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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Storybook Summer: *City Dog, Country Frog*

If you are a guest, thank you for worshipping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary. We pray God's blessing upon you.

For today's service, we will be using the black hymnal.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Whispers of the Wind

by Combs

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: As we journey through life

P: God is always with us.

L: In seasons of rejoicing,

P: we do not laugh alone.

L: In seasons of mourning,

P: we do not weep alone.

L: When we sow and when we reap,

P: we are not alone.

L: Let us worship the One who makes everything beautiful in its time.

P: For everything God does will endure forever.

L: Come and worship God,

P: who holds our past, present, and future.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 11**

Bring Many Names

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

ALL: We admit that we always find the time to fill our stomachs, God of every moment, but not our souls. We spend hours watching television, but not the wonders of Your creation. We arrange outings with our friends, yet ignore Your invitation to sit and talk. We make commitments to change every aspect of our lives, except for that which pertains to You. Forgive us, God of Glory, and make us new. In the moments and seasons to come, remind us that if there is a time for everything, than we do have those moments for grace, for hope, for joy, for a relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2081 (FWS)

Thank You, Jesus

ALL SING: Thank you, Jesus, Amen! Thank you, Jesus, Amen! Thank you, Jesus, Amen! Alleluia! Amen!

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

STORYBOOK SUMMER

City Dog, Country Frog

by Mo Willems

**SCRIPTURE
MESSAGE**

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-11

HYMN NO. 2076 (FWS, see attached)

O Blessed Spring

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC (played by Jackson Kollasch) *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

by Bradbury (arr. Sorenson)

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OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Starry Summer Sky

by Combs

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE (FWS #2223, vs. 2 & 3)

They'll Know We Are Christians

ALL SING: We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side, we will work with each other, we will work side by side, and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 439 (black hymnal)

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Bringing in the Sheaves

by Minor

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

NOTES

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We welcome infants and children in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of my son, Thomas, by Monika Fauth.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of our 70th Wedding Anniversary, by Pearl and Herb Chronister.

Thank you to Jackson Kollasch for providing special music at both services.

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

8 AM Worship Tech: Dave Strine

8 AM Welcome Team: Nancy & Barry Schwartz, Joan Masimore, and Jodi Graham

8 AM Sound Tech: Tom Mulligan

8 AM Video Tech: Jack Herlocker

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Clyde Snyder

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Carrah, Mason, Weston, and Harlan Wagaman

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Ron Miles

10:30 AM Video Tech: Jim Firestone

10:30 AM Camera Tech: George DeMers

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

¹<https://www.cokesbury.com/pdf/worshipconnection/0687497558.pdf>

²<http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2016/12/new-years-day-abc.html>

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Bring Many Names

Brian Wren, 1989

Gen. 1:27

Unison

1 Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good, cel - e - brate, in
2 Strong moth - er God, work - ing night and day, plan - ning all the
3 Warm fa - ther God, hug - ging ev - ery child, feel - ing all the
4 Old, ach - ing God, grey with end - less care, calm - ly pierc - ing

par - a - ble and sto - ry, ho - li - ness in glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God.
won - ders of cre - a - tion, set - ting each e - qua - tion, gen - i - us at play:
strains of hu - man liv - ing, car - ing and for - giv - ing till we're rec - on - ciled:
e - vil's new dis - guis - es, glad of good sur - pris - es, wis - er than de - spair:

Hail and Ho - san - na! bring man - y names! great, liv - ing God!
Hail and Ho - san - na, strong moth - er God!
Hail and Ho - san - na, warm fa - ther God!
Hail and Ho - san - na, old, ach - ing God!

5 Young, grow - ing God, ea - ger,
on the move,
say - ing no to false - hood and
un - kind - ness,
cry - ing out for jus - tice,
giv - ing all you have:
Hail and Ho - san - na,
young, grow - ing God!

6 Great, liv - ing God, nev - er ful - ly known,
joy - ful dark - ness far be - yond our see - ing,
clos - er yet than breath - ing,
ev - er - last - ing home:
Hail and Ho - san - na,
great, liv - ing God!

The author states that aspects of the divine are revealed in our maleness, femaleness, youth, and age in a moving, growing matrix of life in God. The tune Westchase was composed especially for this text.

Tune: WESTCHASE 9.10.11.9.
Carlton Young, 1989

Repeat ending (key of F minor) | Song ending (key of F minor)

glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!

Repeat ending (key of F minor) | Song ending (key of F minor)

C7 C7 Fm C7 C7 C7 Fm

2076

O Blessed Spring

Descant

5. Christ, ho - ly Vine, _____ Christ, liv - ing

D G D G Gmaj7 Cmaj7/G Am/G G/B C Gsus G2

1. O bless - ed spring, _____ where Word and sign _____
 2. Through sum - mer heat _____ and youth - ful years, _____
 3. When au - tumn cools _____ and youth is cold, _____
 4. As win - ter comes, _____ as win - ters must, _____
 5. Christ, ho - ly Vine, _____ Christ, liv - ing Tree, _____

Congregation: Unison or parts

WORDS: Susan Palo Cherwien (John 15:5; Rev. 22:14)

MUSIC: Trad. English melody; adapt. by Hal H. Hopson; descant by Hal H. Hopson

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GIFT OF LOVE
LM

Tree, be praised for this blest mys - ter - y: O

G Bm Em Em/D Am/C G Dsus D2

— em - brace us in to Christ the Vine:
 — un - cer - tain faith, re - bel - lious tears,
 — when limbs their heav - y har - vest hold,
 — we breathe our last, re - turn to dust;
 — be praised for this blest mys - ter - y:

Christ be praised that Word and wa - ter thus re -

D D/C Bm Am7 G Am7 G/B Am7 G/D C G Gmaj7

— here Christ en - joins each one to be
 — sus - tained by Christ's in - fus - ing rain,
 — then through us warm, the Christ will move
 — still held in Christ, our souls take wing
 — that Word and wa - ter thus re - vive

vive and join us to your Tree of Life.

Cmaj7/G Am G/B C Dsus D2 D C2 C G

— a branch of this life - giv - ing Tree.
 — the boughs will shout for joy a - gain.
 — with gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.
 — and trust the prom - ise of the spring.
 — and join us to your Tree of Life.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

439

Martin Luther, c. 1529

Ps. 46

Transl. Frederick H. Hedge, 1853; adapt. Ruth Duck, 1981



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er fail - ing,
2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be los - ing,
3 And though this world with dev - ils filled should threat - en to un - do us,
4 That word be - yond all earth - ly powers for - ev - er is a - bid - ing;



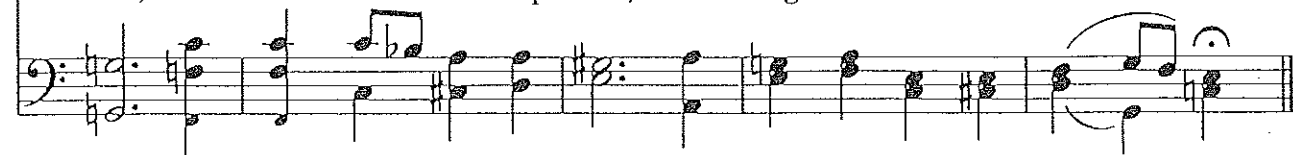
Our pres - ent help a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.
But there is one who takes our side, the One of God's own choos - ing.
We will not fear for God has willed the truth to tri - umph through us.
The Spir - it and the gifts are ours, for Christ is with us sid - ing.



For still our an - cient foe does seek to work us woe with craft and pow - er
You ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus sets us free! With might - y power to
The powers of e - vil grim, we trem - ble not for them; their rage we can en -
Let goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may



great, and armed with cru - el hate, on earth with - out an e - qual.
save, vic - to - rious o'er the grave, Christ will pre - vail tri - um - phant.
dure, for lo, their doom is sure: one lit - tle word shall fell them.
kill; God's truth shall tri - umph still; God's reign en - dures for - ev - er.



There is speculation that this psalm paraphrase was written in 1527 when Martin Luther's friend was burned at the stake, or in 1529, when Lutheran German princes protested the revocation of their liberties. It has been translated into more than fifty languages.

Tune: EIN' FESTE BURG (isometric) 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.6.7.

Martin Luther, c. 1529

Harm. The New Hymnal for American Youth, 1930; alt.

For another version, see 440