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Bulletin for Online and In-Person Worship

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

JUNE 19, 2022

PRELUDE

*Well-Tempered Clavier Bk. 2:
Prelude in G# Minor*

J. S. Bach

Ben Wien, piano

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*(adapted from "Refugee Evensong"
by Woolman House Community, Liverpool, England)*

God beyond borders, we bless you for the friendship of strangers, the richness of other cultures, and the painful gift of freedom.

Blessed are you, God beyond borders!

God of justice, as we worship you today, confront our prejudice, stretch our narrowness, and open us to new generosity.

Blessed are you, God of justice!

God of the alien and the stranger, we bless you for unfamiliar places and different dreams, for the diversity of a wider world, and for new ground where broken stems can take root, grow and blossom.

Blessed are you, God of the alien and the stranger!

Let us worship God!

*HYMN 317

In Christ There Is No East or West

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of our Wandering Ancestors, your heart is with those who seek refuge and peace.

We confess that our hearts do not move as quickly as yours. We confess that we often turn a blind eye to those in need. We confess that there is so much more we could and should do to help those who are fleeing war and persecution, those who are seeking safety for themselves and their children.

Forgive us, Lord, for all that we have left undone. As you protect all refugees in their travels, allow them to find a friend in me, and so make me worthy of the refuge I have found in you...

Silence is kept for Prayer and Reflection

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA PATRI

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.***

*THE PEACE

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!
And also with you!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elaine Wanderer

O Lord, you hear our cries. You know our fears. You know our journeys. As your Word is read and proclaimed this day, guide us with your wisdom, your truth, and your call in the scriptures, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 2:11-22

Pew Bible NT pg. 192

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The children of the church are invited to join the pastor on the chancel steps.

ANTHEM

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Arr. John Carter

Ben Wien & Douglas Kostner, piano

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Pew Bible OT pg. 180

SERMON

“A Wandering Aramean Was
My Ancestor”

Dr. Bynum

RESPONSIVE PRAYER FOR THOSE SEEKING REFUGE

written by Mark Koenig, Director of the Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations

God of the journey, we remember that Mary and Joseph had to flee to Egypt,
Taking Jesus to safety, leaving home behind.

Remembering, we pray for sisters and brothers around your world who are forced to leave their homes.

We pray for brothers and sisters who are driven from home by natural disasters.

We pray for sisters and brothers who are driven from unnatural acts of violence and persecution.

We pray for brothers and sisters who are driven from home because of inadequate responses to natural events.

We pray for those who leave their countries and cross borders.

We pray for those who are internally displaced, finding new places to live within their own country.

We pray for those who are exposed to freezing cold and searing heat,

those who lack food, water, shelter, and other necessities of life,

those who are exploited, violated, and abused,

and those who mourn the loss of place and all that brings.

We give thanks for the strength, courage, and grace of our sisters and brothers who are refugees or internally displaced.

We give thanks for the contributions they make in their new places and for the ways in which they enrich our lives.

(Continued →)

Guide the leaders of the world to find creative ways to respond,
to extend protection and provide safe haven,
to care compassionately and respectfully for the needs of our sisters and brothers,
to address the situations and circumstances that force people to leave their homes,
to do justice, and to seek peace.

Oh Lord, show us ways to support our brothers and sisters whom we encounter, and inspire us to engage in the efforts to create a world in which all have a safe place to call home.

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 power and glory forever. Amen.

THE GREAT AMEN

(congregation singing)

Amen. Amen. Amen.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest!

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Frank Pierson, Neighbors for Refugees

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Gifts may be shared online at lacny.org/giving or via the Realm Connect app.

OFFERTORY

Wayfaring Stranger

Arr. Hugh Livingston

Ben Wien, piano

*DOXOLOGY

Hymn 607

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all peoples here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 401

Here in this Place

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Well-Tempered Clavier Bk. 2:

J. S. Bach

Fugue in G# Minor

Ben Wien, piano

MENTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Worship

Today's bulletin cover is "Refugees: The Sacred Family" by Kelly Latimore.

The flowers are given in gratitude for the love and devotion of fathers everywhere.

If you are interested in **sponsoring flowers** in honor or memory of a loved one, contact Laura Torrissi (laura.torrissi@torrissidesign.com) to sign-up for an upcoming Sunday!

Sometimes children have to sit through church longer than their little bodies can handle, so we created **Worship Wiggle Bags!** These bags can be found in the back of the sanctuary and they contain activities that help our youngest disciples engage and participate in the service, and most importantly, they help teach our kids that "big church" is for them, too. After using a Worship Wiggle Bag, please put everything back inside the bag and return it, so we can make sure we have plenty of bags stocked and ready for next week's worship wiggles!

Christian Education

Rev. Peter and Anna Grace are making plans for the fall and we need your help! **Please let us know your thoughts on Christian Education programming by filling out our survey.** The survey is anonymous and we invite all ages to participate. If you prefer to fill out a hard copy of the survey, we will have printed surveys available by request. Thanks for your help in making this next year a great one!



Nursery Care is available on the ground floor of the education wing (Classroom 114) for infants and toddlers age 2 and below.

The **Men's Bible Study** will next meet on Thursday, **June 30** at 8:30 a.m. in the Lindsley Room. Please direct any questions to Arthur Washington at ajwash3@outlook.com.

This Week at LAC:

SUNDAY

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

4:00 p.m.

MONDAY

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY

6:45 p.m.

7:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

11:00 a.m.

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY

JUNE 19

Worship (Sanctuary / Online)

Coffee Hour (Russell Hall)

Recital (Sanctuary)

JUNE 20

Youth Ministry Committee (Zoom)

Trustees (Lindsley)

JUNE 21

Al Anon (Library)

AA (Chapel / Zoom)

JUNE 22

Staff Meeting (Lindsley)

JUNE 23

AA (Chapel)

JUNE 24

THE LARCHMONT AVENUE CHURCH

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Place prayer requests at: The LAC Prayer Connection (ext. 342)

You may reach Rev. Bynum via his mobile phone at (843)302-2511.

317 In Christ There Is No East or West

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com -
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet

south or north, but one great fel - low -
 mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
 race may be. All chil - dren of the
 south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

This setting expands and enhances the thematic inclusiveness of an early 20th-century text by adapting the melody of a traditional spiritual to carry these words. This 1940 pairing marked the first use of African American musical material in a mainline North American hymnal.

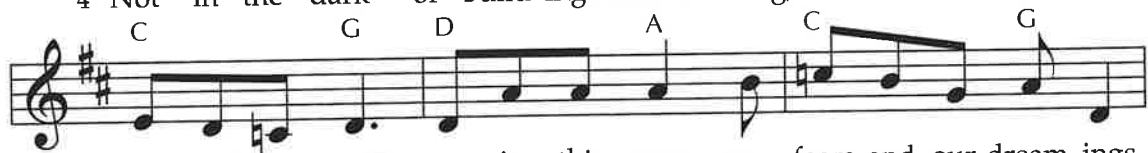
Here in This Place

Gather Us In

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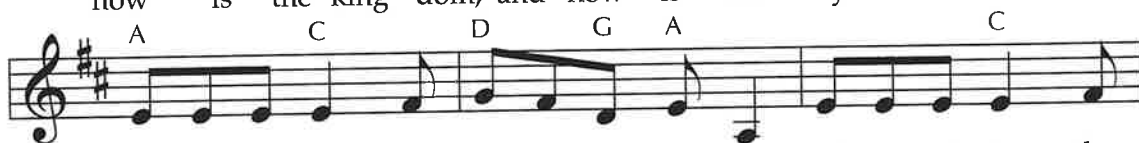
1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.