

Paul Robeson

That time we all heard it, cool
and clear, cutting across the hot
grit of the day.

The major Voice.

The adult Voice forgoing Rolling
River, forgoing tearful tale of
bale and barge and other
symptoms of an old despond.

Warning, in music-words devout
and large, that we are each
other's harvest: we are each
other's business: we are each
other's magnitude and bond.

By Gwendolyn Brooks

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 2020

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

Prelude Deep River spiritual, arr. George Kemmer

Introit In the Time of Trouble Shall He Hide Me John Ness Beck
In the time of trouble shall He hide me; in the secret of His temple shall He hide me; He will set me up upon a rock. Therefore will I offer in His tabernacle sacrifices of joy! I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord!

****Call to Worship** (responsively)

Leader: It is God our Maker who sets us free to live:

People: Who calls us into a community of freedom and commitment.

Leader: It is Jesus our Christ who has blazed the trail of new life:

People: Who goes before us to overcome sin and death.

Leader: It is the Spirit of peace that binds us together as one people:

People: Who flows among us like a healing river, channeling love to all.

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: The Lord's name be praised!

****Hymn** My Lord! What a Morning #352

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Redeemer God, you have given us the dream of peace. We confess that we broken the bonds of unity. We are filled with self-centered pride. We are envious of others. We refuse to let go of cherished slights and hurts. We spread ignorance and fear instead of acceptance and understanding. We enact violence against those who are different than us. (continued)

352 My Lord! What a Morning

Refrain

My Lord! what a morn - ing; my Lord! what a morn - ing;

O my Lord! what a morn - ing, when the stars be - gin to

fall, when the stars be - gin to fall. 1 You will hear the trum - pet
2 You will hear the sin - ner
3 You will hear the Chris - tian

sound
cry,
shout, to wake the na - tions un - der ground,

look - ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be - gin to fall.

This spiritual reflects on Jesus' saying about the endtimes as recorded in Matthew 24:29-30/Mark 13:24-26. It belongs to the slower, less common style of spirituals with long, sustained phrases and was among those popularized in concerts by the Fisk Jubilee Singers.

In your mercy, show us our worst selves and make us deal with our sinful tendencies. Show us our best selves, when your mercy frees us and your grace secures us.

Hear us as we express our prayers of contrition in silence...

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon (responsively) Ephesians 2:11-22

Leader: In Christ Jesus, those who were far off were brought near through his sacrifice.

People: Christ is our peace. In his flesh, has made both groups into one.

Leader: He has broken down the walls of hostility that divide us.

People: He has created a new human family, reconciling all people in his name.

Leader: We are no longer strangers and aliens to each other:

People: We are citizens with the saints, members of the household of God.

****Gloria Patri**

#581

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.

****Passing of the Peace** (responsively)

Leader: Through God's abundant grace, we are forgiven.

People: God has freed us from our sin and transformed our grief into joy.

Leader: In gratitude for this gift of peace,

People: let us share the peace of Christ with each other.

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Lesson Genesis 37:1-11

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Solo

At the River

Aaron Copland

Sadie Cheslak, soloist

Shall we gather by the river, where bright angels' feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God. Yes we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river. Gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God. Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease, soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.

Scripture Lesson Genesis 37:17b-36

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“Children of the Dream”

Reverend Dr. David Neff, preaching

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

****Hymn**

We Shall Overcome

#379

We Shall Overcome

1 We shall o - ver - come; we shall o - ver - come;
 2 We'll walk hand in hand; we'll walk hand in hand;
 3 We shall live in peace; we shall live in peace;
 4 We are not a - fraid; we are not a - fraid;
 5 God will see us through; God will see us through;

we shall o - ver - come some - day.
 we'll walk hand in hand some - day.
 we shall live in peace some - day.
 we are not a - fraid to - day.
 God will see us through to - day.

Refrain

O, deep in my heart I do be -

lieve we shall o - ver - come some - day!

Though now associated primarily with the Civil Rights Movement of the mid-20th century, this spiritual most likely dates from the days of the slave trade; and similarities with the tune SICILIAN MARINERS (see no. 546) suggest that it might have been a worksong aboard slave ships.

****Affirmation of Faith** (unison)

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 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.

Welcome and Announcements

Anthem Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah arr. Mark Hayes

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more. Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside. Bear me through the swelling current, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises I will ever give to Thee.

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer ("debts")

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

Prayer Response May the Words of Our Mouth John Ness Beck

May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord. Amen.

431 Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with

me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was

meant to be. *With God our cre - a - tor,

chil - dren all are we. Let us

walk with each oth - er in per - fect har - mo - ny.

**Original words: With God as our Father, brothers all are we. Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.*

WORDS: Sy Miller and Jill Jackson

MUSIC: Sy Miller and Jill Jackson; harm. by Charles H. Webb, 1987

WORLD PEACE

Irr.

SOCIAL HOLINESS

Let peace be - gin with me; let this be the mo - ment

now. With ev - ery step I take, let

this be my sol - emn vow: to take each mo - ment and

live each mo - ment in peace e - ter - nal - ly.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me.

BEARING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD

****Hymn**

Let There Be Peace on Earth

****The Charge and the Benediction**

****Benediction**

Go Forth into the World

John Rutter

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you, and remain with you forever. Amen.

Postlude

Trumpet Voluntary

John Stanley

Thanks to Those Assisting in Our Service

Liturgist

Leslie Deslauriers

OUR MISSION AND VISION

Mission Statement: We are a diverse and inclusive community bringing people to Christ through the power of service, education, hospitality and compassion.

Vision Statement: Second Presbyterian Church seeks to be a diverse, vibrant and passionate Christ-centered community of hospitality and outreach actively serving the South Loop, the city of Chicago, and the world. We accomplish this through inspirational worship in our historic sanctuary, educational ministry to all ages, and the power of compassionate service to our neighbors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship

Welcome to Second Presbyterian Church. All are welcome regardless of ethnicity, economic group or sexual orientation to share together in the joy and power of God's love in Jesus Christ.

Worship is live-streamed on our website www.2ndpresbyterian.org each Sunday morning. Join us at 10:55 a.m. for the worship. Copies of sermons and bulletins will be mailed and emailed to all who request them.

Today our guest bass is Ron Watkins.

The Facilities Committee recently installed a new audiovisual system that will help us record and broadcast worship services, weddings and other concerts at a high quality level.

These items include multiple cameras, microphones, laptop, recorder and tech support which will cost \$12,000.00. We ask members and friends of the church to make a one-time gift to underwrite this huge offering for all who will watch our services in the years to come.

If pastoral care needs arise, please contact the church office at (312) 225-4951. Pastor Neff and Pastoral Assistant Deslauriers are available for pastoral counseling and prayer.

The devotional booklet "These Days" for July, August and September is available in the church office. For your copy, please call the church office.

The work of the church is critical in this time of crisis. Our ministry continues to grow in creative and innovative ways. Please take a moment to go online to 2ndpresbyterian.org and give, or write out your check and send it in to Second Presbyterian Church, 1936 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL. 60616. Your gifts continue the mission and work of the Lord in this time and place.

We are still taking prayer requests but now you can submit them by clicking this link <https://forms.gle/72RzSMc9tAA7y5st8> so that we can pray with you and for you. All prayer requests will go to Pastor Neff, Pastoral Assistant Leslie and our Office Administrator Ashley. There is an option to mark whether or not your prayer is private.

Educational Opportunities

Every second Sunday of the month, Pastoral Assistant Leslie leads a Virtual Covid Support group at 1:30 p.m. This will be a time for folks to come and talk about their struggles with what Covid has brought to their life: frontline workers, those who lost their jobs, those who have had Covid and had to self-quarantine or ended up in the hospital, those who have lost family members, those who are struggling with the lack of socialization. This is a time for you to come and share your thoughts and feelings and be supported. The next meeting will be August 9th.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83629751318?pwd=aFR4WkYwcjMvUmlIb1FNaHkyNnZLdz09>

Meeting ID: 836 2975 1318

Password: 673212

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BIBLE STUDIES:

We will be using phone calls for bible studies and Zoom for other groups. For bible studies, use the number below.

New Conference Call number: **312-248-0036**. No PIN required.

- **Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:30 a.m.**
- **Tuesday First Corinthians 1:30 p.m.**

Alpha to Omega Bible Discussion Group: monthly on the second and fourth Thursdays. New Conference Call number: **312-248-0036**. No PIN required. For more information, please contact Flea Parker at flea@golden2.net or (210) 861-6988.

THURSDAY CIRCLE OF PRAYER 12:00 P.M.:

The Circle of Prayer continues each Thursday at 12:00 p.m. Led by Marian Liataud and Pastor Neff, each prayer circle lasts 20-30 minutes only. Please join us by going to the Zoom meeting or call in the phone number every Thursday.

Join Zoom Meeting:

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RIM (Recreation and Interest Ministries) Committee

The RIM committee is in the process of developing a group trip to explore the Civil Rights Monuments and Museums in the Montgomery and Selma, Alabama areas. We are excited to share the following information with you in the hopes that you will wish to participate. Based on current health circumstances we cannot set a specific time yet but we are looking at late Fall 2020 or Spring/Fall 2021. Please express your interest in the Civil Rights Trip to the RIM Committee by emailing to trips.2ndpreschicago@gmail.com. We will keep you updated as further information can be developed.

WHAT: 2nd Presbyterian Civil Rights Trip Fly to Birmingham, Alabama. Travel by CHARTERED BUS to Montgomery & Selma.

Visit the Peace & Justice Museum, Dexter Baptist Church, Selma bridge and other museums & highlights as time allows. Led by a Civil Rights expert.

WHO: 20-30 2nd Presbyterian congregants (and friends as space allows)

WHEN: 4 days & 3 nights, Fall or Spring as circumstances allow

WHERE: Hotel in downtown Montgomery AL

COST: Estimated \$800 - \$1,000 including flight.

Movie Group: We will be discussing *Just Mercy* on Friday, August 28th at 6:30 p.m. It tells the true story of Walter McMillian, who, with the help of young defense attorney Bryan Stevenson, appeals his murder conviction. Each person will watch the movie on their own and then we will gather on Zoom to discuss it. The movie is streaming free on multiple platforms. This event is brought to you by the RIM committee.

Topic: Second Movie Group

Time: July 24, 2020 6:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Meeting ID: 878 3025 7932

Password: 602018

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Book Group: Our next book of discussion is *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson. This will take place via Zoom on August 16th at 9:30 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82595103879>

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Dr. Neff’s sermons, poetry and reflections on ministry can be found in his blog: www.davidneff.me. To obtain copies of sermons for our Pastoral Assistant Leslie Deslauriers, please go to her blog lesliefollowsgodthroughchicago.blogspot.com

The Session

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