

ORDER OF OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

August 8, 2021

The Sacrifice of Hiroshima and Nagasaki

August 6 and 9, 1945

CHIMES. GREETING

PRELUDE AND SILENT PRAYER

Prelude in C Major

BWV 870

Johann Sebastian Bach, 168-1750

CALL TO WORSHIP

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God and to your deeds we testify; You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death. You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin. You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues and races. You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship to be your servants in the service of others to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you, forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing and eternal life in your realm which has no end. Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

HYMN *When Morning Gilds the Skies* vv. 1-2 # 86 (NCH)

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries, may Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer, one purpose I declare: may Jesus Christ be praised.

New strength comes night or day when from the heart we say, may Jesus Christ be praised! Let sin and evil fear, when this sweet chant they hear: may Jesus Christ be praised!

RESPONSORIAL from Psalm 16**In your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to God, “You are my God, I have no good apart from you.”

In your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

In your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.

In your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

God is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. The lines of my life have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

In your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**SCRIPTURE****Exodus 22:25-30**

You shall not wrong or oppress a resident alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt. You shall not abuse any widow or orphan. If you do abuse them, when they cry out to me, I will surely heed their cry; my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children orphans.

If you lend money to my people, to the poor among you, you shall not deal with them as a creditor; you shall not exact interest from them. If you take your neighbor’s cloak in pawn, you shall restore it before the sun goes down; for it may be your neighbor’s only clothing to use as cover; in what else shall that person sleep? And if your neighbor cries out to me, I will listen, for I am compassionate.

You shall not revile God or curse a leader of your people.

You shall not delay to make offerings from the fullness of your harvest and from the outflow of your presses.

The firstborn of your sons you shall give to me. You shall do the same with your oxen and with your sheep: seven days it shall remain with its mother; on the eighth day you shall give it to me.

John 3:14-17

Jesus continues his discourse with Nicodemus: “And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

ANTHEM

Improvisation on the tune *Bunessan*

Monique Weiss Byrnes, (b.1963)

MESSAGE Why are we still talking about sacrifice?**HYMN *When Morning Gilds the Skies* vv. 2-3 #86 (NCH)**

New strength comes night or day when from the heart we say, may Jesus Christ be praised! Let sin and evil fear, when this sweet chant they hear: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Discordant humankind, in this your concord find, may Jesus Christ be praised! Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound: may Jesus Christ be praised!

CALL TO PRAYER AND SILENCE Prayer song *Dona Nobis Pacem* Chalice 297**PASTORAL PRAYER****LORD'S PRAYER [sung]****OFFERING. ANNOUNCEMENT****HYMN *When Morning Gilds the Skies* vv. 3-4 #86 (NCH)**

Discordant humankind, in this your concord find, may Jesus Christ be praised! Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine, may Jesus Christ be praised! Be this eternal song, through all the ages long: may Jesus Christ be praised!

BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE**

Fugue in D Major

BWV 874

Johann Sebastian Bach, (1685-1750)

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