



Service for the Lord's Day

Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 14, 2020

Westminster Presbyterian Church
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Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prelude *Berceuse* Gabriel Fauré
Meg Bowen, violin

Welcome Ken Henry

Litany of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Anthem *How Great Thou Art* Stuart Hine
the Bird family

God's Word to Us

Old Testament Exodus 19:2–8a Dennis Lo

Gospel Matthew 9:35–10:4,16–23

Sermon Imperfect Persistence Dorothy Piatt

Hymn **Guide My Feet** *Guide My Feet*

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer Ken Henry

Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Batalla* Naji Hakim

1 Guide my feet while I run this race;
(yes, my Lord!)

guide my feet while I run this race;
(yes, my Lord!)

guide my feet while I run this race, for I

don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

- 2 Hold my hand ...
- 3 Stand by me ...
- 4 I'm your child ...
- 5 Search my heart ...
- 6 Guide my feet ...

This African American spiritual is based on the imagery of "the race that is set before us" in Hebrews 12:1-2. Its call-and-response structure allows for the improvisation and addition of stanzas related to an athletic metaphor that is as vivid today as it was centuries ago.

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Prayer

Our little lives, our big problems —
these we place upon Your altar!
The quietness in Your temple of silence
again and again rebuffs us:
For some there is no discipline
to hold them steady in the waiting,
and the minds reject the noiseless invasion
of Your spirit.
For some there is no will to offer
what is central in the thoughts—
the confusion is so manifest;
there is no starting place to take hold.
For some the evils of the world
tear down all concentrations
and scatter the focus of the high resolves.
We do not know how to do what we know to do.
We do not know how to be what we know to be.
Our little lives, our big problems —
these we place upon Your altar!
Pour out upon us whatever
our spirits need of shock, of life, of release,
that we may find strength for these days —
courage and hope for tomorrow.
In confidence we rest in Your sustaining grace,
which makes possible triumph in defeat,
gain in loss, and love in hate.
We rejoice this day to say:
Our little lives, our big problems —
these we place upon Your altar!

Howard Thurman

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