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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

June 28, 2020

10:00AM

PREPARATION & ADORATION

WELCOME

Rev. David Lewicki

CENTERING PRAYER & CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Khai Samte of Zo Presbyterian Church

Psalm 96

- ¹ Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
- ² Sing to the LORD, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.
- ³ Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.
- ⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, all you families of nations,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- ⁸ Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering and come into his courts.
- ⁹ Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth.
- ¹⁰ Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns."
The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity.
- ¹³ Let all creation rejoice before the LORD, for he comes,
he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples in his faithfulness.

Come let us worship the Lord.

OPENING HYMN

FINLANDIA

“This Is My Song”

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.
 my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

SILENT PRAYERS

Clint Miller

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PASSING THE PEACE

During the Passing of the Peace, share a sign of peace with others in your home and greet others who are worshiping online by writing messages in the comment/chat section.

*GRATEFUL RESPONSE

Paul Vasile

“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
 B^b F B^b F B^b F Gm F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
 2 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
 F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
 C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
 Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ruth Cunningham

“Come, Light of Lights”

**Come, light of lights, into my heart.
 Come, wisdom of spirit, into my heart.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruth 2:1-13 (NRSV)

2 Now Naomi had a kinsman on her husband’s side, a prominent rich man, of the family of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz. **2** And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, “Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain, behind someone in whose sight I may find favor.” She said to her, “Go, my daughter.” **3** So she went. She came and gleaned in the field behind the reapers. As it happened, she came to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech. **4** Just then Boaz came from Bethlehem. He said to the reapers, “The LORD be with you.” They answered, “The LORD bless you.” **5** Then Boaz said to his servant who was in charge of the reapers, “To whom does this young woman belong?” **6** The servant who was in charge of the reapers answered, “She is the Moabite who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab. **7** She said, ‘Please, let me glean and gather among the sheaves behind the reapers.’ So she came, and she has been on her feet from early this morning until now, without resting even for a moment.”

8 Then Boaz said to Ruth, “Now listen, my daughter, do not go to glean in another field or leave this one, but keep close to my young women. **9** Keep your eyes on the field that is being reaped, and follow behind them. I have ordered the young men not to bother you. If you get thirsty, go to the vessels and drink from what the young men have drawn.” **10** Then she fell prostrate, with her face to the ground, and said to him, “Why have I found favor in your sight, that you should take notice of me, when I am a foreigner?” **11** But Boaz answered her, “All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told me, and how you left your father and mother and your native

land and came to a people that you did not know before. ¹² May the LORD reward you for your deeds, and may you have a full reward from the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge!" ¹³ Then she said, "May I continue to find favor in your sight, my lord, for you have comforted me and spoken kindly to your servant, even though I am not one of your servants."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

An Immigrant's Courage and the Invitation to Belonging

David Roth

DEDICATION

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Fran Mohr

**I believe in Almighty God,
Who guided the people in exile and exodus,
The God of Joseph in Egypt and Daniel in Babylon,
The God of every refugee, migrant, pilgrim, and church in diaspora.
I believe in Jesus Christ, a displaced Galilean,
Who was born away from his people and his home,
Who fled his country with his parents when his life was in danger.
When he returned, he suffered under the oppression of Pontius Pilate,
the servant of a foreign power.
Jesus was persecuted, beaten, tortured, unjustly condemned to death, and buried.
But on the third day, Jesus rose from the dead,
Not as a scorned foreigner but to offer us citizenship in God's kingdom.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The eternal immigrant among us,
Who speaks all languages, lives in all countries, and reunites all races.
I believe in the Church, the secure home for foreigners and for all believers.
I believe in the communion of saints, which embraces all God's people in our diversity.
I believe in the forgiveness of sins, that makes us all equal before God.
I believe in reconciliation, that heals our brokenness.
I believe in the resurrection of the dead, when God will unite us all as one people.
I believe in life eternal, in which no one will be a foreigner,
But all will be citizens of the new kingdom where God reigns forever and ever.
Amen.**

--The Immigrants' Creed [adapted] -- by Jose Luis Casal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Gad Mpoyo of Shalom International Ministry

For the welfare of the church of God, all ministers and worshipers, let us pray to the Lord.
Brief silence is kept.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For the peace of the world and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.
Brief silence is kept.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For our President, our Governor, all elected officials and those in authority, and for the leaders of all nations, let us pray to the Lord.

Brief silence is kept.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the good earth, which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Brief silence is kept.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For all those who travel, especially those who flee persecution or violence, let us pray to the Lord.

Brief silence is kept.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the sick and suffering, the infirm and the lonely, let us pray to the Lord.

Brief silence is kept.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the poor and oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Brief silence is kept.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For deliverance from anxiety, sin, oppression, and all evils that degrade the Lord's image in which we are all made, let us pray to the Lord.

Brief silence is kept.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

And now as our Savior taught us, we are bold to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father [Mother] in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

INVITATION FOR OFFERING

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Rory Cooney

“Canticle of the Turning”

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain:

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. (Refrain)

From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears every tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread; every mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. (Refrain)

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. (Refrain)

Members of the NDPC Balcony Choir

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor George Tatro

My friends, time is short. And there is so little time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be swift to love. And make haste to be kind. And may the blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you now and always.

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Felix Mendelssohn

“*Allegro Maestoso* from Sonata No. 2”

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People come from many backgrounds, traditions, and cultures to worship at NDPC. We invite you to use the language, whether for God or persons, that is authentic and inspiring to you.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

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