

PENTECOST 15 SUNDAY

September 5, 2021

Organ Prelude: Prelude in B major

J. S. Bach

Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

CALL TO WORSHIP:

**Jesus said: “whoever welcomes one such child in my name, welcomes me.”
(Mark 9:37)**

To welcome Jesus is to welcome God.

We gather for worship so we can be challenged to think about all those obstacles in our lives preventing us from welcoming God into our lives and our hearts as a child.

We come to church so that we may be inspired to grow in our faith living in the real world without having to sacrifice the child in us.

ALL: Let us worship God together!

Hymn: Can a little child like me

No. 441

1. Can a little child like me
thank the Father fittingly?
Yes, oh yes! be good and true,
patient, kind in all you do;
love the Lord and do your part;
learn to say with all your heart:

Refrain:

Saviour, we thank you!
Spirit, we thank you!
Great God our Maker,
we thank you!

2. For our playing, for our rest,
for the earth in beauty dressed,
for the moon and sun so bright,
for the day and for the night,
for your patient, loving care,
for your bounty everywhere:
(Refrain)

3. For the laughter, for the tear,
for the love that meets us here,
for the lessons of our youth—
honour, gratitude and truth—
for the great gift of your Son,
for your work in us begun:
(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.

Special Music: "The peace of God"

John Rutter

Scripture Readings: Jeremiah 12:1-4; Mark 9:30-37

Jeremiah 12:1-4

You will be in the right, O LORD,
when I lay charges against you;
but let me put my case to you.

Why does the way of the guilty prosper?
Why do all who are treacherous thrive?

² You plant them, and they take root;
they grow and bring forth fruit;
you are near in their mouths
yet far from their hearts.

³ But you, O LORD, know me;
You see me and test me—my heart is with you.

Pull them out like sheep for the slaughter,
and set them apart for the day of slaughter.

⁴ How long will the land mourn,
and the grass of every field wither?

For the wickedness of those who live in it
the animals and the birds are swept away,
and because people said, 'He is blind to our ways.'

Mark 9:30-37

³⁰ They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

33 Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' 34 But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. 35 He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' 36 Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 37 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

We are listening, O God;
Speak to us!

Sermon: GROWING UP IN OUR FAITH Dr. Harris

Special Music: "O Day of Peace that Dimly Shines" Parry, arr. by Gordon Jacob

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern

Hymn: Make me a channel of your peace No. 740

1. Make me a channel of your peace:
where there is hatred
let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your healing power,
and where there's doubt,
true faith in you.

2. Make me a channel of your peace:
where there's despair in life
let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness,
ever joy.

3. O Spirit, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

4. Make me a channel of your peace:
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Organ Postlude: Psalm 148 Bruce Nasmith

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