

The Worship of God | Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming of the Hour

Music for Meditation

Nocturne in C-sharp minor, Op posthumous, by F. Chopin
David Labman, piano

Welcome Home

Rev. Brent Bowden

Call to Worship

One: Even before the beginning O God, you had an idea to create space and time, intellect and relationship, soil and creatures, a place for love to be planted, to grow and to be harvested in abundance. All that was needed for the idea take form was the breath of life.

Many: And so you breathed into the soil and life began.

One: In time another idea came about on the face of the earth, a new creation within the first: a land where

Many: All people are created equal,

One: Where all would reap the benefit of the fruited plain,

Many: Where people are unalienable.

One: The idea is set out in music and prose, in proclamation, declaration, and even constitution, but still O God, the breath of life is not yet in the idea.

Many: The idea has not yet lived.

One: The lungs of the earth have no air and the people are crying, "we can't breathe." So breathe anew O God and create once more.

Many: Breathe anew and give life to liberty and justice for all!

New Testament Lesson

Romans 7:15-25a

Hymn

America the Beautiful (v. 1 & 2), by K. Bates, S. Ward
from the Worshipping Church, No. 418

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*Morning Prayer

*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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Children's Time

Hymn

This is My Song, Finlandia, J. Sibelius
words by L. Stone from New Century Hymnal, No. 591

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Rev. Brent Bowden

Service of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Giving Thanks

The Great Feast

Music For Reflection

Prelude in E Minor, Op. 28, No. 4, by F. Chopin

David Labman, piano

Life of the Church

Worshippers with information on the life of the church are invited to unmute their microphones and offer their announcements.

Benediction

Parting Hymn

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

418 America, the Beautiful

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. Ps. 33:12

1. O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
 2. O beau - ti - ful for pil - grim feet, whose stern, im - pas - sioned stress

for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain!
 a thor - ough - fare for free - dom beat a - cross the wil - der - ness!

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,

and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea!
 con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law!

WORDS: Katharine L. Bates, 1893, 1904
 MUSIC: Samuel A. Ward, 1882

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Ps. 82:8

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions, a song of
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean, and sun - light

peace for lands a - far and mine. This is my home, the
 beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine; But oth - er lands have

coun - try where my heart is; here are my hopes, my
 sun - light, too, and clo - ver. and skies are ev - ery -

dreams, my ho - ly shine; But oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are
 where as blue as mine. O hear my song, O God of all the

beat - ing with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 na - tions, a song of peace for their land and for mine.

These stanzas, published during the period between the two world wars, express a hope for lasting peace among all nations, races, and cultures. Finlandia is derived from a "love poem" of the same name by Finnish composer Jean Sibelius.

Tune: FINLANDIA 10.10.10.10.10.10.

Jean Sibelius, 1899
 Arr. for The Hymnal, 1933

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This Is My Song

Lloyd Stone, 1934