

WORSHIP OF GOD – TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST



Gathering

Music for Meditation

Sonata in C minor, Hob. XVI/20, Andante con moto, F. J. Haydn

Organ Prelude

Sheep May Safely Graze, J. S. Bach

Chiming of the Hour

Setting the Table

Welcome Home

*Call to Worship

One: Heaven and Earth, be witness to our work of creating a world steeped in liberation for all.

Many: **We commit ourselves to working for justice,
Standing up for the defenseless,
And defending the vulnerable.**

One: God, we know that the nation's hands are bloody.

Many: **We cannot change the past.
We are invited to learn from it.
We can create a new reality in the present.**

One: God, we commit to being transformed people.

Many: **We will no longer oppress.
We will no longer marginalize.
Poverty will no longer prevail!
Supremacy will be unwoven from this nation's tapestry.
Inequitable laws will not thrive in our justice system.**

One: God, just as you love us, we will love all people. Love will be infused in all that we do.

Choral Response

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, C. Wesley, J. Zunder

*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

Special Music

The Lord Is my Shepherd, J. Rutter

Scripture Reading

John 3:1-8

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Rev. Dr. James Alexander Forbes, Jr.
Senior Minister Emeritus of the Riverside Church, NYC

Giving Our Gifts to God

Music for Response

If you but trust in God to guide you, H. Walcha

Prayer of Dedication

Benediction

Postlude

Rigaudon, André Campra

**All voices: on campus – please remain seated with masks on; online – please unmute.*

Thank you to our musicians in today's service including: Ella Torres, soprano; Danielle Romano, alto; Josh Carlisle, tenor; Jack O'Leary, bass; Samuel Baker, organ; David Labman, piano, director.

Please do not log onto Zoom if you are on campus as this will cause bandwidth and technology issues. Thank you.

Diaspora Announcements:

- ❖ Masks are required on campus at all times.
- ❖ Section Leader Singing Barriers are made possible through the *Susan Boulay Music Fund*.
- ❖ Prayer requests may be texted to Pastor Brent (check the church directory for the number) or you may email him by Saturday afternoon. Those at home may share prayer requests by unmuting.
- ❖ On-campus contributions may be made in the baskets at the entrances and exits. You may also continue to mail your check to the office or give through our website.
- ❖ For all the latest church information, please check the Diaspora Times at www.rochesterfbc.org/diaspora.