

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 26, 2020 10:00 AM

PRELUDE

Voluntaries No. 9 and 10
Bryan Lohr, Organ

William Boyce

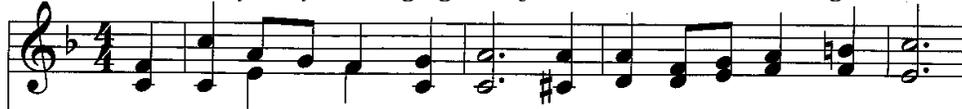
WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

HYMN#804

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

"Marion"

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

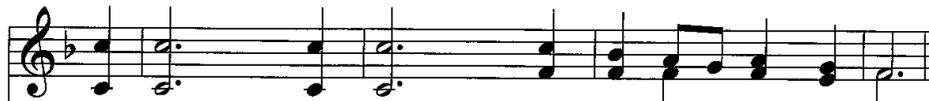


1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
3 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go,
4 At last the march shall end; the wea - ried ones shall rest;
5 Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!



Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe:
the pil - grims find their home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.
Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!



Re - joice! Re - joice!

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name.

(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Brothers and sisters, hear these words from the scriptures: "Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. (II Corinthians 5:19) **In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

SUNG RESPONSE #582

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 16:1-16

16 Now Sarai, Abram’s wife, bore him no children. She had an Egyptian slave-girl whose name was Hagar, ²and Sarai said to Abram, “You see that the LORD has prevented me from bearing children; go in to my slave-girl; it may be that I shall obtain children by her.” And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai. ³So, after Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan, Sarai, Abram’s wife, took Hagar the Egyptian, her slave-girl, and gave her to her husband Abram as a wife. ⁴He went in to Hagar, and she conceived; and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked with contempt on her mistress. ⁵Then Sarai said to Abram, “May the wrong done to me be on you! I gave my slave-girl to your embrace, and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked on me with contempt. May the LORD judge between you and me!” ⁶But Abram said to Sarai, “Your slave-girl is in your power; do to her as you please.” Then Sarai dealt harshly with her, and she ran away from her. ⁷The angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, the spring on the way to Shur. ⁸And he said, “Hagar, slave-girl of Sarai, where have you come from and where are you going?” She said, “I am running away from my mistress Sarai.” ⁹The angel of the LORD said to her, “Return to your mistress, and submit to her.” ¹⁰The angel of the LORD also said to her, “I will so greatly multiply your offspring that they cannot be counted for multitude.” ¹¹And the angel of the LORD said to her, “Now you have conceived and shall bear a son; you shall call him Ishmael,^[a] for the LORD has given heed to your affliction.¹²He shall be a wild ass of a man, with his hand against everyone, and everyone’s hand against him; and he shall live at odds with all his kin.” ¹³So she named the LORD who spoke to her, “You are El-roi”;^[b] for she said, “Have I really seen God and remained alive after seeing him?”^[c] ¹⁴Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi;^[d] it lies between Kadesh and Bered. ¹⁵Hagar bore Abram a son; and Abram named his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael. ¹⁶Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore him^[e] Ishmael.

ANTHEM

Hallelujah

Leonard Cohen

Brenda Luger, Flute and Bryan Lohr, Organ

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Philippians 4:4-6

⁴Rejoice^[a] in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.^[b] ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

SERMON

“Abraham: Hagar and Ishmael”

HYMN #465

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

“Converse”



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge; take it to the Lord in prayer!



O what peace we of - ten for - feit; O what need - less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so - lace there.

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

HYMN #363

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

"Darwall's 148th"

4 Re-joyce in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

1 Re - joyce, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!
 2 Our Sav - ior, Je - sus, reigns, the God of truth and love;
 3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
 4 Re - joyce in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

and gath - er all the saints to their e - ter - nal home.

Re - joyce, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
 when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.
 the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus given.
 and gath - er all the saints to their e - ter - nal home.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re-joyce, a - gain I say, re-joyce!

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re-joyce, a - gain I say, re-joyce!

THE BENEDICTION

RESPONSE #306

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

"Dennis"

(Please do not hold hands.)

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

POSTLUDE

Rondo Finale
Bryan Lohr, Organ

Eugene Butler

This Morning's Worship Leaders

Preacher..... Rev. Dr. James R.M. Young
 Liturgist.....Janet Hendershot
 Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr
 Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
 Ushers.....Jeff and Kathy Getty

Music Notes

William Boyce (1711-1779) was an English organist and composer known for his symphonies and choral works. The two *organ voluntaries* that serve as this morning's prelude are typical of Boyce's style at the keyboard, balancing rich, homophonic textures with vigorous counterpoint. Boyce's musical legacy would likely have a more prominent place in music history, had he not been a contemporary of G. F. Handel.

Evoking musical styles of early rock and roll and gospel music, Leonard Cohen's 1984 hit *Hallelujah* has been described as a ballad, love song, anthem, and secular hymn. The recording for this morning's service was made on Wednesday with the invaluable help of Eric Ringler, who served as recording engineer and videographer. Thank you, Eric!

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: 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. We currently have openings for flower sponsorship on August 2nd and September 6th and 27th.

CARE & OUTREACH

RULING ELDERS: LAURA FISCUS & JOSH GILHART

PRAYER REQUESTS: You can now submit your prayer request on the FPC website. Click the nurture tab and then prayer request.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

- ✠ Elizabeth Betts (Georgene McKenzie's granddaughter)
- ✠ Rex Burton
- ✠ Polly Eyler (Recovering at Mountain City Center: Nursing and Rehab in Frostburg from a fractured vertebra)
- ✠ Betty Richtmeyer (Recovering from abdominal surgery)
- ✠ Katie Ross (Upcoming surgery for oral cancer)
- ✠ Memphis Russell (Elva Berry's great-grandson)
- ✠ Carolyn Weaver (Upcoming knee surgery)
- ✠ Agnes Yount