



WASHINGTON
STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Washington Street United Methodist Church

(Pre-Videoed)

Modjeska Simkins House

Liturgical Color: Green, symbolizing our life and growth in Christ

October 18, 2020

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

For the Healing of the Nations
Louis Shirer, organ

Paul Manz

WELCOME (*Instructions for Interactive Worship*)

You may create your sanctuary in any space, for all things belong to God. You are invited to light a candle with us, read the texts with us, and then sing along with the hymns and join in with the prayers as printed in the worship guide and on the screen.

HYMN 428

For the Healing of the Nations

CWM RHONDDA

(vs. 1, 3)

1. For the healing of the nations, Lord we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;
to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word,
help us rise and pledge our word.
3. All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned;
pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span,
may we hallow life's brief span.

Yasmin Bradshaw, soprano; Louis Shirer, organ

Words: Fred Kaan, 1965; Music: John Hughes, 1907

OPENING PRAYER *

On this Children's Sabbath day, we give you thanks, O God, especially for children, for the blessing they are and the blessing we may be to them, as we unite our hearts and voices to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you. We praise you, O God, for sending your beloved child, Jesus, born as a baby nurtured by his family and protected by strangers. He grew as a child and was taught in his temple surrounded by his community and guided by his parents. He became an adult who loved and blessed the children, who cared for those who were sick, poor, and left out, who taught that God loves us like a parent, and who called us his friends. This one, who was born a baby needing us, died our Savior whom we all need. He was triumphant even over death thus freeing us to live as your beloved children. In his precious name we pray. Amen.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 18:1-8

HYMN 385

Let Us Plead for Faith Alone

SAVANNAH

(vs. 1, 2, 4)

1. Let us plead for faith alone,
faith which by our works is shown;
God it is who justifies,
only faith the grace applies.
2. Active faith that lives within,
conquers hell and death and sin,
hallows whom it first made whole,
forms the Savior in the soul.
4. Only let us persevere
till we see our Lord appear,
never from the Rock remove,
saved by faith which works by love.

Yasmin Bradshaw, soprano; Louis Shirer, organ

Words: Charles Wesley, 1740; Music: *Foundery Collection*, 1742

PROCLAMATION

Knocking for Justice

Reverend Lippert

SOLO

Keep Ye Judgment

Robert J. Powell

Yasmin Bradshaw, soprano; Louis Shirer, organ

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *

ONE: O Source of Transformation, we turn our hearts to you on this Children's Sabbath. We pray for the Church, that we become an ever-more true reflection of your welcome. Lead us in our witness to your justice. Teach us to be the embodiment of your love, especially for the youngest, impoverished, and most marginalized of your beloved children. Source of Transformation, we pray:

ALL: Make our lives a living prayer.

ONE: Source of Compassion, we pray for the world in which disease knows no boundary and suffering is a shared language. We ask that love will unite us in action that recognizes our common humanity. Give us your desire that all may live in the fullness of life. Source of Compassion, we pray:

ALL: Make our lives a living prayer.

ONE: Source of Hope, we pray for our nation wounded by disease and death, division and distrust, pain and poverty, and so many uncertainties. Instill in us peace and a trust in you that helps us reimagine our future with justice and joy for all children. Source of Hope, we pray:

ALL: Make our lives a living prayer.

ONE: Source of Strength, on this Children's Sabbath weekend, we pray especially for the children and youth of our congregations and communities. We hold in our hearts those who struggle with disrupted learning, delayed plans, disappointment and loneliness. We pray for those whose families struggle to make ends meet. We pray that this weekend will inspire new, lasting action to work with our children toward your vision of justice and joy. Source of Strength, we pray:

ALL: Make our lives a living prayer.

ONE: Source of Comfort, we pray for those who have died, especially those who died too young, too soon, from causes we could have prevented. We pray for those whose lives were lost to disease and despair, to brutality and bullying, to shootings and to suicide. Help us to be your arms of care for those who grieve and your voice to prevent unnecessary losses. Source of Comfort, we pray:

ALL: Make our lives a living prayer.

ONE: These things we ask in Jesus' name, who came among us as a living prayer of transformation, compassion, hope, strength, and comfort. Amen.

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. 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

Let Justice Flow Like Streams

ST. THOMAS

1. Let justice flow like streams of sparking water, pure enabling growth, refreshing life, abundant, cleansing, sure
2. Let righteousness roll on as others' cares we heed, an ever-flowing stream of faith translated into deed.
3. So may God's plumb line, straight, define our measure true, and justice, right, and peace pervade this world our whole life through.

Yasmin Bradshaw, soprano; Louis Shirer, organ

Words: Jane Parker Huber, 1984; Music: Aaron Williams, *The New Universal Psalmist*, 1770

BENEDICTION

* Children's Sabbath 2020 Christian Worship Resources, Children's Defense Fund. Amended.

"Blessed are those who die in the Lord..."

IN MEMORIAM

Edith Long Schisler
(Missionary to Brazil)

September 29, 2020

IN MEMORIAM

Linda S. Bowers
October 13, 2020

Bins have been set up inside the church hallway for church members to drop off gifts and cards for this year's confirmands, Lily Cate Buchanan, Harmon Geddes, Leila Jackson, Layne Powers, and Hayden Rowe. Thank you to the Open Door Class for sponsoring this recognition.



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