



Service for the Lord's Day

12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 15th, 2021

Westminster Presbyterian Church
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Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prelude

Tranquilly

C. Hubert H. Parry

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Lynne Clements

Hymn

O Come and Sing Unto the Lord

IRISH

Prayer of Confession

Sung Response

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

You are the Christ, giver of mercy!

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

Assurance of Forgiveness

Sung Response

All glory be to God on high, and peace on earth from heaven,

And God's good will unfailingly be to all people given.

We bless, we worship You, we raise

For Your great glory thanks and praise,

O God, the great Creator.

Passing the Peace

God's Word to Us

First Reading

Ephesians 5:15-20

Music for Meditation

Für Alina

Arvo Pärt

Walter Moak, piano

Second Reading

Mark 8:27-38

Sermon

Called Into Discipleship

Dorothy Piatt-Esqueria

Sending Us Out

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

BOURBON

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Sonata 2: Allegro maestoso e vivace

Felix Mendelssohn

O Come and Sing Unto the Lord

Psalm 95; *The Psalter*, 1912; alt.

IRISH, CM

A Collection of Hymns and Sacred Poems (Dublin, 1749)

1. O come and sing un - to the Lord, To
 2. Be - fore God's pres - ence let us come With
 3. The Lord our God al - might - y reigns A -
 4. To God the spa - cious sea be - longs; God
 5. O come, and bow - ing down to God Our

God our voic - es raise; Let us in our most
 praise and thank - ful voice; Let us sing psalms to
 bove all gods en - throned; The depths of earth and
 made its waves and tides. And by God's hand the
 wor - ship let us bring; Yea, let us kneel be -

joy - ful songs The Lord, our Sav - ior, praise.
 God with grace, With grate - ful hearts re - jice.
 moun - tains high By God a lone are owned.
 ris - ing land Was formed, and still a - bides.
 fore the Lord, and glor - ious prais - es sing.

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said 718

1 Take up your cross, the Sav - ior said, if
 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight fill
 3 Take up your cross; heed not the shame, and
 4 Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength, and

you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
 your weak spir - it with a - larm; Christ's strength shall bear your
 let your fool - ish pride be still; the Lord for you ac -
 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -

will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
 spir - it up and brace your heart and nerve your arm.
 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.

Written by a nineteen-year-old in Connecticut, this challenging text has been widely printed on both sides of the Atlantic. It is strengthened by its resolute repetition of the same four words at the beginning of each stanza and by the appropriately stark shape note tune.

Affirmation of Faith

We are people of hope who confess Jesus Christ is Lord over a Kingdom in which no one is hungry, violence is no more, and all suffering is gone. All sit together around a shared table, wolves and lambs enjoy each other's company, and every tear is wiped away from every eye.

Our hope is not simply that we will experience this Kingdom, which is truly kin-dom, in the future, but that, as Christ's prayer demands, this Kingdom comes "to earth as it is in heaven." We are incited to act and to be vehicles of change through which God's Kingdom breaks into the world and our earthly lives. Our commitment is to acts that feed, clothe, instruct, reconcile, admonish, heal, and comfort — reflecting the power of God's hope and an eagerness to see the Kingdom made manifest.

We believe God's Kingdom comes not because we are confident in our own capacities, but because we trust in God, who can do more than we can ask or imagine.

from *The Sarasota Statement*

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