

I will surely have mercy on him,
says the Lord.

²¹ Set up road markers for yourself,
make yourself signposts;
consider well the highway,
the road by which you went.
Return, O virgin Israel,
return to these your cities.

²² How long will you waver,
O faithless daughter?
For the Lord has created a new thing on the earth:
a woman encompasses a man.

SERMON

Michael Ozaki

“Do Not Cry, For This Is How Idols Always Die”

HYMN NO. 390

“Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!”

Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God’s holy name.
Alleluia! Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God’s holy
name. Alleluia!
Praise God’s holy name, Alleluia! Praise God’s holy name.
Alleluia!
Praise God’s holy name. Alleluia! Praise God’s holy name.
Alleluia!

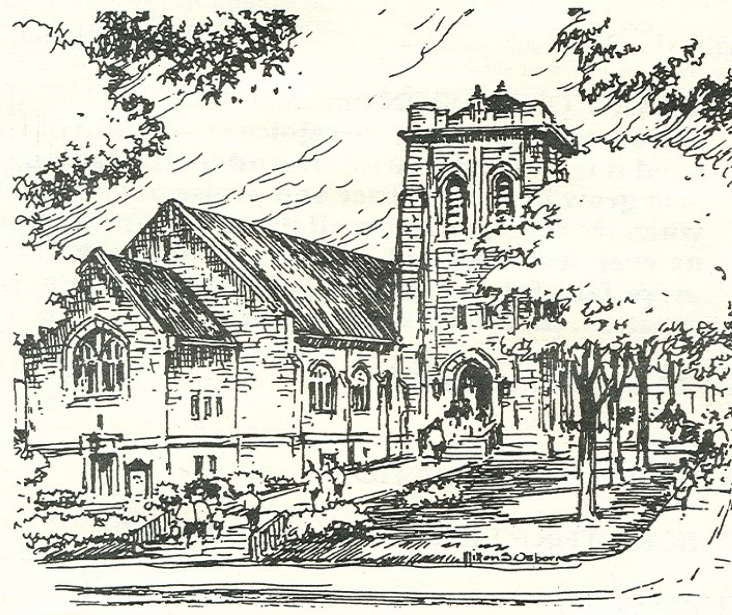
BENEDICTION

SHARING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with You.

POSTLUDE

Our guest musician today is Dr. Cagdas Solyar, an international student at Penn State pursuing a Professional Performance Certificate. Cagdas is from Turkey and when the pandemic closures started, she had no place to practice. We are delighted to be able to offer her a place to practice. The few of us in the building have been delighted at her beautiful music and bubbly personality.



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JULY 19, 2020
16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PRELUDE Johann Sebastian Bach
"Prelude in E flat Minor" (BWV853)
From "Well Tempered clavier, Book 1"
Cagdas Solyar, Pianist

CALL TO WORSHIP Dean Lindsey
Praise God! Who gathers the church together in new ways all the time. Though socially distanced we come together in Spirit the sure and the unsure, the weak and the strong—seeking God's presence, God's forgiveness, and God's direction in this time more than ever.

HYMN No. 375 "Shall We Gather at the River"
1) Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by throne of God?
Refrain:
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river; gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.
2) On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray, we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day.
Refrain
3) Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down; grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown.
Refrain
4) Soon we'll reach the shining river; soon our pilgrimage will cease; soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.
Refrain

CALL TO CONFESSION Allison Maus

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

TIME FOR CHILDREN Dean Lindsey

SOLO Felix Mendelssohn
"If With All Your Heart from 'Elijah'"
Michael West, soloist

SCRIPTURE READING: Jeremiah 31:15-22 Michael Ozaki

¹⁵ Thus says the Lord:
A voice is heard in Ramah,
lamentation and bitter weeping.
Rachel is weeping for her children;
she refuses to be comforted for her children,
because they are no more.
¹⁶ Thus says the Lord:
Keep your voice from weeping,
and your eyes from tears;
for there is a reward for your work,
says the Lord:
they shall come back from the land of the enemy;
¹⁷ there is hope for your future,
says the Lord:
your children shall come back to their own country.

¹⁸ Indeed I heard Ephraim pleading:
'You disciplined me, and I took the discipline;
I was like a calf untrained.
Bring me back, let me come back,
for you are the Lord my God.
¹⁹ For after I had turned away I repented;
and after I was discovered, I struck my thigh;
I was ashamed, and I was dismayed
because I bore the disgrace of my youth.'
²⁰ Is Ephraim my dear son?
Is he the child I delight in?
As often as I speak against him,
I still remember him.
Therefore I am deeply moved for him;