



# ARCH STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2020  
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Song of Praise: Every Praise is To Our God  
Composer: Hezekiah Walker  
Recorded: April 15, 2018



Greetings from the Corner  
of  
18th and Arch Streets

# WORK OF THE COMMUNITY

- Welcome to our visitors!
- Nominating Committee Reminder
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WELCOME TO VIRTUAL WORSHIP WITH YOUR HOSTS,  
PASTOR CARLA AND ELDER KIM

## **Call To Worship**

Leader: To those who are hungry, Jesus says:

**People: “Come and eat! There’s more than enough for all!”**

Leader: To those who are thirsty, he says:

**People: “Come and drink! It’s free for the taking!**

Leader: To those who long to worship in Spirit and in Truth

**People: “Come to Me, and you will find everything you need!”**

**All: Come, let us worship the Lord together!**

OPENING HYMN: GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

TEXT: WILLIAM WILLIAMS      MUSIC: JOHN HUGHES

RECORDED: FEBRUARY 12, 2017

**1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.**

**I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand.**

**Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;**

**feed me till I want no more.**

**2 Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.**

**Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.**

**Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;**

**be thou still my strength and shield.**

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**3 When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee;  
I will ever give to thee**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION/ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God of Everlasting Change, we confess that we are stubborn. We don't like change.

We want things to stay as they once were. Like the people of the Exodus, O God, sometimes we remember only the good things of the past and forget the horrors that You have helped us to leave behind. Like the people of the Exile, O God, sometimes we have grown comfortable with the status quo instead of remembering that You have called us into liberation.

Transform our hearts, O God. Open us to listen for Your Wisdom. Help us to know Your transformative love. Guide us to move into Your ways of compassion, justice, healing, and hope. In the name of Christ, who calls us all into resurrection, into new life now and forever, we pray. Amen.

*A moment for silent reflection and confession*

Leader: We entrust these prayers to you O God. Amen

**All: Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE - MATTHEW 14:13-21

13 Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself.

But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. 14 When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. 15 When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now

late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for

themselves.” 16 Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” 17 They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” 18 And he said, “Bring them here to me.” 19 Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. 20 And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. 21 And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

# MEDITATION FROM PASTOR CARLA JONES BROWN



# RESPONSE TO THE WORD

## **Response to the Word: Ordinary People**

**Daria DiCicco, Vocalist**

**Dr. Rollo Dilworth, piano**

**Recorded: January 5, 2020**



# 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.**

# A BLESSING AND AN INVITATION

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