McKinley Memorial Presbyterian Church
10:30am May 10, 2020 5th Sunday in Easter
Welcome to all who are worshiping with us!

Prelude

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Michael Praetorius

Gathering Tones

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

We are God’s household, crafted by the Architect of creation:

our hearts a shelter for the outcast; our hands open to the stranger.

We are God’s people, created in the divine image:

to tell others of God’s love, to offer mercy as freely as we have received it.

We are God’s children, called to give of ourselves:

chosen to serve the lost and lonely, gifted to minister to a hurting world.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Mothers’ Day Proclamation

by Julia Ward Howe

Arise, then, women of this day!

Arise, all women who have hearts, whether our baptism be of water or of tears!

Say firmly: “We will not have great questions decided by irrelevant agencies, Our husbands will not come to us, reeking with carnage, for caresses and applause. Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn all that we have been able to teach them of charity, mercy and patience. We, the women of one country, will be too tender of those of another country to allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs.”

From the bosom of the devastated earth a voice goes up with our own. It says: “Disarm! Disarm! The sword of murder is not the balance of justice." Blood does not wipe out dishonor, nor violence indicate possession. As men have often forsaken the plough and the anvil at the summons of war, let women now leave all that may be left of home for a great and earnest day of counsel.

Let them meet first, as women, to bewail and commemorate the dead. Let them solemnly take counsel with each other as to the means whereby the great human family can live in peace, each bearing after his own time the sacred impress, not of Caesar, but of God.
In the name of womanhood and humanity, I earnestly ask that a general congress of women without limit of nationality may be appointed and held at someplace deemed most convenient and at the earliest period consistent with its objects, to promote the alliance of the different nationalities, the amicable settlement of international questions, the great and general interests of peace.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Lead Us From Death to Life

Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth,
From despair to hope, from fear to trust.
Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace:
Let peace fill our hearts, let peace fill our world,
let peace fill our universe.

WORLD PEACE PRAYER

A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

1 Peter 2:2-7, 9-10 (GNT)

Rid yourselves, then, of all evil; no more lying or hypocrisy or jealousy or insulting language. Be like newborn babies, always thirsty for the pure spiritual milk, so that by drinking it you may grow up and be saved. As the scripture says, “You have found out for yourselves how kind the Lord is.”

Come to the Lord, the living stone rejected by people as worthless but chosen by God as valuable. Come as living stones, and let yourselves be used in building the spiritual temple, where you will serve as holy priests to offer spiritual and acceptable sacrifices to God through Jesus Christ. For the scripture says, “I chose a valuable stone, which I am placing as the cornerstone in Zion; and whoever believes in him will never be disappointed.”

This stone is of great value for you that believe; but for those who do not believe: “The stone which the builders rejected as worthless turned out to be the most important of all.”

...But you are the chosen race, the Royal priests, the holy nation, God's own people, chosen to proclaim the wonderful acts of God, who called you out of darkness into God’s own marvelous light.

At one time you were not God's people, but now you are God’s people; at one time you did not know God's mercy, but now you have received God’s mercy.
CALL TO RECONCILIATION
Thom Shuman
Considered too rough for their smooth plans, the builders cast out the Stone they
needed. But God builds salvation on the One who is the foundation of all hope. Let us
confess our sins to God and one another, trusting we will not be put to shame,

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS
Hear the brokenness of our lives, Precious God. We cover our ears so we cannot
hear the cries of those in need, or you urging us to respond. We rush together to
defend every issue that matters to us, but quickly disperse when you would call
us to be your holy people. We shout as loud as we can to cheer on our sports
teams, but can manage only whispers when it comes to sharing the good news.
Forgive us, our Eternal Guide, and do not hold our sins against us. We lay the
garments of our foolishness at your feet, so you might clothe us in grace and
hope. We would feed on the spiritual food which flows from your heart so we
might be strong enough to follow Jesus as he leads us in the Way, the Truth, and
the Life.

Silence is kept

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received
mercy, but now you have received mercy. Friends, believe the good news, through
Jesus Christ you are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE
May the peace of God be with you, And also with you.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Dona Nobis Pacem

A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 (ESV)
To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.
In you, O Lord, do I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me!
Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily!
Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me!
For you are my rock and my fortress;
and for your name’s sake you lead me and guide me;
you take me out of the net they have hidden for me, for you are my refuge.
Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God. . . .
My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!
Make your face shine on your servant; save me in your steadfast love!

**REFLECTION**

Rev. Heidi M. Weatherford

**HYMN**

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Rejoicing in God's promise of new creation, let us pray to the maker of heaven and earth, saying:
Gracious God, hear our prayer.

Rejoicing in God's promise of new creation, let us be people of joy, living witnesses to the power of the resurrection and the good news of your grace and peace.
Gracious God, hear our prayer.

Rejoicing in God's promise of new creation, we pray for the earth. . .
From the dust of the damaged earth, raise up your new creation, full of beauty, wonder, and glory.
Gracious God, hear our prayer.

Rejoicing in God's promise of new creation, we pray for all nations . . .
Let the message of your saving love spread throughout the world: that the dominion of death is no more.
Gracious God, hear our prayer.

Rejoicing in God's promise of new creation, we pray for this community . . .
Let the hearts of your church be open wide as we live in love and service.
Gracious God, hear our prayer.

Rejoicing in God's promise of new creation, we pray for loved ones . . .
Give hope to those who wait for good news.
Turn their mourning into dancing, and their sorrow into joy.
Comfort those in grief, that they may know your solace.
Gracious God, hear our prayer.
Gracious God, keep us working and praying for the coming of your holy realm of peace, when we will share abundant life with you; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Creator 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE* Goodness is Stronger than Evil
Goodness is stronger than evil, love is stronger than hate.
Light is stronger than darkness, life is stronger than death.
Victory is ours, victory is ours, through God who loves us.
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MOMENT OF STEWARDSHIP AND THANKSGIVING

We are living stones constructing spiritual buildings. We can build nothing of value without the gifts and grace of our God. All we have comes from the one who made heaven and earth. In gratitude for all the blessings of this life, we offer with joy God’s tithes and our offerings.

For meditation during the offertory:

What are three things for which you are thankful today?

How can you give back to God this week?

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Thank you!
OFFERTORY
Gigue, from *Partita No. 1 in B flat*  
J.S. Bach  
Eten Babkhania Jakobsson, pianist

DOXOLOGY
Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God all creatures here below. O praise God! Alleluia!  
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts!  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost!  
O praise God! Alleluia! O praise God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
This Little Light of Mine  
*African American spiritual*

POSTLUDE
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God  
Johann Pachelbel

**Assisting in Today’s Service**
Liturgist......................................................... Barbara England  
Pastor.......................................................... Rev. Heidi Weatherford  
Associate Pastor................................. Rev. Keith Harris  
Director of Christian Education.............. Sara McHenry  
Music Director/Organist......................... Dr. Yohei Endo  
Worship Tech.................................................. Lara Hebert  
Guest Musician.............................................. Eten Babkhania Jakobsson

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Offering genuine welcome,  
Working for reconciliation, and  
Daring to speak words of hope to a world in pain.