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9:45 AM

8th Sunday after Pentecost
Summer of Fun & Games

Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are a guest, we invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.

We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back narthex where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We have children's books and activity bags for them to enjoy! Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
JOYS & CONCERNS

PRELUDE

I Can Only Imagine

by Millard

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: In the beginning.....

C: The dance began to swirl and ponder.

L: In the beginning, all was dark.

C: And the dance cast forth bright light.

L: In the beginning, the earth burst forth with wondrous things, creatures of all sorts, mountains and hills, vast seas and rivers, valleys and desert areas.

C: And the Lord of the Dance saw that it was good and blessed it all.

L: In our beginning, God blessed us.

C: And the dance went on, through our lives, into all that we have done.

L: Sometimes the dance was slow and plodding; at other times it was sprightly and fast.

C: Yet in the midst of it all, the Lord of the Dance is with us.

L: This dance, called Life, is everywhere—in the light and in the dark.

C: It is in places of hope and in places of deepest sorrow and tragedy.

L: How shall we dance our dance for God?

C: We shall live lives of hope and peace, bringing the good news of Jesus Christ and all that he taught to us, so that others may join the dance.

Praise be to the Lord of the Dance!

L: Let us worship the Lord of Creation, the Lord of Life! I invite you to sing as comfortable to sing God's praise.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 261 UM HYMNAL** (see below)

Lord of the Dance

Lord of the Dance

adapt. by Sidney Carter, 1963

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of seven staves of music, each with corresponding lyrics underneath. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 80. The lyrics are as follows:

1. I danced in the morn-ing when the world was be-gun, and I
2. I danced for the scribe and the Phar - i - see, but they
3. I danced on the sab-bath when I cured the lame, the
4. I danced on a Fri-day and the sky turned black; it's
5. They cut me down and I leapt up high,

4
danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I
would not dance and they would not fol - low me; I
ho - ly peo - ple said it was a shame; they
hard to fance with the dev - il on your back; they
I am the life that - 'll nev - er, nev - er die; I'll

6
came down from heav - en and I danced on the earth. At
danced for the fish - er - man, for James and John; they
whipped and they stripped and they hung me high; and they
bur - ied my bod - y and they thought I'd gone, but
love in you if you'll live in me;

8 *Refrain*
Beth-le hem I had my birth. Dance, then, wher - ev-er you may be;
came to me and the dance went on.
left me there on a cross to die.
I am the dance and I still go on.
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

12
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. And I'll lead you all wher - ever you may be, and I'll

16
lead you all in the dance, said he.

***TIME OF CONFESSION²**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: God our Guide,

C: Forgive us when we stumble following paths self-created instead of dancing down the road you call us to. Forgive us when we move slowly to fit in instead of loving others without inhibition. Forgive us when we get distracted by the world's joys instead of focusing on the need for your justice. Forgive us when our hearts lead us to sin instead of singing your new song of mercy, forgiveness, and grace.

Teach us how to dance to the rhythm of your wisdom; show us how to laugh with the insights of your truth, so that we can live for the praise of your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2279 FWS

The Trees of the Field

ALL SING: You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills will break forth before you; there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, the trees of the field will clap their hands, the trees of the field will clap their hands, while you go out with joy.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE

Mark 6:14-29 (The Message)

SPECIAL MUSIC

Can't Stop the Feeling

by Timberlake, Martin, Shellback

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY (see next page)

In Halls of Wealth and Power

In Halls of Wealth and Power

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2015

Henry T. Smart, 1836

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$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano



1. In halls of wealth and pow - er where shad - owd deals are
2. When Her - od chose to wan - der from liv - ing as he
3. O God of love and jus - tice, when we feel sure and
4. In halls of wealth and pow - er, in home and neigh - bor -

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made, The heart - less ones de - vou - r; the help - less are be -
should, John preached with might - y thun - der, "Re - pent and do the
strong, May po - wer nev - er tempt us to ven - ture toward the
- hood, May we re - ject the e - vil and turn to what is

9



- trayed. The ones who make de - ci - sions seem con - fi - dent and
good!" Then po - wer danced with an - ger; re - venge went danc - ing,
wrong. In all of our en - deav - ors, give wis - dom, Lord, we
good. May jus - tice dance with mer - cy and ser - vice dance with

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strong yet some - times blur di - vi - sions be - tween the right and wrong.
too. When they all join to - geth - er, what e - vil they will do.
pray, That we may love our neigh - bors and seek your king - dom way.
grace; May na - tions lift the low - ly till peace and love em - brace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

A TIME FOR SHARING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY

I Could Sing of Your Love Forever

by Shane & Shane

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 425 NCH (black hymnal, vs. 1)

For the Fruit of All Creation

ALL SING: For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For God's gifts to every nation, thanks be to God. For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 575 NCH (black hymnal, see next page)

O For a World



O For a World

Miriam Winter

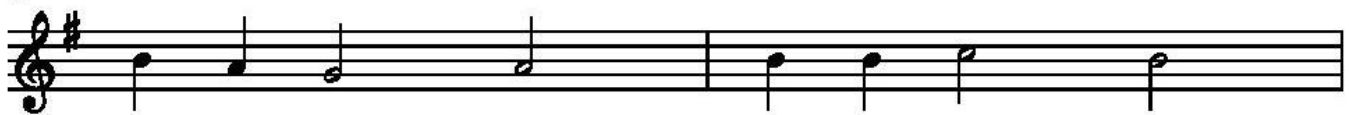
Carl Glaser

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Piano 

1. O for a world where
2. O for a world where
3. We wel - come one world
4. The poor are rich, the
5. O for a world pre -

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ev - ery - one re - spects each - oth - er's
goods are shared and mis - er - y re -
fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each
weak are strong, the fool - ish ones are
- par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of

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ways, Where love is lived and
- lieved, Where truth is spo - ken,
choice That o - pens us to
wise. Tell all who mourn: out -
peace, Where time and tears will

7



all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
- casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
be no more, and all but love will cease.

***BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE**

You Are My All in All

by Jernigan

References

¹ The Call to Worship is written by Nancy C. Townley, and posted on the Ministry Matters website. <http://www.ministrymatters.com/> and accessed on 7/10/24.

² The Prayer of Confession is adapted from a collection of prayers posted on the Worship@North website. <https://northchurchindy.wordpress.com/> and accessed on 7/10/24.

Thank you to all serving in worship this morning!

Welcome Team Members—Mark Miller, John & Connie Wolfe

Liturgist—Charlie Hull

Tech Team—Jen Miller, Paul Ramsey, John Schriver

