



Farragut Presbyterian Church

ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE

September 20, 2020

~The Gathering~

Prelude

Prelude on East Acklam
Tami Newsom, organ

Francis Jackson

Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

Call to Worship

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever.
Live in a way that is worthy of the gospel.
Stand firm in the Spirit, side by side.
Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn #265

Great God, We Sing That Mighty Hand

Wareham

**Great God, we sing that mighty hand by which supported still we stand;
The opening year Your mercy shows; that mercy crowns it till it close.**

**With grateful hearts the past we own; the future, all to us unknown,
We to Your guardian care commit, and peaceful leave before Your feet.**

**In scenes exalted or depressed, You are our joy and You our rest;
Your goodness all our hopes shall raise, adored through all our changing days.**

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751, Orton's *Hymns Founded on Various Texts*, 1755; alt., Music: William Knapp, 1738
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Prayer of Confession

**God of miracles and of mercy, all creation sings your praise.
Like the vineyard owner, your grace is extravagant and unexpected.
Lead us to repentance and the acceptance of your grace,
that we may be witness to your love,
which embraces both those we call friend and those we call stranger. Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

Passing of the Peace

~The Word~

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Exodus 16:2-15

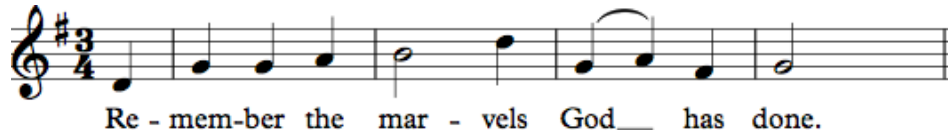
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 105

Dr. Angela Batey, cantor

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Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; make known his deeds among the peoples.
Sing to him, sing praises to him, and speak of all his marvelous works.
Glory in his holy Name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. **(R)**

Search for the Lord and his strength; continually seek his face.
Remember the marvels he has done, his wonders and the judgments of his mouth.
O offspring of Abraham his servant, O children of Jacob his chosen. **(R)**

He led out his people with silver and gold; in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.
Egypt was glad of their going, because they were afraid of them. **(R)**

He spread out a cloud for a covering and a fire to give light in the night season.
They asked, and quails appeared, and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.
He opened the rock, and water flowed, so the river ran in the dry places. **(R)**

For God remembered his holy word and Abraham his servant.
So he led forth his people with gladness, his chosen with shouts of joy.
He gave his people the lands of the nations, and they took the fruit of others' toil,
that they might keep his statutes and observe his laws. Hallelujah! **(R)**

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Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 20:1-16

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

“An Unjust God”

Rev. Matt Nieman

~The Response~

Affirmation of Faith (from the PCUSA *Brief Statement of Faith*)

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

The Anthem

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Angie Batey, handbells ~ Tami Newsom, accompanist

arr. Linda Lamb

Call for the Offering

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

~The Sending~

Closing Hymn #298

There's A Wideness in God's Mercy

In Babilone

**There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgement given.**

**For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind;
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's Word;
And our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.**

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Be of Good Courage
Tami Newsom, organ

G. Telemann



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