

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church Sunday Worship
January 16, 2022

Gathering Music “Piano Sonata, mvt. 2” by Florence Price

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgist: Liz Simmons

Remembering Our Baptism

Prelude “Melody” by Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

Call to Worship

God’s faithfulness is as high as the clouds.

God’s love stretches everywhere.

God’s righteousness is as tall as the biggest mountains.

God’s love stretches everywhere.

God’s justice is as deep as the ocean.

God’s love stretches everywhere.

God’s love is big enough for everyone.

God’s love stretches everywhere.

Come, let us worship the God whose gifts flow abundantly.

Opening Prayer

God of many gifts, you offer us so many things:

food and drink, everlasting life, gifts for ministry, shelter from danger.

Above all: overflowing love!

In this time of worship, open us to your Spirit, that we might experience
and celebrate the many gifts you give us. Amen.

Hymn # 26 “Earth and All Stars”

Call to Confession

Let us turn to God and confess our need for God’s grace.

Prayer of Confession

**Generous God, you provide us with more than we could ever need
and yet often we are not satisfied: we want more.**

We hoard and do not share what we have.

Sometimes we feel we are of little value,

forgetting that God has invested God’s very best in each one of us.

Let us take a moment in silence to confess the times
when we are wasteful, when we do not share,
and when we do not recognize the many gifts that God gives to us.

Time of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The Bible tells us that all people may take refuge in the shadow of God's wings. Whatever we may have done wrong, when we turn to God, we find that we are welcomed, we are forgiven, we are loved. Hear and believe this good news, in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you,
And also with you.

Hymn # 100 "My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout"

Prayer for Illumination

Holy One, Holy Mystery, open our hearts to hear your word.
As it is read and proclaimed, may we take it to heart
and be renewed and inspired to live differently because of it. Amen.

The Psalm Psalm 36:5-10

Liturgist

The Gospel John 2:1-11

Pastor

Sermon "Unexpectations"

Rev. Beverly Crow

Hymn # 339 "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

Prayers of Thanksgiving + Concern shared by the congregation.

Lord of love,

Hear our prayer.

Pastoral Prayer

The 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.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Invitation to the Offering

In this time of offering, let us reflect upon the gifts that God has given to us and recommit ourselves to loving and serving one another in gratitude for God's great generosity and love.

Offertory/Special Music "Offertory" by Florence Price

Offering Prayer

**Loving God, whose gifts are overflowing:
as you have poured out love upon your people,
so we seek to give back to you even a little of all you have given to us.
Take and use the gifts you have entrusted to us, and which we now offer
back to you, that we, in turn, might overflow with love for your world.
Amen.**

Doxology

**Praise God whose love has made us one,
Praise Christ for new life now begun,
Praise Spirit who renews, uplifts,
Praise now the offering of these gifts. Amen.**

Charge and Benediction

Postlude "Allegretto" by Florence Price

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26 Earth and All Stars!

1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!
 2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals! Sing to the
 3 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers!
 4 Knowl - edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!

Lord a new song!
 Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing
 Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming
 Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing
 Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing

snow - storm!
 cel - los! Sing to the Lord a new song! God has done
 work - ers!
 mem - bers!

mar - vel - ous things. We too sing prais - es with a new song!

This lively text was written for the 90th anniversary of St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. Echoing Psalm 98, it is a prime example of a 20th-century hymn style based on phrases rather than complete sentences. The exuberant tune was created expressly for these words.

100 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you
 3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be

By employing an energetic Irish folk song for its melody, this ballad-like paraphrase of the *Magnificat*, Mary's song at her meeting with her relative Elizabeth (Luke 1:46-55), recaptures both the wonder and the faith of the young woman who first recognized what God was doing.

JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT

name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the
fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the
dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

339 Lift Every Voice and Sing

1 Lift ev - ery voice and sing till earth and heav - en
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

ring, ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
 rod, felt in the days when hope un - born had the
 tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the

ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening
 died. Yet, with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry
 way; thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the

skies; let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 feet come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
 light, keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Initially a poem for a school assembly at which Booker T. Washington spoke on Lincoln's birthday in 1900, this text and tune have gained national recognition and devotion, not only within the African American community, but also among all who seek liberation from oppression.

THE LIFE OF THE NATIONS

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get

us. Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -
 tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at
 thee; shad - owed be - neath thy hand may we for - ev - er

gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.
 last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.