

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Sunday, September 29, 2019

Prelude Fugue in A minor, BWV 543b J. S. Bach

Welcome

Introit Enter His Gates T. M. Scott
Chancel Choir

Call to Worship adapted from T. Shuman

One: We come, trusting in Jesus,

All: the face, the voice,
the presence of the God who loves us.

One: We come, in this time,

All: because God's grace has spilled over in our
lives.

One: We come, in this time, in this place,

All: because God had claimed us and brought
us home.

Hymn 19 LAUDA ANIMA
Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

**Praise, my soul, the God of heaven, glad of heart your
carols raise; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who, like me, should sing God's praise? Alleluia! Al-
leluia! Praise the Maker all our days.**

**Praise to God for grace and favor shown to all who
are oppressed. God shows steadfast love forever, slow
to chide, and swift to bless. Alleluia! Alleluia! Glori-
ous is God's faithfulness!**

**Mother-like, God tends and spares us, knowing well
our fragile frame. Father-like, God gently bears us,
tenderhearted, slow to blame. Alleluia! Alleluia! All
within me praise God's name!**

**Frail as summer's flower we flourish: blows the wind,
and it is gone. But, while mortals rise and perish,
God's compassion still lives on. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the high eternal One!**

**Angels, teach us adoration, you that see God face to
face; sun and moon and all creation, dwellers all in
time and space, Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the
God of grace!**

Prayer of Confession (*unison*) based on Psalm 51
**Have mercy upon us, O God. We are well aware of
the wrong we do: the words we speak that wound,
the unloving thoughts and actions that hurt others
and ourselves. We have tried to find our own way
instead of following the paths you laid out for us.
We have arrogantly thought ourselves better than
others. Yet these things distance us from you and
keep us from recognizing your life in us. Forgive us,
O God. Create in us clean hearts. Teach us again
what it means to have you at the center of our lives,
we pray... (moments for silent reflections)**

Words of Assurance

Anthem *Cantate Domino* G. Pitoni
*Sing to the Lord a new song. Praise him in the company of the
saints. Let Israel rejoice in him who made us. Let the sons of
Zion be joyful.*

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 into
temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the
kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen**

Hymn 429 BRADBURY
Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy
tender care; in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our
use thy folds prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
thou hast bought us, thine we are; blessed Jesus,
blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are.**

**We are thine; in love befriend us; be the guardian of
our way; keep thy flock; from sin defend us; seek us
when we go astray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear
thy children when we pray; blessed Jesus, blessed Je-
sus, hear thy children when we pray.**

**Early let us seek thy favor; early let us do thy will;
blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our spir-
its fill. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved
us, love us still; blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou
hast loved us, love us still.**

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory A. Pote
Arise, Shine, for Your Light Has Come

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 Luke 15:1-10
*Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to
listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grum-
bling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats
with them." ³So he told them this parable: ⁴"Which one of*

you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Sermon

Jeanette Brodersen

Hymn 401

NEW BRITAIN

Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved and set me free! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come; 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

My God has promised good to me, whose word my hope secures; God will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

Benediction

Passing of the Peace

Postlude

Postlude in D

H. Willan