



## Seventh Sunday of Easter – One in Christ

May 16, 2021

10:30 a.m.

### PRELUDE

Meditation on the Medieval St. Olaf Sequence

Egil Hovland

### OPENING HYMN

“God Welcomes All”

(see end of bulletin)

### OPENING SENTENCES

Though your love is burning within us,  
we do not see you on the road, Jesus.

**Open our eyes and our ears,  
open our hearts and increase our faith.**

How can we understand  
unless someone guides us?

**Send us out rejoicing,  
as we have been saved through your grace  
and not through our own works.**

It is no longer I who live  
but it is Christ who lives in me.

**We are all your children through faith.**

“God Welcomes All”

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### CHILDREN’S TIME

PSALM

“Praise the Lord”

*A paraphrase of Psalm 98*

George Frideric Handel

NARRATIVE READING

Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29

Today’s narrative reading is from the book of Galatians:

<sup>1</sup>You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly exhibited as crucified! <sup>2</sup>The only thing I want to learn from you is this: Did you receive the Spirit by doing the works of the law or by believing what you heard? <sup>3</sup>Are you so foolish? Having started with the Spirit, are you now ending with the flesh? <sup>4</sup>Did you experience so much for nothing? — if it really was for nothing. <sup>5</sup>Well then, does God supply you with the Spirit and work miracles among you by your doing the works of the law, or by your believing what you heard?

<sup>6</sup>Just as Abraham “believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness,” <sup>7</sup>so, you see, those who believe are the descendants of Abraham. <sup>8</sup>And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, declared the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “All the Gentiles shall be blessed in you.” <sup>9</sup>For this reason, those who believe are blessed with Abraham who believed.

<sup>23</sup>Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup>Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, <sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. <sup>27</sup>As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“God, We Gather as Your People”

(see end of bulletin)

APOSTLES’ CREED

Let us proclaim the faith that we share:

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**



**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

#### BENEDICTION

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom  
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.  
The God of life,  
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

#### CLOSING HYMN

“Go to the World”

(see end of bulletin)

#### PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

#### POSTLUDE

“The Children of God” from *The Nativity*

Olivier Messiaen

*“To all who have received it, the Word has given the power to become children of God. And God has sent into their hearts the Spirit of His son, who cries: Father! Father!” (from the gospel of John and Paul’s letter to the Galatians).*

*20<sup>th</sup> century French composer Olivier Messiaen was the Titular Organist at the church of La Trinité in Paris. He composed in many genres, and was famous for writing music depicting the faith and doctrines of the Church. In “The Children of God,” the first section represents the power of God, and the second depicts us receiving that power to become God’s children. This work goes with today’s narrative reading, which comes directly before Messiaen’s chosen verse from Galatians.*

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## God Welcomes All

The musical score is written for a two-part setting in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment line on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends; God's love is strong and it nev - er ends." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system concludes with a final cadence.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: AMEN THEMBA, South African traditional; transc. and arr. John L. Bell.

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# God, We Gather As Your People



1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -  
2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be  
3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and  
4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.  
free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,  
shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.  
wide can . . . live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.



Though the day may not yet be here, we  
that they nev - er have a rea - son to  
May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your  
As they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they



trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.  
doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.  
love is for the few; may their faith in you re - new.  
join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.



Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen



wide. May there be room e - nough for ev - 'ry - one in - side.



For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -



long. May that wel - come be our song.

Text: David Lohman, b. 1961

Music: WELCOME BE OUR SONG, David Lohman

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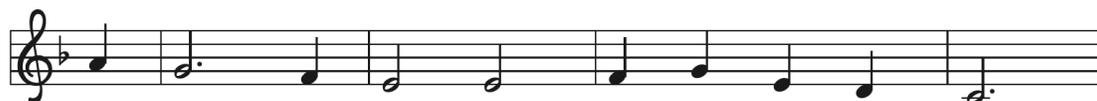
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Stanzas 1 & 2

## Go to the World!



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.  
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.  
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;  
4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,  
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.  
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.  
for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.  
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.  
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.  
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993  
Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958  
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