

# Old Presbyterian Meeting House



## SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 20, 2020

### PRELUDE

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Arr. Craig Curry  
b. 1966

### WELCOME

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us worship God!

Dr. Steven Seigart

## PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us bless God's name forever and ever.

**Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!**

The Lord is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!**

The Perry Family  
Adapted from Psalm 145

## **HYMN 41**

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

LYONS

**1. O worship the King, all glorious above!  
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love:  
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.**

**2. O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,  
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form;  
and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.**

**4. Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain,  
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.**

**5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,  
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Rev. Katherine A. Stanford

**Lord, your generosity surprises us. For you do not mete out grace according to how hard we work, or how often we worship, or how closely we follow the rules. No, you lavish grace upon grace according to your own desire. But we insist on deciding who is deserving and who is not. We grumble that some receive too little while others have more than they deserve. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to live with humility and gratitude so that our words and deeds might embody your grace. Hear now the prayers we bring to you in silence ...**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Dr. Robert R. Laha

## **GOD'S WORD TO US**

### **ANTHEM**

The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee  
Sung by the Meeting House Virtual Choir  
Text from Psalm 145:15–16

Jean Berger  
1909–2002

### **SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Matthew 20:1–16

Mrs. Noelle Castin

### **TIME WITH CHILDREN**

The Hendy Family

### **SERMON**

New Math

Dr. Robert R. Laha

## **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Mrs. Mary Pratt Perry

**God sent Jesus to proclaim release to those who are bound, to announce that God's promised kingdom is at hand, to urge everyone to repent and believe the good news. The Lord is moving toward the time when the glorious liberty of the children of God will be manifest throughout the whole creation. We testify that God is at work here and now when people obey Christ's commission to witness to him, when they spread the good news by their words and embody it in their lives.**

Adapted from *A Declaration of Faith*, 1977

## INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Rev. Katherine A. Stanford

## PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Ann Herlin

**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.**

## HYMN 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

**1. God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,  
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:  
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;  
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.**

**2. Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.  
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone.  
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.**

**3. Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred:  
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.  
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,  
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.**

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Robert R. Laha

## RESPONSE 600

Amen

African-American Traditional

Performed by the Meeting House Virtual Choir

*Want to add to our virtual "amen" video? Go to [opmh.org/amen](https://opmh.org/amen).*

## POSTLUDE

Postlude (1962)

William Mathias  
1934–1992

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Read Dr. Seigart's detailed notes on the music at [opmh.org/sundaymusic](https://opmh.org/sundaymusic).  
Image: The Red Vineyards near Arles, Vincent Van Gogh (1888)*