

# St. John's Presbyterian Church

## Memorial Day Service

May 24, 2020

10:30 a.m.

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Welcome

Prelude

*Prelude for an Occasion*

Charles Villiers Stanford

Announcements

Congregational Introit

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

**Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,**

**Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.**

**Spread the good news o'er all the earth.**

**Jesus has died and has risen.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,**

**Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.**

*—The Presbyterian Hymnal, No. 106, verse 1*

Call to Worship

Leader: Let us begin our time of worship with a moment of remembrance.

**All: We remember fallen soldiers, and the sacrifice they made for the sake of others.**

Leader: Let us begin our time of worship with a moment of thanksgiving.

**All: We thank God for brave men and women who have given their lives so that we may worship without fear.**

Leader: Let us begin our time of worship with a moment of silence, for a moment is the least we can do for those that gave their eternity.

Prayer of Confession:

**All: God of every nation, as we remember those that gave their life for our sake, let us be stirred to action in their memory. We confess that we have not done all that is possible to promote peace and justice in our world. We have not loved our neighbors, let alone our enemies. Forgive us for failing to live up to your commandments. Empower us to work for your Kingdom in this world, and welcome us by your grace into your Kingdom in the next. Amen.**

Hymn No. 276

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10 with refrain

Thomas Obediah Chisholm, 1923

William Marion Runyan, 1923

1. \*Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,  
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring-time and har - vest,  
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee;  
 Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
 Thine own, dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

Thou chang - est not, Thy com - pas - sions they fail not;  
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

As Thou hast been Thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

\*Or "Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

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*Refrain*

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see; All I have need - ed Thy

hand hath pro - vid - ed; Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

## Words of Assurance

Hear the good news: Christ died for our sins and rose again that God may free us from the tyranny of judging others to live fully in the power of God's grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, God forgives our sins and offers us a transformed future. Live fully into God's grace. Amen.

Hymn No. 555      *O Lamb of God*

**O Lamb Of God, You Take Away The Sins Of The World;  
Have Mercy On Us, Lamb Of God, And Grant Us Your Peace.**

—*Glory of God Hymnal*

Leader: Knowing the grace and mercy of the Lord, we share it with one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Hymn No. 577      *Glory Be to the Father*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

—*The Presbyterian Hymnal*

## Prayer of 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.**

Old Testament Reading      Joshua 1:9, 2 Samuel 22:2

<sup>9</sup>I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

<sup>2</sup>He said: The LORD is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer, <sup>3</sup>my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge, my savior; you save me from violence. <sup>4</sup>I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

New Testament Reading      2 Corinthians 1:3-5, John 15:13

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation,<sup>4</sup>who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God.<sup>5</sup>For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ.

<sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

Sermon Remembering Ourselves and Others Elaine York  
Commissioned Lay Pastor

Hymn No. 262 *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand* See page 5

Offertory *Petit Offertoire* (Little Offertory) Cesar Franck

Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

The Apostles' Creed

**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; the third day  
he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth in  
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.**

Hymn No. 339 *Be Thou My Vision* See page 6

Charge and Benediction

Congregational Response *Amen, Amen*

**Congregation: Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.  
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.  
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.**

*—The Faith We Sing Hymnal, No. 2072*

Postlude Prelude on the Irish folk tune *Slane* Dale Wood

# 262 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

NATIONAL HYMN 10.10.10.10

Daniel Crane Roberts, 1876; alt.

George William Warren, 1892

*Trumpets may be played with each stanza*

1. God of the a - ges, whose al - might - y hand
2. Thy love di - vine hath led us in the past;
3. From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti - lence,
4. Re - fresh Thy peo - ple on their toil - some way,

Leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band  
 In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;  
 Be Thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense;  
 Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

Of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,  
 Be Thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay;  
 Thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease;  
 Fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

Our grate - ful songs be - fore Thy throne a - rise.  
 Thy word our law, Thy paths our cho - sen way.  
 Thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.  
 And glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er Thine.

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## Be Thou My Vision

SLANE 10.10.9.10

Ancient Irish poem  
 Trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905  
 Vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912: alt.

Irish ballad  
 Harm. David Evans, 1927

1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
 3. Be Thou my wis - dom, and Thou my true word;

Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art—  
 Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
 I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,