

First Presbyterian Church, New Haven, CT

Worship Bulletin

Summer 4

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Preacher: Charlie Gordon

Featured Song: Mercury by Sleeping At Last

Video of Song: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=pNUR0fOMpCs>

Welcome and Announcements

Call To Worship

Let us pray: God of mystery and power, nothing is hidden from you - to you all things are plain.

Give us grace, O Creator, to hear your word and witness your work.

Your might and your strength are beyond all comparison. Your love is greater than words can say.

Give us grace, O Redeemer, to hear your word and witness your work.

You call us to a closer walk with you. You guide us into the paths that you have chosen in your wisdom.

Give us grace, O Sustainer of Life, to hear your word and witness your work.

Keep us from fleeing your presence. Enliven us to be responsive to your loving call. Amen.

Come, let us worship God!

Hymn

All Things Bright and Beautiful

sung by Beth Aura and
Bruce Peabody

Refrain:

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors;
God made their tiny wings. [Refrain]

God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well. [Refrain]

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Confession

(Hold silence)

God, You know us better than we know ourselves. You know our thoughts, our weaknesses, our motivations, our sins. And You love us still. Forgive us when we don't believe such love is true or possible; When we wonder how You could love us just as we are, when we forget our intricate construction, fearfully, wonderfully made, in Your image! Remove from our minds every thought which keeps us from You. Break down the walls, push aside the pride, and help us to trust anew. You know our hearts, O God. And You love us still. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

One: Church, Our God is utterly beyond us in every way, yet God involves God's holy self with our very human existence and commitments. God is present with us, expressing unending love for each one of us. God nurtures and keeps each of us and shows compassion throughout the duration of our lives.

Continually, God reaches out to us with a hand of blessing - and through myriad ways of communication, the depths of God's love and grace, mercy and guidance is made known to us. Beloved children of God, you who are made in God's own image, you who are more sacred than precious metals, you who stumble and fall, you who try and try again, believe the Good news of the Gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Response

Take Me As I Am

Davis Family Singers;
Harrison, Rowan & Jenny

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

Prayer of Illumination

Psalter Reading

Psalm 139: 1-6

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 25:4-22, 32-35

Sermon

Charlie Gordon

Moment of Silence

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

Be Still My Soul

sung by Alisa Dunovant

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide,
who through all changes faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake
to guide the future surely as the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord;
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty God, who made us who we are, we offer all of ourselves to You. Take our talents, our energy and our joy, and use us to share Your love. Take our mistakes, our regrets and our pain, and use us to bring about healing. Magnify the gifts that we bring before You today, O Holy God. Magnify these gifts that you might spread Your peace throughout the whole world. We pray this in Christ's name. Amen.

Charge/Benediction