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Samuel Palmer - *The Magic Apple Tree* - 1830



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Please use this opportunity to silence all cell phones and other noisemaking devices.

* = Please stand in body or spirit

Prelude

Lansin Lim Kimler

York Bowen: Prelude (Three Miniatures, I)

Though still unfamiliar to many audiences, in recent years Bowen has received – posthumously – a revival of interest in his music. He was a highly regarded conductor and concert pianist in Britain in the first half of the last century, and his compositions reflect that technical assurance. This series of miniatures (op. 44) were written in 1916, shortly after the composer was invalided out of the Scots Guards; they remind us more of Rachmaninoff's 'Romanticism' than the horrors of the First World War.

Introit

Laura Swearingen, Stephen Schermitzler

Cindy Berry: At the Name Of Jesus (Hymn 28)

This is an abridged version of the anthem that Texas-born composer, Cindy Berry (b. 1949), wrote in 1985. We have enjoyed the piano arrangements of this graduate of Houston Baptist University in the past, but this is the first time that her vocal music has ushered in our worship.

At the name of Jesus
Every knee shall bow
in heaven and in earth.
And every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Welcome (concluding)

Sharie Kruger

Leader: So, we invite you to greet one another either here, or online by reaching out in the Chat or through a text or email. And we will conclude this Welcome in our traditional way with the Doxology.

*Passing the Peace of Christ and Doxology #815

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Poem

Deanna Davis

Christina Rossetti: The Name of Jesus

One of the greatest poets of the 19th century, Rossetti was a woman of deep faith, which led her to write many sacred verses like this one. She passed away in London in 1894, aged 64.

Jesus, Lord God from all eternity,
Whom love of us brought down to shame,
I plead Thy Life with Thee,
I plead Thy Death, I plead Thy Name.
Jesus, Lord God of every living soul,
Thy Love exceeds its uttered fame,
Thy Will can make us whole,
I plead Thyself, I plead Thy Name.

*Hymn of Affirmation

#766 At The Name Of Jesus

WYE VALLEY

Offertory Prayer

Deena Borelli and Sharon Erdani

Offertory Meditation

Lansin Lim Kimler

York Bowen: Intermezzo (Three Miniatures, 2)

Bowen was born in London in 1884. As a child he showed such musical promise that he was admitted to the Royal Academy of Music, aged only fourteen. There he won numerous prizes and after graduating he joined the faculty in 1909 and taught there for a half century. When he died in 1961, he left behind a considerable body of work, especially for the violin, viola and piano (all of which he himself played), as well as several concerti and orchestral works.

Responsorial Psalm

Mike Niederer

Psalm 20:1-6

Leader: May the Lord answer you when you are in distress;

People: may the name of the God of Jacob protect you.

Leader: May he send you help from the sanctuary

People: and grant you support from Zion.

Leader: May he remember all your sacrifices

People: and accept your burnt offerings.

Leader: May he give you the desire of your heart

People: and make all your plans succeed.

Leader: May we shout for joy over your victory

People: and lift up our banners in the name of our God.

Leader: May the Lord grant all your requests.

People: Now this I know: The Lord gives victory to his anointed.

Leader: He answers him from his heavenly sanctuary

People: with the victorious power of his right hand.

Anthem

Laura Swearingen, Stephen Schermitzler

arr. Anthony Greening: Alleluyas of St. James

Here is a litany attributed to St. James the Lesser, sung in a translation by a Victorian school teacher and priest, Gerald Moultrie. The anonymous French melody traditionally used for these words was arranged by Anthony Greening (1940 – 1996), who served as Assistant Organist at Ely Cathedral (just outside Cambridge), before joining the teaching staff of the Royal School of Church Music.

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded,
For blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth.
Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture
In the body and the blood.
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth
From the realms of endless day,
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six-winged seraph,
Cherubim, with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the Presence,
As with ceaseless voice they cry,
“Alleluya, alleluya!
Alleluya, Lord most high!”

Scripture

Romans 10:15

Isaac Brett

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Dr. Tommy Simons

A Summer Pilgrimage: Do You See the Messenger?!

*Hymn of Invitation and Declaration

#572 Blessed Assurance

ASSURANCE

Fanny Crosby was visiting Phoebe Knapp (1839 – 1908) just as the Knapp home was having a large pipe organ installed. As the organ was incomplete, Mrs. Knapp, using the piano, played a new melody she had just composed. When she asked her friend, “What do you think the tune says?”, Crosby replied, “Blessed assurance; Jesus is mine.” The hymn then appeared in the July 1873 issue of the magazine, “A Guide to Holiness and Revival Miscellany”, which helped to popularize what has become one of the most beloved hymns of all time. The text reflects Crosby’s walk of faith, as expressed by St. Paul in Philippians I, 21: “For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.”

Recognition of Marquis Johnson

Benediction

Rev. Drew Phillips

Postlude

Lansin Lim Kimler

York Bowen: Scherzo (Three Miniatures, 3)

Though he composed a few songs, Bowen generally avoided writing for the voice, and this may explain also why he produced nothing of a sacred nature. He was one of those artists, like Holst and Vaughan Williams, who saw themselves as ‘religious’ without espousing a particular religion. Yet his creativity cries out to be heard in church, an example of God’s unfailing gifts to mankind, whether or not he can acknowledge it.

Prayer List

Nursing care and rehab facilities

Betty James, Madison Senior Living, Kansas City, MO

J.B. Richman, Holiday Briarcrest Estates, Ballwin, MO

Juanita Wallis, Cape Albeon, Valley Park, MO

Margaret Warman, Delmar Gardens of Chesterfield, Chesterfield, MO

Prayer Requests

Karen Deitte

Robin Dietrich

Jersey Dukes

Nancy Furgerson

Paul Green,

close friend of Connie Vohsen

Alisa Guider

Judith Hawk

Glenn Jefferies

Peggy Hemphill

Anna Littlejohn

Erica Littlejohn

Mattie Littlejohn

Shelia McMunn

Bobby Murray

Declan Rutan

Sudha Sanjay

Gwen Tyson

Charita Tyus

Stephen White

Please send updates, addition or edits to this list via email to Sally, Ella or Pastor Tommy (sallyoando@att.net, ebanks@third-baptist.org, tsimons@third-baptist.org)

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Calendar for June 9 - 16

Sunday, June 9

- 9:30 AM Doughnut Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 AM Sunday School, Various
- 11:00 AM Worship, Sanctuary and online via Facebook and YouTube
- 12:00 PM Fellowship, Pillsbury Threshold
- 12:00 PM Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 12

- 12:00 PM Staff Meeting
- 5:15 PM Adult/Youth Dinner and Discipleship
- 6:30 PM Youth Activities – Cardinals Game

Saturday, June 15

- 8:00 AM Food Pantry

Sunday, June 16

- 9:30 AM Doughnut Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 AM Sunday School, Various
- 11:00 AM Worship, Sanctuary and online via Facebook and YouTube
- 11:00 AM Godly Play
- 12:00 PM Fellowship, Pillsbury Threshold

Pastoral and Music Staff

Dr. Tommy Simons, Pastor
Rev. Drew Phillips, Minister to Families
Dr. Philip Barnes, Director of Music
Brent Johnson, Organist
Lansin Lim Kimler, Pianist

