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Twenty-Fourth Sunday
After Pentecost

Transgender Day of Remembrance

Thanksgiving Sunday

November 20, 2022

"My house is a house of prayer for all people." (Isaiah 56:7)
Plymouth is A Just Peace Church and An Open and Affirming Congregation

Our Approach to God

Preparation Music I Will Remember You.....Grant, Chapman, and Thomas
The Cleveland Transgender Choir

Welcome

Call to Worship, Repentance, and Remembrance

Beth & Chris Karr

ONE: Let us pray: Be with us, loving God, in all of our journeys.

ALL: Be with us, compassionate God, in strength and weakness.

ONE: Be with us, creative God, in all of our ways of being.

ALL: Be with us, supporting God, in all of our actions.

ONE: We confess, O God, that your people have resisted your vision of peace and dignity in society and in personal relationships.

ALL: Like lost sheep, we have erred and strayed from your ways.

ONE: We confess the discriminations we have inherited, and the systems of hierarchy that we allow to persist.

ALL: We have left undone those things which we ought to have done.

ONE: We confess to the church's sin of failing to affirm your love for transgender neighbors and siblings, both in the church and in the wider human family.

ALL: We have done those things which we ought not to have done.

ONE: We confess to the church's sin of justifying condemnation, exclusion, and harm, in the name of faith.

ALL: Forgive us, and heal us from brokenness and sin.

ONE: O God of creation, you have created all people in love.
Bless your people, and make us new. Amen.

Lighting of the Transgender Remembrance candle

Alissa Wible

On this Transgender Day of Remembrance, we prayerfully remember those who have been killed or died because they have not conformed to the gender roles that society expects, including 327 trans and gender-diverse people whose murders were reported in the past year.

May God grant to them peace, and bring to those they leave behind comfort in the knowledge that all people, irrespective of gender identity or sexual

orientation, are enfolded in the love of God, known to us in Jesus Christ and by the Holy Spirit.

Silent Reflection

Words of Assurance

***Hymn of Praise** God of Many Faces.....*Slane*

All: God of many faces, we offer our praise,
singing your glory through all of our days.
Hear ever growing voices, once fragile, now strong,
carrying melodies in expansive new songs.

Upper Voices: God of many genders, our world reflects you,
sunrise and sunset uniting our hues,
woven into a city with jewels of all shades,
houses of ruby and walls rowed with jade.

Lower Voices: God of many names, we invite you to show
us the new names that reflect our true souls.
Breathe with your holy spirit to give us the Word
that will in-dwell dry bones, granting new life once heard.

All: God of many bodies, abide within ours,
shifting more each day through time and through scars.
Come sanctify our bodies, all fashioned by you,
Holier everyday, still becoming more true. (Amy Cerniglia)

***Passing of the Peace**

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Children’s Message

Children in pre-school through 5th grade are invited to come forward for the Children’s Message before they depart for Sunday School.

The Proclamation of God’s Word

Reading from Scripture

Colossians 1:11-20

Music Morning Has Broken.....Russell G. Wichmann

The Plymouth Choir
(Text of Red hymnal, #38)

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Sermon

Before All Things

Rev. Dr. Matthew Wooster

***Hymn (Black) 300** Jesus Shall Reign.....*Duke Street*

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.

Response

Living Out the Word of God

Announcements of Church Life

Call to Offering

Offertory Try Everything.....Furler, Hermansen, and Eriksen
The Cleveland Transgender Choir

***Doxology**.....*Old 100th*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host:
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

God of generous grace, as you open your hands to us, our hands are open to you. Accept what we give—the fruits of our labor and our lives—that your name may be honored and your dominion grow in justice, peace and love. Amen.

***Hymn** Hymns of Thanksgiving.....*St. George’s Windsor/Lasst Uns Erfreuen/Kremser*

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied;
Come to god’s own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

With voices united our praises we offer,
And gladly our songs of true worship we raise.
Our sins now confessing, we pray for thy blessing;
To thee, our great Redeemer, forever be praise.

***Commission and Benediction**

***Congregational Response** The Great Amen.....Marty Haugen
Amen, Amen, Amen!

Voluntary Thanksgiving.....arr. Charles Callahan
James Riggs, organ

Many in the congregation wish to remain seated for the Voluntary. If you choose to leave, please be aware of those still participating in this part of the service. The Voluntary is music for worship and we ask that all be respectful of one another's worship practices, including those participating via livestream. Following the Voluntary, you may greet the ministers.

Morning Has Broken

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Eleanor Farjeon, 1881-

BUNESSAN 5.5.5.4.D.

Gaelic Melody

Harm. by David Evans, 1874-1948

In unison

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing, Black-bird has
2 Sweet the rain's new fall Sun - lit from heav - en, Like the first
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing Born of the

spo - ken Like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing!
dew - fall On the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion,

Praise for the morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing Fresh from the Word!
Of the wet gar - den, Sprung in com-plete - ness Where his feet pass.
Praise ev - ery morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion Of the new day!

MORNING

Jesus Shall Reign

300

*Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.**Ps. 72; Rev. 1:4b-8*

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun
 2 Through Christ shall end - less prayer be made,
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er Christ reigns:
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring

does its suc - ces - sive jour - neys run;
 borne by the Spir - it's cease - less aid;
 dwell on God's love with sweet - est song,
 the pris - oners leap to lose their chains,
 trib - utes of praise for all to sing;

God's realm shall stretch from shore to shore
 Like sweet per - fume new hymns shall rise
 And in - fant voic - es shall pro - claim
 The wea - ry find e - ter - nal rest,
 An - gels de - scend with songs a - gain,

till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 their ear - liest prayers in Je - sus' name.
 and all who suf - fer want are blessed.
 and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

The second half of a longer paraphrase of Psalm 72, this hymn was included in Isaac Watts' Psalms of David, a collection of psalms.

Tune: DUKE STREET L.M.

Attrib. to John Haynes, 1703

