

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Sunday, June 23, 2019

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

S. Kesting

One: In the name of God,

All: who created us,
who holds us,
and the whole world in God's hands.

One: In the name of the Son,

All: who came into the world,
who reconciles us with God.

One: In the name of the Holy Spirit,

All: who fills us with eternal life,
who incites us to peace,
we come together to offer our thanks and
praise.

Hymn 6

WESTCHASE

Bring Many Names

Bring many names, beautiful and good, celebrate, in
parable and story, holiness in glory, living, loving
God. Hail and Hosanna! Bring many names!

Strong mother God, working night and day, planning
all the wonders of creation, setting each equation, ge-
nius at play: Hail and Hosanna! strong mother God!

Warm father God, hugging every child, feeling all the
strains of human living, caring and forgiving till
we're reconciled: Hail and Hosanna! Warm father
God!

Old, aching God, gray with endless care, calmly pierc-
ing evil's new disguises, glad of good surprises, wiser
than despair: Hail and Hosanna! Old, aching God!

Young, growing God, eager, on the move, saying no to
falsehood and unkindness, crying out for justice, giv-
ing all you have: Hail and Hosanna! Young, growing
God!

Great, living God, never fully know, joyful darkness
far beyond our seeing, closer yet than breathing, ever-
lasting home; Hail and Hosanna! Great, living God!

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

M. Spong

All-seeing God, you know the condition of our hearts.
You know the words we never should have said and
the words that might have helped but remained unspo-
ken. You know the ways we spend our time. You know
the things we leave undone and the things we did but
wish we hadn't. You know the reasons our lives spin
apart. You know the ways we hold on too tight to what
we don't need and let important connections slip
through our fingers. Have mercy on us. Hear us pray ...
(moments for silent reflections)

Words of Assurance

Anthem Sing a Mighty Song D. Gawthrop

Hudson Community Chorus

Nathan Duouvuei, conductor; Amy Tan, accompanist

Children's Message and Lord's Prayer

Dee Buchanan

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. Lead us not in-
to temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the
kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Hymn 368

DENNIS

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before God's gracious throne we pour our ardent
prayers; our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our
comforts and our cares.

We share each other's woes, each other's burdens
bear, and often for each other flows the sympathizing
tear.

When we are called to part it gives us inward pain,
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet
again.

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

R. Dillworth

Let Peace & Love Shine Through

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Lesson

1 Samuel 25:6

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

ASP Reflections

Hymn 602

HERE I AM LORD

Here I Am, Lord

“I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?”

Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

“I, Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people’s pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?”

Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

“I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?”

Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

Benediction

Passing of the Peace

Postlude

Appalachia Service Project is a Christian ministry, open to all people, that inspires hope and service through volunteer home repair and replacement in Central Appalachia. With the help of more than 16,000 volunteers each year, the goal remains to make homes warmer, safer and drier for families in need. Yet ASP is more than a home repair program. It also provides a unique framework that fosters transformational experiences for volunteers, families served, and staff — by building relationships with each other that break down cultural, social and economic barriers.