

## WORSHIP BULLETIN for Communion Sunday, October 4, 2020

*"Behold the Lamb of God"*

Two-Piano Prelude "This Is My Father's World"

Toni DiCapua, Mollie Wakeman

Call to Worship

Ben Ball

Hymn of Praise: Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain (see words on next page)

no. 115

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Sharon Dinwiddie

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Gloria Patri

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Greetings and Announcements

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 12:1-13

Bob Kraut

Anthem: "Let God Be God"...Don Wytzen

Choral Ensemble

Bob Kraut and Leland Morine, soloists; Mollie Wakeman, accompanist

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New Testament Reading: John 1:29-34

Sermon: "Revisiting Passover"

Rev. George Swanson

Hymn of Response: Why Is This Night Different? (see words on next page)

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Silent Prayers of Confession/Assurance of Pardon

Holy Communion

Prayers of the People

Rev. Anne Swanson

Closing Hymn: The Lord's Prayer (see words on next page)

Benediction

Congregational Response: Go Now in Peace (see words on next page)

Two-Piano Postlude "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

## COME, YE FAITHFUL, RAISE THE STRAIN

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain, of triumphant gladness;  
God hath brought forth Israel, into joy from sadness,  
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke, Jacob's sons and daughters,  
Led them, with unmoistened foot, through the Red Sea waters.

'Tis the spring of souls today; Christ hath burst His prison,  
And from three days' sleep in death, as a sun hath risen.  
Now rejoice, Jerusalem, and with true affection  
Welcome in unwearied strains, Jesus' resurrection.

## LET GOD BE GOD

Moses went to the Nile and turned the water into blood;  
The water was red, the fish were dead, and they washed up on the mud.  
Then he brought the frogs, there were millions everywhere –  
Under their heels, part of their meals, even in their hair.

*And God's children said, "Let God be God, and bless His holy name!  
"Let God be God, forever He is the same!"*

Old Moses brought the gnats, they gave an awful sting:  
From head to toe the people suffered so – it was a dreadful thing!  
Again he warned the Pharaoh, that cruel Egyptian man.  
Then God filled the skies with swarms of flies, but there were none in Goshen land.

Moses warned once more – another plague would bring much loss:  
Their cattle all died, the Egyptians cried, "Is it really worth the cost?"  
Then Moses took some ashes and threw them in the air  
Till, falling like rain, came boils and pain on Egyptians everywhere.

Moses commanded the hail and the fire to cover the ground:  
The people were sad, the damage was bad in each Egyptian town.  
And locusts swarmed the ground all over the brand new crops;  
They ate all day and then went away – when would these horrors stop!

Thick darkness covered the land, you could cut it with a knife –  
Blacker than black, a thousand times black, the blackest of midnights.  
And then God said to Pharaoh, "I will break your stubborn will!  
Your own first-born will die at morn, his body cold and still."

## **WHY IS THIS NIGHT DIFFERENT?**

(Tune: "We Gather Together")

"Why is this night different from all of the others?"  
This night we remember how God set us free.  
This night we remember our fathers and mothers  
Whom God reached out to save from harsh slavery.

We eat bitter herbs to recall how they suffered;  
The salt water tells of their tears and their cries.  
The lamb is the sacrifice each household offered;  
The matzo is the bread with no time to rise.

Haroseth reminds how the people long labored  
In making the mortar; what weary, worn slaves!  
And yet in its sweetness is hope ever-savored,  
And in each cup of wine, the promise: God saves!

Through symbols we share here, your story is spoken;  
God, help us to know that it's our story, too!  
For as we are saved we are sent to the broken,  
Till all know peace and joy, till all are made new.

Lord Jesus, you joined in the great celebration,  
Then gave us a new meal to joyfully share.  
You blessed bread and wine and you offered salvation;  
Now send us out to serve, Lord, this is our prayer!

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## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, which 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.

## **GO NOW IN PEACE**

Go now in peace, never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true, know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love and show you believe, reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there, watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.