

HILLS CHURCH



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Communion Sunday, July 4, 2021

PRELUDE: Trumpet Voluntary in C major
John Finney, organ

John Travers

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Responding to God's call, Jesus traveled,
preaching and teaching all who would listen.
Who will hear his message?

All: **We will listen and we will hear!**

One: Christ sent out disciples two by two, to spread the good news in any place that would welcome them.
Who will hear their message?

All: **We will listen and we will hear!**

One: God's prophets are among us still,
around the world and in these pews.
Who will hear their message?

All: **We will listen and we will hear!**

One: May it be so!

All: **Amen!**

HYMN: God of Justice, God of Mercy
Hymns of Truth & Light (blue hymnal), #504

Hyfrydol

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**You know how stubborn we can be, Holy God.
You call us to serve others,
and we stay in the coolness of our own homes.
You would send us to where the hopeless live,
but we are reluctant to leave the comfort of our complacency.
Forgive us, Guiding God.
Help us to love as faithfully as you have always loved us,
and send us forth to take the good news of Jesus Christ
to everyone we meet. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

GLORIA

Music by Alice Jordan

**Glory to God the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

GOSPEL READING: Mark 6:1-13 (The Message)

HOMILY: “Keep It Simple . . .”

Anne Marie Holloway

PRAYER CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

INVITATION

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

SURSUM CORDA

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord Most High.

All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Music by Ronald A. Nelson

Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty,
The whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God!
Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

ACCLAMATIONS

One: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

All: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

OUR 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE POURING OF THE CUP

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Duet: I Waited for the Lord
Laurie Stewart Otten, soprano
Shannon Lebrón, mezzo-soprano

Felix Mendelssohn

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN: O Beautiful for Spacious Skies
Hymns of Truth & Light (blue hymnal), #532

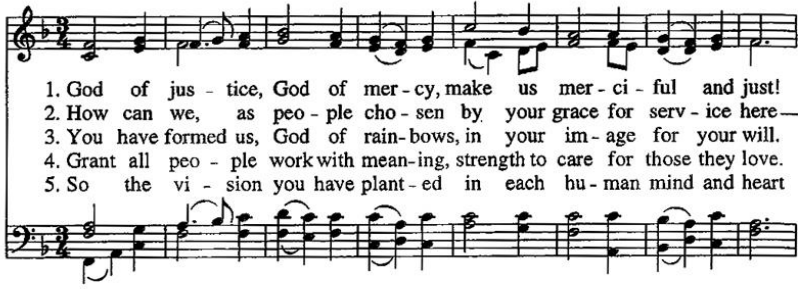
Materna

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: La Réjouissance (“Rejoicing”)

G. F. Handel

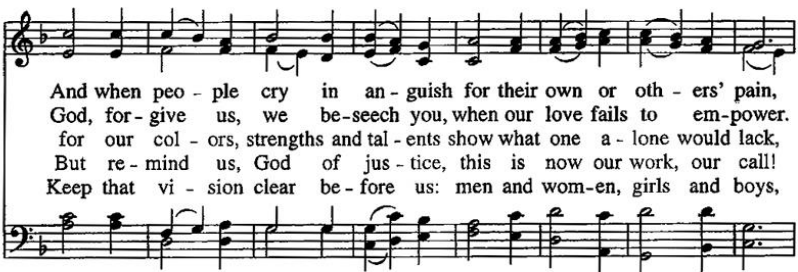
Preaching	Rev. Anne Marie Holloway
Liturgist	Rev. Judy Swahnberg
Soloists	Laurie Stewart Otten Shannon Lebrón Stephen Lebrón



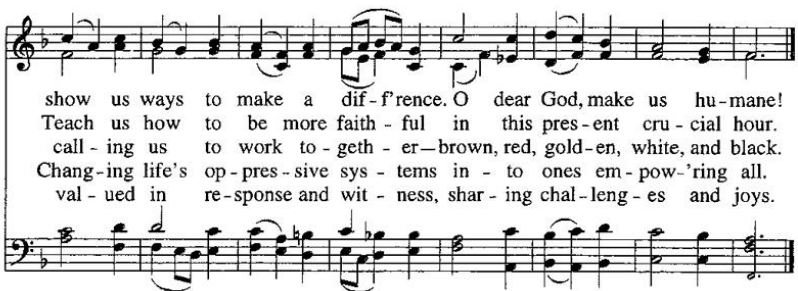
1. God of jus - tice, God of mer - cy, make us mer - ci - ful and just!
 2. How can we, as peo - ple cho - sen by your grace for serv - ice here—
 3. You have formed us, God of rain - bows, in your im - age for your will.
 4. Grant all peo - ple work with mean - ing, strength to care for those they love.
 5. So the vi - sion you have plant - ed in each hu - man mind and heart



Help us see all your cre - a - tion as from you a sa - cred trust.
 how en - dure an - oth - er's hard - ship with - out of - fering hope or cheer?
 See - ing our di - verse re - flec - tions, trust - ing you, we mar - vel still;
 Food for ta - ble, truth for tell - ing, chal - leng - es to rise a - bove.
 now be - comes the spark of ac - tion call - ing us to do our part.



And when peo - ple cry in an - guish for their own or oth - ers' pain,
 God, for - give us, we be - seech you, when our love fails to em - power.
 for our col - ors, strengths and tal - ents show what one a - lone would lack,
 But re - mind us, God of jus - tice, this is now our work, our call!
 Keep that vi - sion clear be - fore us: men and wom - en, girls and boys,



show us ways to make a dif - f'rence. O dear God, make us hu - mane!
 Teach us how to be more faith - ful in this pres - ent cru - cial hour.
 call - ing us to work to - geth - er - brown, red, gold - en, white, and black.
 Chang - ing life's op - pres - sive sys - tems in - to ones em - pow - 'ring all.
 val - ued in re - sponse and wit - ness, shar - ing chal - leng - es and joys.

God of Justice, God of Mercy"

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O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

1. O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, for am-ber waves of grain,
 2. O beau-ti-ful for pil-grim feet, whose stern, im-pas-sioned stress
 3. O beau-ti-ful for he-roes proved in lib-er-at-ing strife,
 4. O beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream that sees be-yond the years

for pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties a-bove the fruit-ed plain!
 a thor-ough-fare for free-dom beat a-cross the wil-der-ness!
 who more than self their coun-try loved, and mer-cy more than life!
 thine al-a-bas-ter cit-ies gleam, un-dimmed by hu-man tears!

A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed all grace on thee,
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God mend thine ev-ery flaw,
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! May God thy gold re-fine,
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed all grace on thee,

and crown thy good with broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea.
 con-firm thy soul in self-con-trol, thy lib-er-ty in law,
 till all suc-cess be no-ble-ness, and ev-ery gain di-vine.
 and crown thy good with broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea.

WORDS: Katharine Lee Bates, 1893, alt.
 MUSIC: Samuel Augustus Ward, 1882

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Bates, who headed the English department at Wellesley, wrote this hymn on viewing the sunrise from the summit of Pikes Peak. The 'alabaster cities' is the 1893 Columbian Exposition in Chicago.

NATIONAL SONGS

GOD
IS STILL
SPEAKING

WE ARE AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION.
NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE,
NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE
ON LIFE'S JOURNEY,
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.