



# Old Presbyterian Meeting House

**SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

**NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

August 7, 2022

**PRELUDE**

“This little light of mine” from *Spiritual Suite for Organ*

Calvin Taylor  
(b. 1948)

**WELCOME**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us worship God!

**PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

adapted from Psalm 33

Happy are those who God is the Lord.

**The eye of the Lord is on those who fear him and hope in his steadfast love.**

Our souls wait for the Lord, our help and our shield.

**Let our hearts be glad and trust in the Lord!**

**▲ HYMN 393**

O Day of Rest and Gladness      ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Dr. Robert R. Laha

**God of the ages, God of the old, old story, we hear of our ancestors and are astounded by their faith. They trusted you, but we often waver. They believed in your promises, but we cling to our own plans. Forgive us and free us from our fears, that we may joyfully follow wherever you may lead us. Hear now the prayers we bring to you in silence...**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### ▲ ACT OF PRAISE 447

We Are Forgiven

WE ARE FORGIVEN

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.  
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

## GOD'S WORD TO US

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated today for  
Kessler Cameron Hellmuth, daughter of Alexandra and Jon Hellmuth

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 12:32-40

### ANTHEM

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning

Spiritual  
arr. André Thomas (b. 1952)

### TIME WITH CHILDREN

Mrs. Noelle Castin

**May God be with you there.**

**May God be with us here.**

**May God be with everyone, everywhere. Amen.**

### ▲ HYMN 684

Faith Begins by Letting Go

LUX PRIMA

### SERMON

Breaking and Entering

Dr. Robert R. Laha

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

### ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*A Declaration of Faith, 1977*

**We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives that recognize all people in all cultures as our neighbors on this planet.**

**Christ teaches us to go beyond legal requirements in serving and helping our neighbor, to treat our neighbor's needs as our own, to care passionately for the other's good, and to share what we have. It is part of our discipline to live in simplicity, avoiding greed and luxury that threaten our neighbor's survival. We are obliged to speak the truth in love, to listen with patience and openness, to love our enemies, and to accept the risk and pain which love involves.**

### INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

# THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

### PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

### PRAYER

## OFFERTORY

My Lord, what a morning  
Suzanne Karpov Seigart, soprano

Spiritual  
arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

OLD HUNDREDTH

## ▲ DOXOLOGY 607

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**  
**Praise Christ, all creatures here below;**  
**Praise Holy Spirit evermore;**  
**Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

## ▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## ▲ HYMN 362

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

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## ▲ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## ▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 600 Amen

AMEN

## ▲ POSTLUDE

“Unfold, ye portals everlasting”  
from *The Redemption*

Charles Gounod (1818-1893)  
arr. George C. Martin (1844-1916)

▲ Please stand as you are able

Congregation reads the "**bold**" text

## MUSIC NOTES

Several of today's selections are based on African-American spirituals, a uniquely American genre that merges traditional music of the West African diaspora with the varied Christian music of slave owners. The resulting music from this tragic and inhumane part of our history is rich, intense, and powerful, especially when sung with the awareness of its original intent and audience. Some are survival songs—work songs to pass the time, code songs that would announce plans and meetings. Some are joyful—freedom songs that gave hope, or jubilee songs that emphasized community. Still others are sorrow songs to express deep pain and suffering. “Keep your lamps trimmed and burning” refers to the end times as referenced in the *Parable of the ten bridesmaids*, but could well be a code song. This version arranged by Dr. André J. Thomas unfolds to a steady drum beat, keeping the spirit of hushed excitement. “My Lord, what a morning” is equally apocalyptic, with “mourning” as the original text (a reference to Matthew 24) in its first printing in 1867. The present solo/piano version by pianist and composer Mark Hayes preserves the melancholy feel in this gentle arrangement. And today's prelude, by organist Calvin Taylor, adapts the popular gospel version of this spiritual with a melody that pre-dates the Sunday School versions taught in the 1920s. To close this service, some contrast: a lively *March* by French composer Charles Gounod (perhaps you know other Marches of his, like *Funeral March of a Marionette*, used for *Alfred Hitchcock Presents* or his *Pontifical March*, now the official processional song of the pope). This fanfare bookends an important scene in what Gounod considered to be his *magnum opus*, his oratorio *The Redemption*, where the disciples are given their call by the risen Lord, with an appropriate herald of trumpets.

## Today

To receive regular prayer updates, email Vicki, [vstones@opmh.org](mailto:vstones@opmh.org).

Duty Elder is Melissa Carl and Duty Deacon is René Browne.

Today's flowers are arranged by Anne Hobbs and Anne Irving.

**Please join us after worship for Fellowship Time in the Churchyard hosted by the Deacons.**

Live worship today is available at 11:00 AM at [opmh.org/livestream](http://opmh.org/livestream).

Recordings are available at [vimeo.com/showcase/opmh](http://vimeo.com/showcase/opmh).

## Upcoming

- We will continue to worship at 11:00 AM during the summer months.
  - 10:45 AM-12:15 PM, Childcare for infants and toddlers in the Infant Nursery (Room 14 – Education Building).
  - Children's Sunday School and Sunday Adult Education classes will resume September 11.
  - Contact Mary Pratt Perry, [mpratt@opmh.org](mailto:mpratt@opmh.org), for Middle School and High School Youth Group schedule.
- Summer Choir, Sundays at 10:15 AM in the Choir Loft, *Steven*, [sseigart@opmh.org](mailto:sseigart@opmh.org)
- Looking into the Lectionary, Thursdays at 10:00 AM on zoom, Linda, [lindall3@comcast.net](mailto:lindall3@comcast.net) or Priscilla, [priscilla1952@hotmail.com](mailto:priscilla1952@hotmail.com)
- Clean Up Day! Saturday, August 20, 9:00-11:30 AM, *deborah.farmer13@gmail.com*
- Blessing of the Backpacks, Sunday, August 21, 11:00 AM, bring your backpack to church! Noelle, [ncastin@opmh.org](mailto:ncastin@opmh.org)

For a complete listing of weekly and upcoming events, visit [opmh.org](http://opmh.org).

## WAYS TO GIVE

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3. Text **opmh** to 73256
4. Mail a check to 323 S. Fairfax St., Alexandria, VA 22314.



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