us!

Sermon: HUMBLE & KIND Rev. Deb Stanbury

Special Music: "Humble and kind"
Soloists Shaun Alphonso & Bruce Nasmith Tim McGraw

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern

Hymn: God bless your church with strength (*tune 274*) **No. 491**

1. God bless your church with strength!
Wherever we may be,
up build your servants as we work
in common ministry.
Urge us from fledgling faith
to venture and to soar
through open skies to sing the praise
of Christ whom we adore.

2. God bless your church with life!
May all our branches thrive,
unblemished, wholesome, bearing fruit,
abundantly alive.
From you, one holy vine,
in freedom may we grow;
sustain us in our mission, Lord,
your love and peace to show.

3. God bless your church with hope!
Despite chaotic days,
may we in darkness shine to light
a pathway through life's maze.

May justice be our aim,
and kindness ours to share;
in humbleness oh may we walk,
assured our God is there!

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Guitar Postlude: Impromptu

Bruce Nasmith

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