



An inclusive and welcoming Christian community where expressing the love of God to all people is central to our worship, study, and service.  
“Love one another as I have loved you.” John 15:12

**15th Sunday after Pentecost**

**11 a.m., September 13, 2020**

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**Prelude**

*Softly and Tenderly*  
Russell Gross—piano and clarinets

arr. Lisa Hoekstra

**Welcome & Announcements**

Leah Davis

**Call to Worship by Chris Altrock**

Cathy Baskin

Our souls praise you, Lord.

**You are to us whom you were to Moses and Miriam—**  
compassionate, gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in love.

**Your love is generous,**  
it seems to stretch from my back porch all the way to the full moon.

**Our souls praise you, Lord.**

**Let us worship God!**

**Morning Prayer**

Cathy Baskin

**Hymn No. 609**

*Take My Life* †

HENDON

(Verses 1-2, 5-6)

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,  
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,  
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee,  
ever, only all for all for thee ..

**Blessing George Aguilar & Virginia Aguilar**

## Congregational Blessing

God, You have entrusted George and Virginia with the good news of your gospel as they have faithfully cared for the children of RBC.

**Thank you for equipping them with gifts for ministry.**

Thank you for their willingness to respond to your call to serve with gladness.

**They have shown us consistently how to share love, do justice, and build community.**

George and Virginia, may you know how loved you are by God and each one of us at RBC. May you find moments of rest, peace, and great joy as you move forward.

**We love you! Amen.**

## Voices from Ravensworth

### Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures Exodus 15:1b–11, 20–21 Leah Davis

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD: “I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea. The LORD is my strength and my might, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father’s God, and I will exalt him. The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is his name. “Pharaoh’s chariots and his army he cast into the sea; his picked officers were sunk in the Red Sea. The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone. Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power— your right hand, O LORD, shattered the enemy. In the greatness of your majesty you overthrew your adversaries; you sent out your fury, it consumed them like stubble. At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up, the floods stood up in a heap; the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea. The enemy said, ‘I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them. I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them.’ You blew with your wind, the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters. “Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, doing wonders?”

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron’s sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: “Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.”

## Quiet Time

### Prayers of the People & Lord’s Prayer Leah Davis

*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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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.*

### Lesson from the Gospels Matthew 19:13–30 Cathy Baskin

Then little children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them; but Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.” And he laid his hands on them and went on his way. Then someone came to him and said, “Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?” And he said to him, “Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments.” He said to him, “Which ones?” And Jesus said, “You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; Honor your father and mother; also, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” The young man said to him, “I have kept all these; what do I still lack?” Jesus said to him, “If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and

give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.”  
When the young man heard this word, he went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly I tell you, it will be hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astounded and said, “Then who can be saved?” But Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but for God all things are possible.” Then Peter said in reply, “Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name’s sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

This is the Gospel of Christ  
Thanks be to God

**Special Music**

*In Reverence*  
Piano, Violin, Viola and Cello

David Tolk

**Sermon**

*Good Trouble: Sung Reversals*

Leah Davis

**Communion**

We will celebrate communion together, remembering we are connected even though we are apart. Bring your own elements to worship and remember that you are Beloved.

Leah Davis

**Musical Meditation**

*Melody*  
Jim Sanders—Trumpet Soloist

Mendelssohn

**Hymn No. 684**

*We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky* † HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

We cannot own the sunlit sky, the moon, the wildflow’rs growing,  
for we are part of all that is within life’s river flowing.  
With open hands receive and share the gifts of God’s creation,  
that all may have abundant life in ev’ry earthly nation.

When bodies shiver in the night and, weary, wait for morning,  
when children have no bread but tears, and war horns sound their warning,  
God calls humanity to wake, to join in common labor,  
that all may have abundant life in oneness with their neighbor.

God call humanity to join as partners in creating  
a future free from want and fear, life’s goodness celebrating.  
That new world beckons from afar, invites our shared endeavor,  
that all may have abundant life and peace endure forever.

**Invitation to Give**

Cathy Baskin

**Sung Benediction No. 677**     *Let There Be Peace on Earth*<sup>†</sup>

WORLD PEACE

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;  
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God our creator, children all are we.

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:  
to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

**Postlude**

*The Church's One Foundation*  
Russell Gross—piano and clarinets

arr. Jason W. Krug

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