

Prelude

Daniel Myers, Organist

Prelude and Fugue in C Major

by J.S. Bach

“Siyahamba” – “We are Marching in the Light of God”

South Africa Freedom Song, arr. by John Behnke

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

Jamaican Folk Tune, arr. by John Behnke

Welcome and Announcements

Joan Nelson

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 19)

Joan Nelson

The heavens are telling the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the Creator’s handiwork.

They have no speech, they use no words,
yet their witness goes out through all the earth.

Let us join the chorus of creation;
let us raise our voices in resounding praise.

May the words of our mouths and the songs of our hearts be pleasing to the Lord!

Come, and let us worship God!

Hymn #340

This Is My Song

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you have planted us like a vineyard on a fertile hill.

***You cleared away the stones, planted us with choice vines,
and kept watch over us by night and day.***

But we have not yielded the good fruit that you expected or desired.

We are overgrown with sin, choked with violence and injustice.

Forgive us, we pray.

***Uproot our evil, prune away our sin,
and shower upon us the gift of your grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Assurance of Pardon

Prayer for Illumination

Joan Nelson

God of all wisdom, give us your word and send us your Spirit so that we may know Christ. Amen.

First Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 5:1-7

Second Scripture Lesson: Matthew 21:33-46

Sermon

“Love Songs”

Affirmation of Faith: *The Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offering/Prayer of Dedication

Those joining in worship “in-person” were invited to participate in offering their tithes and gifts as they entered the sanctuary. For those joining in worship “at home” we invite you to offer your lives to the service of Christ, during this time. If you wish to give a tithe or other financial gift, you may do so by sending a check to the church office (801 Leavenworth St., Manhattan, KS 66502) or by visiting our church website (<http://www.firstpresmanhattan.com/giving/ways-to-give/>). Thank you for your support, and your contribution to the outreach and ministry of Jesus through this congregation!

Special Music

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

Daniel Myers, Organist
Traditional Caribbean, arr. by John Behnke

Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

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.

Praise to you, O God, for all your works...

Therefore with all creation we lift our hearts in praise to you, proclaiming:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Thank you, O God, for sending us your Son...

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...

And as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

“Our Father...” Amen.

Sharing of the Gifts of Bread and Cup

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn #515 “I Come with Joy”

Prayer After Communion

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

Daniel Myers, Organist
arr. by Dale Wood

Announcements

The flowers on the Communion table this morning are provided by Chris and Kathy Gathers, In Memory of Clinton & Katheryn Gathers.

Thank you to Daniel Myers for providing special music this morning.

The Deacon's Offering: The first Sunday of the month Deacons traditionally collect for their missions, which support the needs of our church and community families: Bridge Builders, Blessing Box, Life Skills Ministry, Hospital visits, Community meals, emergency assistance and many other activities which focus on individual in need. We encourage you to open your hearts and mail in your Deacon offerings to help the less fortunate.

As a precautionary measure due to COVID-19, **the cry room is unavailable**. With love we welcome little ones in our worship service! If you wish to step out with your child, feel free to utilize the narthex sitting area at your discretion. A diaper changing station is located in the narthex's south-facing restroom, down the hallway from the elevator.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

Call To Service

Please consider joining other **BRIDGE BUILDERS** in our congregation, who are working to establish a strong link between our church home and the shut-in members still wanting a connection to their church family. The qualifications are simple...a caring heart and a few minutes in your schedule to make a visit or a call to someone in need of a "special friend." Each **BRIDGE BUILDER** will be assigned to one "special friend" and the connection between you is of your own design. If you want to be a part of this very special mission within our own congregation, please email our church office at therese@firstpresmanhattan.com or call the office at 785-537-0518.

Community Meals NEEDS your help! Community Meals currently serves to-go meals on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. which includes a to-go breakfast as well. We are in need of volunteers who are willing to help with bringing food and/or serving the food. For more information, please contact Claudia Voos at cvoos@burnettauto.com or Missy Cox at mjc_2188@hotmail.com

Blessing Box...Did you know that some members of our congregation join with the members of First Congregational Church to place short-term-need items in the BLESSING BOX at Poyntz Avenue and Juliette Street! Non-perishable food items such as pop-top cans of soup, chili, stew, tuna, fruit and jars of peanut butter, protein bars, breakfast bars. Hygiene items such as bars of soap, small bottles of shampoo, hand sanitizer, toothbrushes and toothpaste. All are welcomed by members of our community family whose lack of resources keep them from purchasing these necessities for themselves. This is a 24/7/365 days a year project. Contributions now and throughout the year can be designated for THE BLESSING BOX and dropped off at the church office. We have a BLESSING CUPBOARD where items are stored until placed in THE BLESSING BOX as they are needed. Please share your extra blessings with those who are struggling. Your generosity is always appreciated.

Prayer Corner

If you would like to be included in the prayer corner of the weekly email, please contact Therese Szatkowski, Communications Coordinator, therese@firstpresmanhattan.com; 785-537-0518.

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This Is My Song

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
 3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
 thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
 and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

The first two stanzas of this hymn were written between the 20th century's two world wars and focus on the theme of international peace. The third stanza, by another author and added later, uses the language of the Lord's Prayer to voice a distinctly Christian perspective.

I Come with Joy

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Capo 3: (D) (G) (A) (D) (Bm)
 F B \flat C F Dm

1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has

(Asus) (Am) (G) (F \sharp m) (D)
 Csus Cm B \flat Am F

free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the

(Em) (D/F \sharp) (G) (A) (Am7) (D)
 Gm F/A B \flat C Cm7 F

love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text affirms that Christian unity is not achievement but gift, one renewed each time we gather for the Lord's Supper. Each of us enters as an "I" and leaves as part of "we." The unadorned language of this text is well matched to the simple shape note tune that sets it here.