

The Eliot Church of Newton

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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome guest! Here is a sample of a Sunday Worship Bulletin at Eliot Church, to give you a sense of the order of service and the music of our prayer life. We hope you can join us soon in person for our 10:00 Sunday service.

Pastors Tony Kill & Karla Miller

Thought for Reflection

God of Life
Prepare our hands for a touch
A new and different touch
Prepare our hands for a touch
A touch of encounter
A touch of awakening
A touch of hope
A touch of feeling
Many are the worn-out gestures
Many are the movements frozen in time
Many are the useless excuses just to repeat attitudes...
Give us daring
To create new titles of community
New links of affection
Breaking away from old ways of relating,
Encouraging true, meaningful ways to move into closeness.

*Ernesto Barros Cardoso, Brazil
from Gifts of Many Cultures
Maren C. Tirabassi & Kathy Wonson Eddy*



Order of Service

Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in G, BWV 557

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Introit

A Song of Praise

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Glory to you, Lord god of our fathers; you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the cherubim; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you, beholding the depths; in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Greeting and Welcome

Call to Worship

R: Come, let us worship God. What shall we bring before the God of compassion?

C: *We bring our bodies and spirits—broken and in need of healing.*

R: What shall we bring before the God of eternal vision?

C: *We bring our dreams and our hopes to be fulfilled.*

R: What shall we bring before the God of everlasting love?

C: *We bring our gratitude and possessions.*

R: What shall we bring before the God of all good gifts?

C: *We bring ourselves. May our offerings be holy and acceptable to God.*

Hymn **Come, O Fount of Every Blessing**

Black New Century 459

Invocation

Confession of Sin

Invitation

Prayer of Confession

Spirit of God, you are the breath of creation, the wind of change that blows through our lives, opening us up to new dreams and new hopes, new life in Jesus Christ. Forgive us our closed minds which barricade themselves against new ideas, preferring the past to what you might want to do, through us, tomorrow. Forgive our closed eyes which fail to see the needs of your world, blind to opportunities of service and love. Forgive our closed hands which clutch our gifts and our wealth for our own use alone. Forgive us our closed hearts which limit our affections to ourselves and our own. Spirit of new life, forgive us and break down the prison walls of our selfishness, that we might be open to your love and open for the service of your world, through Jesus Christ our brother and Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria (sung)

*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,*

The Life and Mission of the Church

Anthem

O Lord, increase my faith
strengthen me and confirm me in thy true faith;
endue me with wisdom, charity, chastity and patience,
in all my adversity.
Sweet Jesu, say Amen.

Henry Loosmoore (d. 1670)

The Word

Hebrew Scriptures II Kings 5:1-15

Gospel Luke 17:11-19

Hymn **Amazing Grace**

Red Chalice 546

Sermon LET HIM COME, THAT HE MAY LEARN

Call To Prayer

Find a Stillness

Fay Ballou

*Find a stillness, hold the stillness let the spirit enter in.
Quietly we call unto You, from our hearts our prayers begin.
In the stillness and the silence, God, the Spirit
Moves, surrounds us, offering true harmony.*

Silent Prayer

Prayer Requests

After each request, the worship leader says "For this, let us pray"
and all are invited to respond, "*Gracious God, receive our prayers.*"

Pastoral Prayer concluding with

The Lord's Prayer

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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

A Time For Thanksgiving

Offering

Offertory Music

Doxology

Variations on "Amazing Grace"

Raymond Haan (b. 1938)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Dedication of Offering

Hymn

For the Healing of the Nations

Red Chalice 668

Benediction

Postlude

Hymn Prelude on "For the Healing of the Nations"

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

**Thank you for reading the Order of Service
for this week's Worship Service.**

Please join us on any Sunday at 10:00 am.

No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here!