

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, July 12, 2020

Prelude - *Prelude and Fugue in G* – J.S. Bach – Linda Sweetman Waters, Organ

Greeting, Announcements & Expressions of Faith through Stained Glass

Call to Worship

God's creation delights and astonishes. **Let the people pause and wonder!**

God, the Creator, has made it all. Let all creation shout and sing! **Alleluia!**

Prayer of the Day

O Lord our God, you opened your mouth and uttered a word and creation sprang forth in abundance. Let us open our mouths in praise that we may bear fruit in every season and be satisfied by your goodness, for you, O God, are the source of all life and growth; your grace abounds forever. **Amen.**

Hymn – *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 55: 10-13

Musical Offering– *I Thank You, Lord*, Joseph M. Martin

Lord, when I think upon the music of my life, your songs of joy, your love songs in the night, I'm filled with wonder and with praise at the beauty of your grace. I thank you, Lord. And when I gather in this house, your sacred place, and when I sing the hymns and anthems of my faith, I'm filled with hope and gratitude as I lift my heart to you. I thank you, Lord. O, how can I keep from singing? How can I keep from lifting up my voice? Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing? How can I help but praise the Lord? How can I keep from praising Christ, my Savior, when he has done so much for me? I will exalt his name and not be silent, God's love has set my music free! Now when I think upon the blessings of this life, the forest deep, the glory of the skies, the promise of the rising sun and the moon when day is done, I thank you, Lord. And when I look into the eyes of those I love, or when I gaze upon the starry night above, my heart is filled with joyful praise, and I bless your holy name. I thank you, Lord. O, how can I keep from singing? How can I keep from lifting up my voice? Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing? How can I help but praise the Lord? I will praise the Lord
Carol Schmiedecke, Alto; Edward Schmiedecke, Baritone; & Linda Sweetman Waters, Piano

Sermon: *God's Purpose*

Offering Invitation, Offertory, Doxology - *All Good Gifts*, Joseph M. Martin

The treasures of life are gifts sent from heaven, blessings more precious than silver or gold. Family and friends, the laughter of children; these are the diamonds that fill us with hope. All good gifts around us, come from heaven above. So, thank you, Lord, for all of the treasures of life, for all of your gifts of life. For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies. Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise. Lord, we give you our praise! The treasures of life are meant for the sharing. Blessed to be blessings, our cup overflows. And now is the time to celebrate harvest by giving to others and helping them grow. All good gifts around us, come from heaven above. So thank you, Lord, for all of the treasures of life, for all of your gifts of life.

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Prayers of the People, a Responsive Prayer, and Lord's Prayer

Hymn – *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

Benediction & Postlude

God of Grace – Paul Manz – Linda Sweetman Waters, Organ

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8

Joachim Neander, 1680

Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt.

Stralsund *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, 1665Harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863

Desc. Craig Sellar Lang, 1953

Descant

3. Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

dore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with
a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy
reign - eth, Shel - ters thee un - der His wings, yea, so
dore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

prais - es be - fore Him! Let the a - men Sound from His
health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, Now to His
gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen How thy de -
prais - es be - fore Him! Let the a - men Sound from His

peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for aye we a - dore Him.
tem - ple draw near; Join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
sires e'er have been Grant - ed in what He or - dain - eth?
peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for aye we a - dore Him.

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

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Brian Dill, 1988

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John Darwall, 1770

1. Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
2. Long years have come and gone, And still God reigns su - preme,
3. Let cour-age be our friend, Let wis-dom be our guide,
4. Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
Em - power-ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
As we in mis-sion mag-ni - fy the Cru-ci - fied!
For Christ the Lord has tri-umphed o'er the a - ges long!

In bold ac - cord, come cel-e-brate the jour-ney now and praise the Lord!

This tune in a lower key, 155

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