

Palms Presbyterian Church

September 12, 2021

Youth Sunday



Special thanks to our youth for their leadership in worship this morning and to the Grease Laden Vapors: Katie Brown, Marinette Gomez, Lauren Woodall, Ted Louckes, Jon Woodbine, vocals; Don Boothe, guitar. Dale Caswell, bass; Greg Hersey, drums, Ronn Cummings, piano.

We Come Together as God's People

Prelude *You Are Holy/Prince of Peace My Lighthouse* Grease Laden Vapors
Goodness of God Matthew Chanan- Khan, vocal

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *Uyai Mose: Come All You People* arr. John Bell
The Palms Choral Interns

Come all you people, come and praise your Maker; come now and worship the Lord.

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Since before time began

We belong to you, Lord

When we all speak the same language

We belong to you, Lord

When we don't understand one another

We belong to you, Lord

When we quarrel at the Table

We belong to you, Lord

No matter where we go

We belong to you, Lord

Till beyond time

We belong to you, Lord. Let us worship God.

We Praise God and Celebrate God's Grace

***Opening Hymn** *Here in This Place: Gather Us In* # 401

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Creator of an intricately interwoven creation, we don't always make or see the connections we should. We forget that we are part of an interconnected world and that our actions impact that world. Help us to remember that we are part of a great big, beautiful world. When our attention rests for too long on our own needs and wants, help to turn our gaze out, up and around so that we might be the people you created us to be. (a time for silent prayer) Amen.

Kyrie *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* # 469

Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

The Assurance of Pardon

***Response to God's Love and Forgiveness**

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines On Me # 582

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

***Affirmation of Faith (Responsive)** - Excerpts from [The Confession of 1967]

The reconciling act of God in Jesus Christ exposes the evil in people as sin in the sight of God. In sin, people claim mastery of their own lives, turn against God and each other, and become exploiters and despoilers of the world. They lose their humanity in futile striving and are left in rebellion, despair, and isolation.

We believe that people need Jesus. We believe that Jesus brings forgiveness, reconciliation, and reconnection to a world of sin and shame and fear. We believe that God loves us so much that God sent Jesus to give us life before and after death. We believe that we are never alone. God is with us through the words and witness of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Wise and virtuous people through the ages have sought the highest good in devotion to freedom, justice, peace, truth, and beauty. Yet all human virtue, when seen in the light of God's love in Jesus Christ, is found to be infected by self - interest and hostility.

We believe in the power of prayer and in the ability of people to be God's instruments of peace, love, reconciliation and hope here on earth. We believe in the power of a connected community as a people created by a God who dwells in community.

All people, good and bad alike, are in the wrong before God and helpless without God's forgiveness. Thus everyone falls under God's judgment.

We believe that the Word of God has the power to transform us. We believe that the Good News of the Gospel is to be shared. In the name of the Creator who loves us, the Spirit who sustains us, and Christ who walks with us. Amen.

Time for Children

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

Beautiful Things

Michael & Lisa Gungor

All this pain. I wonder if I'll ever find my way; I wonder if my life could really change at all.
All this earth. Could all that is lost ever be found; Could a garden come up from this ground at all?
You make beautiful things, You make beautiful things out of the dust.
You make beautiful things, You make beautiful things out of us.
All around hope is springing up from this old ground. Out of chaos, life is being found in You.

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise *Him, all creatures here below;
Praise *Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
*Or "God"

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***Prayer of Dedication**

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 1:16-17, 1 Corinthians 1:10-17

Reflections

Youth and Leaders of the Palms Youth Group

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Holy One, you call us to embody your love in the world.

We should leap at the greeting of mercy.

You call us to see possibilities in ourselves and others.

We should dance at the visit of grace.

When we struggle,

We have each other

Let us pray for God's world and God's people.

Let us be the voice and the touch of God

.....Prayers continue.... We pray these things, and all things, in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray together saying:

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.

***Closing Hymn**

For Everyone Born

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

arr. Wendell Whalum

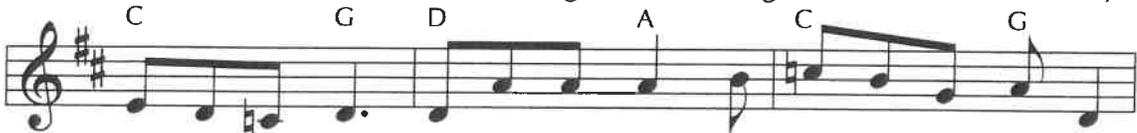
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Gather Us In



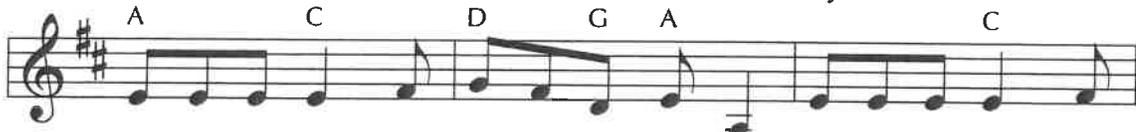
1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

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For Everyone Born



1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
 4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,
 5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,
 for just and un - just, a new way to live,
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

This hymn from a noted New Zealand hymnwriter affirms that God's hospitality transcends the barriers erected by human society and that we who have been created in God's image are called to live in ways that reflect our Creator's values: justice and joy, compassion and peace.

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

Refrain

B *All* E E/G# A2 Bsus B

and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and

E E/G# A2 Bsus B

joy, com-pas - sion and peace: yes,

C#m C#m/B A2

God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,

Bsus B (E) Fine A2 E Bsus B

jus-tice and joy!