

Singing in Harmony: A Worshipful Celebration of Diversity in Community

**Big Tent National Multicultural Conference, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Saturday, August 3rd, 2013, 8:00 a.m.
Combs-Chandler Room, Gault House Hotel**

Gathering

Prelude

Music with Monir Michael

Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-2; 96: 1, 3-4

One: O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

All: O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

One: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to the Lord with songs of praise!

All: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to the Lord with songs of praise!

One: O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

All: O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

One: Declare God's glory among the nations, God's marvelous works among all the peoples.

All: Declare God's glory among the nations, God's marvelous works among all the peoples.

One: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised.

All: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised.

Opening Prayer (Invocation)

Laurel Underwood

Holy God, Eternal Song, Three Parts always in perfect Unison: we sing different songs; you are the song. We come from all directions; you are in all places.

Come, Eternal Song, bring us together and teach us to sing.

Holy God, Master Weaver, whose warp and woof are heaven and earth: weave together our lives, our songs, our experiences and interlace them with your kingdom. Come, Master Weaver, entwine us together and weave us into harmony.

Holy God, Creative Spirit, whose design balances all that is and was and will be in perfect counterpoint: we seek to harmonize with you in our worship. Come, Creative Spirit, balance our voices and tune us to you.

Holy God – Eternal Song, Master Weaver, Creative Spirit: join with us today. We are ready to sing. Teach us your song.

Hymn of Praise

“Heleluyan We Are Singing”

HELELUYAN

Confession (in silence)

Assurance of Pardon

(Turn to one another and say, “In Christ, your sins are forgiven” in the language of your choice; then go on to pass the Peace)

The Peace “Dame La Mano”

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

World Prayers (www.worldprayers.org)

*Hear the words of the dancing God,
the music of whose laughter stirs the winds,
whose voice calls the seasons:
I who am the Lord of the Hunt and the Power of the Light,
sun among the clouds and the secret of the flame
I call upon your bodies to arise and come unto me.
For I am the flesh of the earth and all its beings.
Through me all things must die and with me are reborn.
Let my worship be in the body that sings,
for behold all acts of willing sacrifice are my rituals.
Let there be desire and fear, anger and weakness,
joy and peace, awe and longing within you.
For these too are part of the mysteries found within yourself,
within me, all beginnings have endings,
and all endings have beginnings.*

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Reading from the Gospel Luke 15:25-32

Reading from the Epistles Colossians 3:12-17

Anthem Monir Michael

Prayer for Inspiration

World Prayers (www.worldprayers.org)

*May all I say and all I think
be in harmony with Thee,
God within me, God beyond me,
Maker of the Trees.*

Sermon *What Do You Hear? What Do You See? Living Together in Harmony*

Rev. Laurel Underwood and Rev. Nancy Benson-Nicol, preaching

Affirmation of Faith

The Immigrant's Creed

Jose Luis Casal

I believe in Almighty God, who guided the people in exile and in exodus, the God of Joseph in Egypt and Daniel in Babylon, the god of foreigners and immigrants.

I believe in Jesus Christ, a displaced Galilean, who was born away from his people and his home, who fled his country with his parents when his life was in danger, and returning to his own country suffered the oppression of the tyrant Pontius Pilate, the servant of a foreign power, who then was persecuted, beaten, and finally tortured, accused and condemned to death unjustly. But on the third day, this scorned Jesus rose from the dead, not as a foreigner but to offer us citizenship in heaven.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the eternal immigrant from God's kingdom among us, who speaks all languages, lives in all countries, and reunites all races.

I believe that the church is the secure home for the foreigner and for all believers who constitute it, who speak the same language and have the same purpose.

I believe that the Communion of the Saints begins when we accept the diversity of the saints.

I believe in the forgiveness, which makes us all equal, and in the reconciliation, which identifies us more than does race, language or nationality.

I believe that in the Resurrection God will unite us as one people in which all are distinct and all are alike at the same time.

Beyond this world, I believe in Life Eternal in which no one will be an immigrant but all will be citizens of God's kingdom, which will never end. Amen.

Prayers of the Church (exchange of prayer flags)

The Lord's Prayer [pray together at your own pace in the language of your choice]

Hymn

“The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing” THE FEAST IS READY

The Eucharist

Invitation

Voice 1: This is the table not of the Church but of the Lord.

Voice 2: Esta es la mesa del Señor, y no de la iglesia.

It is made ready for those who love God and want to love God more.

Voice 1: Así que ven, come

You who have much faith, y aquellas personas que tienen muy poca,

Voice 2: You who have been here often, y aquellas personas que llevan tiempo sin venir,

Voice 1: Aquellas personas que han tratado de seguirle, and you who have failed.
Voices 1&2: Vengan! Come!
Voice 2: No porque yo te invite, not because I invite you,
It is the Lord... el Señor.
Voice 1: And it is his God's that all who want God should meet God here.
Todo el mundo es bienvenido a la fiesta! Come!

Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.
All: *And also with you.*
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: *We lift them to the Lord.*
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*
One: It is right to give our thanks and praise,
to our loving and gracious God,
who created the heavens and the earth and all who are in it.
We give you thanks for a world,
that's beautiful and diverse,
and your table where the whole family of God may gather and celebrate..
We give you thanks
for the diverse harmony of humanity
and our complexity of color and culture,
called into oneness of being through Christ
Using many tongues, we sing with one voice:
All: *Holy, holy, holy, santo, santo, santo*
Lord of power and might,
los cielos y la tierra están llenos de tu gloria,
hosanna in the highest.
One: We thank you for your gift of Jesus,
who came to us and lived as one of us and died for us.
Dios de misericordia, derrama tu Espíritu Santo sobre nosotros
and upon these our gifts of bread and wine,
that the bread we break and the cup we bless
may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

Words of Institution

Voice 1: The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.
Voice 2: De la misma manera él tomo la copa, diciendo: esta copa es el nuevo pacto sellado en mi sangre, derramada por el perdón de los pecados.
Cada vez que la tomen, háganlo en memoria de mí.

Communion of the People

Voice 1: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.
La dádiva de Dios!
Voice 2: Gracias sean dadas a Dios. Thanks be to God.

Prayer After Communion

Voice 1: God of abundance,
with this bread of life and cup of salvation
you have united us with Christ,
making us one with all your people.
Somos uno en Cristo!
Ahora envíanos con el poder de tu Espíritu, send us Lord,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world,
tu amor al mundo
and continue forever in the risen life,
En la resurrección de Jesucristo, nuestro Señor,
our Lord! Amen.

Sending

Hymn:

“Many Waters”

Laurel Underwood

Sending

World Prayers (www.worldprayers.org)

Come, Spirit,
make me docile to your voice.
Help me debate angels.
Let your will be done in me
even if it means
misunderstanding,
rejection,
scandal.
Give me wisdom to find you
in the irrational:
heavens gone awry,
astrologers' predictions,
songs in the night.
Give me such hospitality of heart that
family,
foreign seers,
poor shepherds and animals
find a home in my presence.
Let me protect innocent children from
oppressive power.

Make me fearless of foreign lands and
unknown journeys.
When I cannot find you
do not let me rest until I search
home,
highway,
and temple.
Let me always insist on miracles to
celebrate love.
And when all I love on earth
lies lifeless in my arms
let me offer it to you with such freedom of heart
that I am swept up into the heavens.
Amen.

Charge and Blessing

Benediction Response

“For Everyone Born”

FOR EVERYONE BORN

Postlude Music & Dance with Monir

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ADORATION

34 Heleluyan We Are Singing

All

He - le - lu - yan we are sing - ing.

He - le, He - le - lu - yan. He - le - lu - yan,

Fine

now and al - ways - He - le, He - le - lu - yan.

Leader

1 Chris-tians ev - ery - where shall sing now and al - ways
 2 Town and coun - try peo - ple sing to Je - sus
 3 Peo - ple far and near will join the cho - rus:

All

He - le, He - le - lu - yan.

Leader

Chris-tians ev - ery - where shall sing now and al - ways
 Town and coun - try peo - ple sing to Je - sus
 Peo - ple far and near will join the cho - rus:

All *D.C. al Fine*

He - le, He - le - lu - yan.

This Muscogee hymn is a Trail of Tears song, a testimony that their Christian faith was more powerful than their mistreatment by those who took away their ancestral homelands. Revered and cherished, it remains the most popular Muscogee hymn sung in churches in Oklahoma.

TEXT: Muscogee (Creek) hymn from *Muskoke Hymns of Faith*; English versification, Brian Wren
 MUSIC: Traditional Muscogee (Creek); transcribed by Carlton R. Young from *Yvhikeyv Vhēcivke*,
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HELELUYAN
 Irregular

28 The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing

The Feast Is Ready



1 The trum-pets sound, the an - gels sing, the feast is
 2 Ta - bles are la - den with good things; oh, taste the
 3 The hun - gry heart he sat - is - fies, of - fers the



read - y to be - gin. The gates of heaven are o - pen wide,
 peace and joy he brings. He'll fill you up with love di - vine,
 poor his par - a - dise. Now hear all heaven and earth ap - plaud



and Je - sus wel - comes you in - side.
 he'll turn your wa - ter in - to wine.
 the a - maz - ing good - ness of the Lord.

Refrain



Sing with thank - ful - ness songs of pure de - light.



Come and rev - el in heav - en's love and light.



Take your place at the ta - ble of the King.



The feast is read - y to be - gin;



the feast is read - y to be - gin.

This celebratory gathering song is cast in a highly rhythmic praise and worship style and brings together many images associated with the Eucharistic feast. Despite its new sound, its emphasis on Communion as a foretaste of the Heavenly Banquet is a very traditional theme.

For Everyone Born

F Cantata or All

A2

1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
 4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,
 5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble.

A2

for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 a - bus - er, a - bus - ed, with need to for - give,
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,

A2

a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 with wis - dom and grace di - vid - ing the pow - er,
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
 in an - get - in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,

E

for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,
 for just and un - just, a new way to live,
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free.

Refrain

All 1

And God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and

This hymn from a noted New Zealand hymnist affirms that God's hospitality transcends the barriers created by human society and that we who have been created in God's image are called to live in ways that reflect our Creator's values: justice and joy, compassion and peace.

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JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

E

joy,

A2

com - pas - sion and peace: yes,

com - pas - sion and peace: yes,

A2

God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,

yes,

A2

God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,

Fine

joy!

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