

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 12, 2020 10:00 AM

PRELUDE

Partita on 'Kingsfold'
Bryan Lohr, Organ

Charles Callaghan

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

HYMN #13

The Mighty God with Power Speaks

"Kingsfold"

(*Please refrain from singing the hymns, but rather hum along.)



1 The Might - y God with pow - er speaks, and all the world o - beys;
2 God comes not with a si - lent form, but rid - ing on the winds;
3 The heavens de - clare your jus - tice, Lord, as end - less as the sky;

from dawn un - til the set - ting sun, God's won - der earth dis - plays.
be - fore God's face, the rag - ing storm its blast of thun - der sends.
a - gainst the taunts of dis - be - lief, our God will tes - ti - fy.

The per - fect beau - ty all a - round from Zi - on's height shines forth;
All hail the Judge, in bold ar - ray, whose prom - ise is to bless;
Re - ceive my heart - felt gift of thanks, as hon - or to your might;

and stars a - cross the fir - ma - ment so bright - ly beam their worth.
who sees our sins, yet al - so feels our thirst for righ - teous - ness.
re - fresh my faith with each new day; pro - tect me through the night.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you have taught us that what we do for the least of your children we do also for him. Yet we have too often passed by people who could use our help because we had more important things on our minds and they were 'lesser' to us. You are always ready to bestow your good gifts upon us but we too often fail to ask for your help, for your gifts of strength to continue, your gifts of peace and forgiveness. It hurts to think of the times when we acted selfishly, refusing to share what we had with someone who needed a bit of help, even just a smile of encouragement, but we did not give it. Forgive us, Good Lord, for we are ashamed of ourselves, and humbly ask for your forgiveness.

(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Brothers and sisters, hear these words from the scriptures: "The Saying is sure and worthy of acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free! As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 14:11-24

¹¹ So the enemy took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their provisions, and went their way; ¹² they also took Lot, the son of Abram's brother, who lived in Sodom, and his goods, and departed.

¹³ Then one who had escaped came and told Abram the Hebrew, who was living by the oaks^[a] of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol and of Aner; these were allies of Abram. ¹⁴ When Abram heard that his nephew had been taken captive, he led forth his trained men, born in his house, three hundred eighteen of them, and went in pursuit as far as Dan. ¹⁵ He divided his forces against them by night, he and his servants, and routed them and pursued them to Hobah, north of Damascus. ¹⁶ Then he brought back all the goods, and also brought back his nephew Lot with his goods, and the women and the people.

Abram Blessed by Melchizedek

¹⁷ After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). ¹⁸ And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High.^[b] ¹⁹ He blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High,^[c] maker of heaven and earth ²⁰ and blessed be God Most High,^[d] who has delivered your enemies into your hand!" And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything. ²¹ Then the king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the persons, but take the goods for yourself." ²² But Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have sworn to the LORD, God Most High,^[e] maker of heaven and earth, ²³ that I would not take a thread or a sandal-thong or anything that is yours, so that you might not say, 'I have made Abram rich.' ²⁴ I will take nothing but what the young men have eaten, and the share of the men who went with me—Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre. Let them take their share."

ANTHEM

Lean On Me
The Dodges

Bill Withers

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Hebrews 6:18-7:4

¹⁸ so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God would prove false, we who have taken refuge might be strongly encouraged to seize the hope set before us. ¹⁹ We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters the inner shrine behind the curtain, ²⁰ where Jesus, a forerunner on our behalf, has entered, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

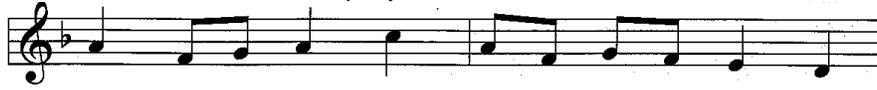
The Priestly Order of Melchizedek

⁷ This "King Melchizedek of Salem, priest of the Most High God, met Abraham as he was returning from defeating the kings and blessed him"; ² and to him Abraham apportioned "one-tenth of everything." His name, in the first place, means "king of righteousness"; next he is also king of Salem, that is, "king of peace." ³ Without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but resembling the Son of God, he remains a priest forever.

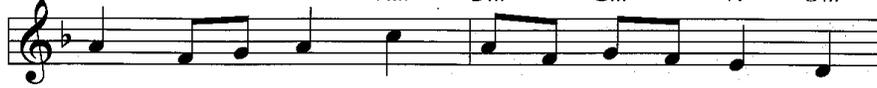
⁴ See how great he is! Even^[a] Abraham the patriarch gave him a tenth of the spoils.

SERMON

"Abraham: Leading a Rescue Mission"



1 Hope of the world, thou Christ of great com - pas - sion:
 2 Hope of the world, God's gift from high - est heav - en,
 3 Hope of the world, a - foot on dust - y high - ways,
 4 Hope of the world, who by thy cross didst save us
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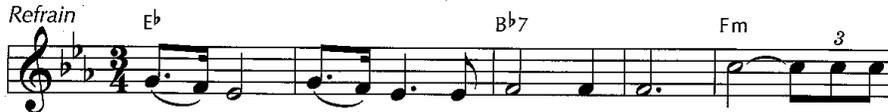


save us, thy peo - ple, from con - sum - ing pas - sion,
 still let thy Spir - it un - to us be giv - en
 walk thou be - side us lest the tempt - ing by - ways
 we ren - der back the love thy mer - cy gave us;
 we would be faith - ful... to... thy gos - pel glo - rious;



who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.
 to heal earth's wounds and end our bit - ter strife.
 lure us a - way from thee to end - less night.
 take thou our lives and use them as thou wilt.
 thou art our Lord! Thou dost for - ev - er reign!

PRAYERS FOR ONE ANOTHER, OUR COMMUNITY, OUR NATION, ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER



Lead me, guide me, a - long the way, for if you



lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each



day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.



I am weak and I need your strength and power to help me



o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the dark - ness your



face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Allegro from 'Fireworks Music'
Bryan Lohr, Organ

G. F. Handel

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

RESPONSE #306

Blest Be the Tie That Binds
(Please do not hold hands.)

"Dennis"

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

This Morning's Worship Leaders

Preacher..... Rev. Dr. James R.M. Young
Liturgist.....Julie Courtney
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Ushers.....Sharon and Bob Kazary

Music Notes

Released in 1972 by American singer-songwriter Bill Withers, **Lean On Me** was written after Withers moved to Los Angeles, and found himself missing the strong community ethic of his hometown, Slab Fork, West Virginia.

A MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION of First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland, Maryland is called by the Session for **today immediately after worship** to elect Jeff Getty to the session class of 2021.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Franz Lettner, Ralph and Ellen Brand, Dorothy Ross, Robert Ross, Louise Ross and Olive Wilson by Otto and Katie Ross. . **Please contact Michael Levitas or the church office if you would like to sponsor flowers for a special occasion like a birthday or anniversary or in memory or honor of someone. You may specify live or silk flowers. Silk flower money will be directed to the Special Ministries Fund.**

CARE & OUTREACH

RULING ELDERS: LAURA FISCUS & JOSH GILHART

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

- ✠ Polly Eylar (Recovering at Mountain City Center: Nursing and Rehab in Frostburg from a fractured vertebra)
- ✠ Betty Richtmeyer (Recovering from abdominal surgery)