



ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DIGITAL WORSHIP | SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

VOLUNTARY

"Adagio" from a Voluntary
Steven B. Blackmon, organ

Bennett

OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Kate Knight

Give praise to God!

Praise the Lord, for it is God who saves, it is God who forgives, it is God who delivers.

Give thanks and praise to the Lord!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God who is our strength, you have protected us from those who would seek to oppress us, you have shielded us from those who would seek to destroy the good gifts you have put in us. Your love and power never fail. Thanks and praise to you, our safety and stronghold. We exalt you, O God, majestic in holiness, for there is none like you. Amen.

HYMN

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah!"

CWM RHONDDA

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to God who forgives and saves.

CONFESSION OF SIN (unison)

Gracious and loving God, you lived for us – we have not lived for you. You have forgiven us – we have not forgiven others. You have loved us – we have not loved ourselves nor have we loved one another. Take pity on us and forgive us, God. Help us to forgive. Help us to live for you. Help us to love through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

GATHERING

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

People of God, our sins are forgiven. God is merciful and gracious and is Lord of us all. Reconciled to the God who loves us, let us live and love through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, your Word is strong and leads our feet to your holy dwelling place. Strengthen and guide us with your Word through the power of your Holy Spirit; in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

Psalm 114

When Israel went out from Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,
Judah became God's sanctuary,
Israel his dominion.

The sea looked and fled;
Jordan turned back.
The mountains skipped like rams,
the hills like lambs.

Why is it, O sea, that you flee?
O Jordan, that you turn back?
O mountains, that you skip like rams?
O hills, like lambs?

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
who turns the rock into a pool of water,
the flint into a spring of water.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Katie Brendler

THE SECOND LESSON

Exodus 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison, "The Apostle's Creed")

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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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.

OFFERING

We hope that you will continue to support (in prayer, virtual presence and financially) our church's many ministries which continue during this time of pandemic.

[OFFERING PAYMENTS: CLICK HERE](#)

OFFERTORY

"Prayer of Mother Teresa"
Haley Whitney, soprano

Courtney

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**HYMN**

"Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

ST. KEVIN

**Come, you faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness!
God has brought forth Israel into joy from sadness,
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters;
led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.**

**'Tis the spring of souls today: Christ has burst his prison,
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has risen.
All the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying
from the Light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.**

**Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor,
with the royal feast of feasts comes its joy to render;
comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection
welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection!**

**Neither could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal,
nor the watchers nor the seal hold you as a mortal:
but today, among your own, you appear, bestowing
your deep peace, which evermore passes human knowing.**

CHARGE AND BLESSING

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES BEGINS TODAY! For a full list of fall classes and programs, [click here](#).

CHURCHWIDE FALL DAY OF SERVICE: Our annual Fall Day of Service will take place this Saturday, September 19 from 9AM-12PM. There will be opportunities to serve our community partners in person or from your own home. From gardening to baking to organizing and cleaning, we have projects for everyone. For a list of current projects and how to sign up [click here](#).

In addition, RHINO will be collecting the following items to make "clean up" kits for those affected by Hurricane Laura. We encourage you to bring these to the Land Building lawn Saturday between 9AM and 12PM.

- 5-gallon bucket with resealable lid
- scouring pads
- sponges, assorted sizes
- scrub brush
- packages of cleaning towels (18 reusable, like Easy Wipes®)
- 50 oz. or two 25 oz. bottle(s) of liquid laundry detergent
- liquid concentrated household cleaner (like Lysol®), 12 oz.
- bottle liquid disinfectant dish soap (like Dawn®), 24-28 oz.
- package of clothespins, 48-50
- clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
- dust masks
- heavy-duty, waterproof dishwashing gloves (latex-free, non-surgical)
- work gloves
- 24 to 28 count roll heavy-duty trash bags (30-45 gallon)
- bottle insect repellent (pump, drops or lotion; not aerosol), 6-9 oz.

PW CIRCLES BEGIN TOMORROW! Don't forget that PW Circles (monthly Bible studies open to all women) will be held via Zoom beginning tomorrow. Go to the [PW web page](#) for Zoom details.

- Monday Noon Circle on September 14 at 11:45 AM
- Tuesday Evening Circle on September 15 at 5:45 PM
- New Monday Zoom Circle on September 21 at 6:30 PM