



DOWNTOWN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Let kindness lead our dance.

Celebration of Worship

Sunday, July 5, 2020

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Words of Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Pat Youngdahl

Chime

Introit

Unity

Moone/Washington

Refrain: “Unity, unity, God, we pray for unity.”

*Call to Worship (from John O Donohue’s *Eternal Echoes*)

Mary Bookout

One: In the inner landscape of the soul is a nourishing and melodious voice of freedom always calling us. It encourages us to enlarge our frames of belonging—not to settle for a false shelter that does not serve our potential.

Many: Each of us can travel inward from the surface constraints and visit the wild places within us. There are no small rooms there.

*Hymn 263

Immortal Invisible
(Hymn on next page)

ST. DENIO

*Centering Prayer (unison)

God of All, many are the times when life sends us to our depths, seeking strength, hoping to be blessed. Often we run from such moments. But here, and now, help us to be present and listen to what is happening in our lives. In the shelter of your grace, may we turn to ourselves with the compassion we find in Jesus. Let healing overflow. Let kindness lead our dance. May we find joy on our journey into peace—here and everywhere, on this day and every day, for us and for everyone. Amen.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 263

ST. DENIO 11.11.11.11

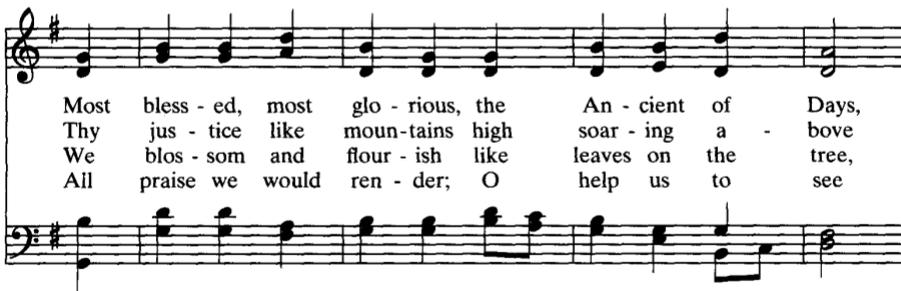
Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867; alt. 1987

Welsh folk melody
Adapted in *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839

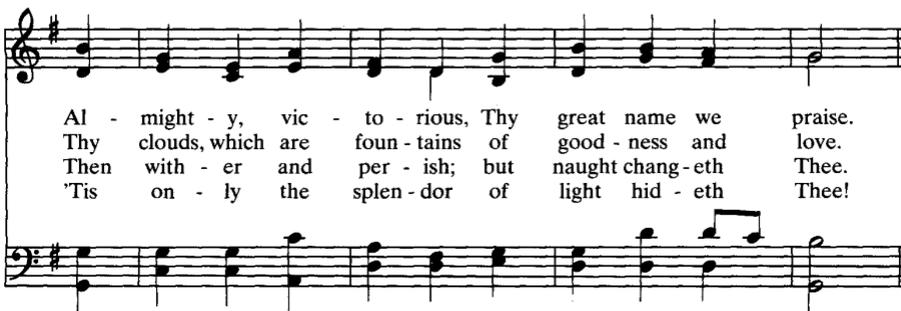

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3. To all, life Thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4. Thou reign - est in glo - ry, Thou rul - est in light,



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;
In all life Thou liv - est, the true life of all;
Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see



Al - mighty, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
Thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
Then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth Thee.
'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth Thee!

First Reading

Matthew 11:28-30

Music for Reflection

Two Negro Spirituals:
I Cannot Stay Here By Myself/Walk Together, Children

Second Reading

Matthew 11:16-19

Meditation

Rev. Youngdahl

Music for Reflection

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

Donna Kasbohm

*“Come and seek the ways of Wisdom, she who danced, when earth was new.
Follow closely what she teaches, for her words are right and true.
Wisdom clears the path to justice, showing us what love must do.*

*Listen to the voice of Wisdom, crying in the market-place.
Hear the Word made flesh among us, full of glory, truth and grace.
When the word takes root and ripens, peace and righteousness embrace.*

*Sister Wisdom, come, assist us; nurture all who seek rebirth.
Spirit-guide and close companion, bring to light our sacred worth.
Free us to become your people, holy friends of God and earth.”*

Text: Ruth Duck (1993)

Prayers of Healing and Transformation

Prayer of Jesus

**Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Spirit 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 Spirit, and the
power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*Benediction

Benediction Response

Lift Every Voice and Sing

J. Rosamund Johnson

Lift ev'ry voice and sing, 'til earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on 'til victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our forebearers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past, 'til now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by Thy might led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand,
True to our God, True to our native land.

Text: James Weldon Johnson

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