

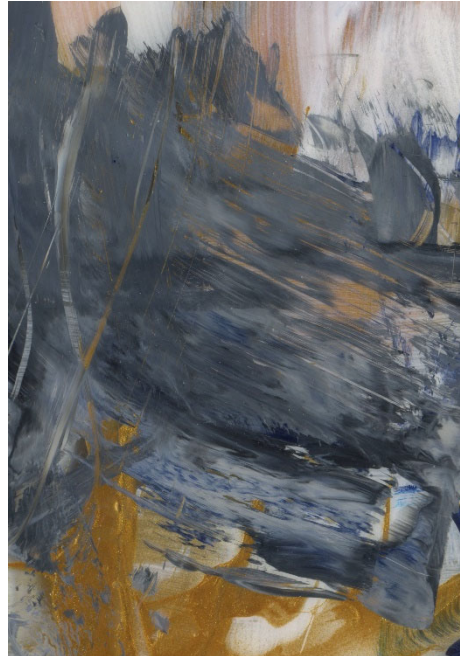


UNION CHURCH OF POCANTICO HILLS

JULY 4, 2021

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

VIRTUAL WORSHIP AT 9:00 A.M.



A Blessing in the Dust
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*Words spoken or sung by the congregation are noted in **bold type**.*

PRELUDE FOR ORGAN

Variations on *Slane*

“Be Thou My Vision”

Richard Coffey, Organist
Charles Callahan (b. 1956)

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Why do we come to worship God?
We come seeking a blessing from our Lord.
What is this blessing that we seek?
We seek an encounter with our God,
who washes us in mercy, calls us to service,
and fills us with love.
Let us worship God together.

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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William Williams, 1745

Stanza 1 trans. Peter Williams, 1771

Stanzas 2-3 trans. William Williams, 1772

John Hughes, 1907

1. Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, Pil - grim through this
2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, Whence the heal - ing
3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but Thou art might - y; Hold me
stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar Lead me
fears sub - side; Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, Land me

with Thy power - ful hand; Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through; Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
safe on Ca - naan's side; Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

Feed me till I want no more, Feed me till I want no more.
Be Thou still my strength and shield, Be Thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to Thee, I will ev - er give to Thee.

CALL TO CONFESSION

It is only by the power of God
that we are able to stand against evil.
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**You are love, O God, and you have loved us from the beginning.
Forgive us when we do not share your love with the world:
when we choose selfishness over compassion;
what feels comfortable rather than what is right;
when we strive for success instead of faithfulness;
when we value independence over community.
Forgive us, O God, of the ways we fall short.
Free us to try again, and let your love lead the way.**

MUSICAL RESPONSE

"Kyrie eleison"

Setting (1984): John Weaver

*Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Now stand firm in your faith,
covered by the saving grace of God
and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ,
we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

"Laud and Honor to the Father"

Regent Square

**Laud and honor to the Father,
Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit,
Ever three and ever one;
One in might and one in glory
While unending ages run.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy, Holy, Holy One,
guide us by the Spirit of truth
to hear the Word of life you speak,
and to give all glory, honor, and praise
to your threefold name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 48

¹Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God. His holy mountain,
²beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth, Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the
great King.
³Within its citadels God has shown himself a sure defense.
⁴Then the kings assembled, they came on together.
⁵As soon as they saw it, they were astounded; they were in panic, they took to flight;
⁶trembling took hold of them there, pains as of a woman in labor,
⁷as when an east wind shatters the ships of Tarshish.
⁸As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God,
which God establishes forever. Selah
⁹We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.
¹⁰Your name, O God, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is filled
with victory.
¹¹Let Mount Zion be glad, let the towns of Judah rejoice because of your judgments.
¹²Walk about Zion, go all around it, count its towers,
¹³consider well its ramparts; go through its citadels, that you may tell the next generation
¹⁴that this is God, our God forever and ever. He will be our guide forever.

SOLO

African American Spiritual
arr. K. Lee Scott (2014)

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

Nancy Schellhas, soprano

*I want Jesus to walk with me
All along my pilgrim journey.
In my trials, Lord, walk with me.
When my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me
When my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

¹He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

All Hail to God's Anointed

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James Montgomery, 1821; alt. 1984

Thomas Tertius Noble, 1938

1. All hail to God's a - noint - ed, Great Da - vid's great - er Son!
 2. You shall come down like show - ers Up - on the fruit - ful earth,
 3. All rul - ers bow be - fore You, And gold and in - cense bring;
 4. O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, You on Your throne shall rest;

All hail, in time ap - point - ed, Your reign on earth be - gun!
 - And love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, Spring in Your path to birth:
 All na - tions shall a - dore You, Your praise all peo - ple sing;
 From age to age more glo - rious, All bless - ing and all blest:

You come to break op - pres - sion, To set the cap - tive free,
 Be - fore You on the moun - tains Shall peace, the her - ald, go,
 To You shall prayer un - ceas - ing And dai - ly vows as - cend;
 The tide of time shall nev - er Your cov - e - nant re - move;

To take a - way trans - gres - sion And rule in eq - ui - ty.
 And righ - teous - ness in foun - tains From hill to val - ley flow.
 Your rule is still in - creas - ing, Your rule is with - out end.
 Your name shall stand for - ev - er, Your change - less name of love.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters,
to present yourselves as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to God.
Let us offer our gifts and our lives to the Lord.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty God,
receive these gifts that we offer with grateful hearts
and use our lives for the ministry of your Son, Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.

EUCCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
The prayer continues...

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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**For the healing you have given us
in the brokenness of bread and the pouring out of cup,
we thank you.
For the community you have restored in us
through the sharing of life,
we thank you.
Send us forth from this place in love,
letting justice be worked out with gentleness
and power known in the presence of your Spirit. Amen.**

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

MATERNA CMD

Katharine Lee Bates, 1893

Samuel Augustus Ward, 1882

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 His 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 His 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!

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE FOR ORGAN

“Horn Pipe” from *Water Music Suite*

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)



NOTES ON THE OFFERING

To give online, you can visit the [giving page on our website](#) to make a one time or recurring gift. If you prefer to give by check, you can send it to 555 Bedford Road, Tarrytown, NY 10591. We thank you for joining us today and offering your voice, prayers and presence to our gathering.

VOCAL LEADERS

Vocal leadership is by Jonathan Mildner and Nancy Schellhas.

PASTORAL CARE

Dr. DeGarmo is on vacation until August 2. During this time, the deacons will be providing pastoral care to those who need it. If you need assistance of any kind or just some human connection, please do not hesitate to email or call the church to contact them. Even though the church is closed, together we remain committed to being the church to all in need throughout this time.