

May 3, 2020 – 11:00 a.m.



ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

"Adorn Yourself, O Dear Soul"

J.S. Bach Stephen Boda, organ

Lauda Anima

OPENING HYMN

No. 399 "God, Whose Love Is Reigning Over Us" God, whose love is reigning o'er us, source of all, the ending true; hear the universal chorus raised in joyful praise to you: Hallelujah, Hallelujah, worship ancient, worship new.

Word of God from nature bringing springtime green and autumn gold; mountain streams like children singing, ocean waves like thunder bold: Hallelujah, Hallelujah, as creation's tale is told

Holy God of ancient glory, choosing man and woman, too; Abr'am's faith and Sarah's story formed a people bound to you. Hallelujah, Hallelujah, to your covenant keep us true.

Covenant, new again in Jesus, Starchild born to set us free; sent to heal us, sent to teach us how love's children we might be. Hallelujah, Hallelujah, risen Christ, our Saviour he!

Lift we then our human voices in the songs that faith would bring; live we then in human choices lives that, like our music, sing: Hallelujah, Hallelujah, joined in love our praises ring!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Jesus comes and stands with us, bringing us His peace.

- All: We come to worship this morning longing to receive God's Holy Spirit. As we pray and sing and reflect on God's Word, may we be filled with the peace that Jesus gives.
- Minister: Jesus is alive, and invites us to reach out and touch his hand and his side, that we may not doubt, but believe.
- All: Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe. Thanks be to God.

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- Minister: Holy God, with power and love you raised Jesus from the dead and gave us the promise of eternal life.
- All: We confess, O God, that sometimes we are filled with doubt, and we refuse to believe unless we can see you with our own eyes. Like Thomas, we question your power, demanding that you prove yourself to us. But you are understanding and compassionate. You see our need for reassurance, and you come to us and bring us your peace. We ask your forgiveness for all our sins, through Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WELCOME

ANTHEM

"Deep River"

trad. Spiritual/ arr. Hogan Andrew Adridge, baritone.

Deep river, my home is over Jordan. Deep river Lord, I want to cross over into campground. Lord I is a comin', I want to cross over into campground.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-30

The Rev. Dr. Andrew Stirling "The problem of going AWOL in a crisis"

ANTHEM (RECORDED ON MARCH 15, 2020)

"We Are Not Alone"

Ed Connell Chamber Choir

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, We believe in God. We are not alone; We believe in God who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, and make new, by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death. God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

CLOSING HYMN)

No. 242 "Let All Things Now Living" Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our Creator triumphantly raise; who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days. God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth inthe night; till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into Light. By law God enforces, the stars in their courses

By law God enforces, the stars in their courses and sun in its orbit obediently shine; the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine. We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration a song let us raise: till all things now living unite in thanksgiving, to God in the highest, hosanna and praise. The Ash Grove

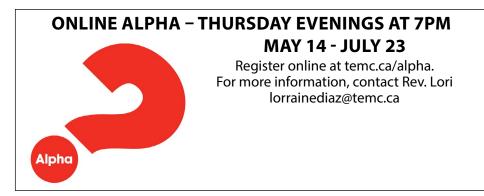
BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

'Gigue' Fugue in G Major

J.S. Bach Stephen Boda, organ

Please Note: The hymns and anthems were chosen from archival recordings.



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**September 28, 2020 – *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl*, by Harriet Jacobs

"Harriet Jacobs was not an ordinary slave girl, and her autobiography is not an ordinary account of the miseries of slavery. She was a slave who triumphed not only by luck but by careful planning and daring deceit."

**November 9, 2020 – Crime and Punishment by Fyodor Dostoyevski

Drawing upon experiences from his own prison days, the author recounts in feverish, compelling tones the story of Raskolnikov, an impoverished student tormented by his own nihilism, and the struggle between good and evil.

Join us to discuss these books at 7PM in the Reception Room.