

Sunday, October 4, 2015

9:00 a.m.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

PRELUDE: Autumn Song Pytor Llyich Tchaikovsky
Frances Borowsky, cello

WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Let us worship God who, in the beginning, created the heavens and made humankind in His own image.

People: And God saw everything that He had made, and behold it was very good.

All: Let us worship Almighty God with heart and soul and mind.

*HYMN 72 To God Be the Glory To God Be the Glory

CALL TO PRAYER, PRAYER, AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

O God, most high and holy, in whose presence even angels cover their faces, in sincerity and humility we bow our heads before You. No excuse can justify our self-centeredness, our indifference to Your calling in our daily living, our doubts about Your power to change and renew, and our hesitation to follow Jesus Christ as our way, our truth and our life. May this moment be a time for inner honesty and desire to accept Your forgiveness, for You are our only hope...(moment of silent reflection)

Pastor: Though Christ our Lord we pray.

People: Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Philippians 4: 1-9

SPECIAL MUSIC: Walderuhe Antonin Dvorak
Frances Borowsky, cello

GOSPEL LESSON: St. Matthew 22: 1-14

*HYMN 500 God Made from One Blood St. Denio

SERMON: "AN EXTRAORDINARY INVITATION: REGRETS ONLY"
Rev. Ernest Smart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY: Sicilliene Gabriel Faure
Frances Borowsky, cello

THE DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*COMMUNION HYMN 399 O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near Belmont

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
(All are welcome at Christ's Holy table)

COMMUNION MUSIC Gabriel's Oboe Ennio Morricone
Frances Borowsky, cello

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*using trespasses*)

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 and ever. Amen.

*HYMN 234 Crown Him with Many Crowns Diadameta

THE BENEDICTION (in unison)

May the peace of God, which is beyond our understanding, guard our hearts and our thoughts in Christ Jesus. And may the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with us always. Amen.

POSTLUDE Humoresque Antonin Dvorak
Frances Borowsky, cello

LET US GIVE THANKS FOR THIS GRAND AND GLORIOUS DAY

WITH MILLIONS OF OTHER CHRISTIANS around the world, may we be inspired by experiencing God's love and God's grace, available for all His children. There is one Lord, one faith and one baptism.

THIS MORNING WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION. Our Lord Jesus Christ is the host, and everyone is invited to receive the elements of bread and wine as a personal token of thanksgiving, remembrance, pledging and celebration of His presence.

TODAY, WE WELCOME BACK FRANCES BOROWSKY, CELLO. We are thankful that Frances was not injured in a recent automobile accident, but her precious cello suffered damage.

ALL FRIENDS AND VISITORS ARE INVITED. to "sign in" in the guest book located at the entrance of the sanctuary, and to join us for a light reception.

BUS OUTING TO SEE THE VATICAN TREASURES on Tuesday, October 13, 2015. Sign up sheets will be on the lounge piano. Cost of entrance fee and bus will be \$50 per person. Bus will leave at 9:00 a.m. returning around 4:00 p.m. Please see Barbara Pour with any questions.

COLLECTION OF BOX TOPS RESTARTED. Just bring them along and place in the jar beside the lounge piano. In this practical way, we will be supporting Brehms Lane Elementary School. Linda Hughes is a teacher there.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHURCH CLEANING AND GARDEN TIDYING. In addition to yesterday's cleaning up day, everyone with an hour or so to spare is invited to show up on Tuesday evening, October 6, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Just bring along dusters, window cleaners, brushes, garden rakes, etc. Thank you in advance.

SUNDAY FLOWERS. There are spaces open for those who would like to join our Sunday flower team. St. Andrew's is responsible for the cost, but volunteers for collection are invited. Please contact Jane and Laura Eldridge at 410-296-1284.

LOOKING AHEAD TO OCTOBER:

Sunday, October 11: Troy King, Guitar, guest soloist

Sunday, October 18: Our Annual Scottish Services will be held.

Also, Baltimore Musicale will present another wonderful musical evening at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to both of these occasions.

Thought for the Week Ahead:

This is God's world. How many times does the world appear in Scripture?

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