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June 30, 2024

Music Sunday

9:30 a.m.

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PRELUDE

*God is So Good*

*arr. ML Thompson*  
Whitechapel Bell Choir  
Valerie A. Johnson, Conductor

*Your Song*

*E. John*  
David Cutshall, alto saxophone

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Keith J. Ciccone

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT *Sing a New Song*

*D. Schutte*

*Sing a new Song unto the Lord*  
*Let your song be sung from mountain high*  
*Sing a new song unto the Lord*  
*Singing Alleluia*

CALL TO WORSHIP (PSALM 100)

Don Bisset

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

**Worship the Lord with gladness, come into his presence with singing**

Know that the Lord is God. It is he that makes us and we are his

**We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

**Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the Lord is good; his  
steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

\*HYMN 267

*Morning Has Broken*

\* Indicates all who are able may stand

Please silence your cell phones

## \*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Heavenly Father, Each week, we gather in this place , just a room with four walls and a few doors and windows. We find rest, we learn and we encourage one another. You see, its not the place, it's the people that matter. It's not about the words that are spoken or the songs that are sung; it's about the hearts that are shared in the process. Within these walls, we sing, we pray, we listen and we celebrate God's love. Today, let us celebrate our talented musicians and the gifts they share from God above. Amen.

## \*GLORIA PATRI

*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.*

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| READING         | “Creation Sings the Father’s Song” | Nancy Mills   |
| MUSICAL MOMENT  | <i>How Beautiful</i>               | Ensemble  |
| POEM            | “Music”                            | Thomas King   |
| RESPONSE        | <i>You Raised Me Up</i>            | <i>J. Groban</i><br>Doug Trudeau, piano<br>Doug Trudeau and Keith Ciccone, vocals |
| PRAYERS         |                                    | Craig Barnes  |
| LORD’S PRAYER   |                                    |   |
| MUSICAL MOMENTS | <i>I’ve Got Peace Like a River</i> | <i>African-American Spiritual</i><br>Craig Barnes, tenor<br>Nancy Mills, soprano  |
|                 | <i>People</i>                      | <i>Styne &amp; Merrill</i><br>Isaiah Johnson, tenor                               |
|                 | <i>Intermezzo Sinfonico</i>        | <i>P. Mascagni</i><br>Justin Ouellet, violin                                      |
|                 | <i>Bring Him Home</i>              | <i>C. Wilkinson</i><br>Doug Trudeau, baritone                                     |

OFFERTORY INVITATION

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*Theme from Symphony No. 5*

*P. Tchaikovsky*  
Diane Francis, piano

**\*DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures, here, below.  
Praise God, above, ye heav'nly hosts.  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)**

**God of mighty miracles, transform these gifts into great works of love  
and wondrous acts of ministry and grace. In your holy name, we pray.  
Amen.**

POEM

“Rekindle the Gifts”

Mattie Gietman

MUSICAL MOMENT

*Can't Help Falling in Love*

*E. Presley*  
Keith Ciccone, piano  
Justin Ouellett violin

**\*HYMN**

*Song of Joy*

*Beethoven/W. de los Rios*

*1 Come, sing a song of joy  
For peace shall come, my brother  
Sing, sing a song of joy  
For men shall love each other*

*2 That day will dawn just as sure  
As hearts that are pure  
Are hearts set free  
No man must stand along  
With outstretched hands before him*

*3 Come, sing a song of joy  
Of freedom, tell the story  
Sing, sing a song of joy  
For mankind in his glory*

*4 One mighty voice that will bring  
A sound that will ring  
Forever more  
Then sing a song of joy  
For love and understanding*

BENEDICTION

Craig Barnes

POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Voluntary*

*H. Purcell*  
David Cutshall, soprano saxophone





**Welcome!** *Thank you for joining us this morning!*

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We proclaim and affirm that full and equal participation in the life and leadership of our church is open to all. We seek to continue learning and growing together as the inclusive Body of Christ. We are committed to spreading the light and love of Christ into the world through worship and service. Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.



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