

# June 13, 2021

## Hidden Growth



Piano Prelude          June: Barcarolle Song – *P. I Tchaikovsky*

Welcome

Call to Worship

*The Holy Spirit gives us life  
and the power to become new people!*

**The winds of the spirit have given us breath.**

**The fire of the spirit has given us a love for God and each other.**

*Come in faithfulness,  
ready for the holy surprises that God's spirit brings!*

**We open our lives to the presence of God,  
trusting that we live in freedom and grace.**

Hymn **706** (v.1, 4) – *Come, Let Us Sing*

Videoed Prayer of Adoration and Confession

I Rest in You                  [www.theworkofthepeople.com](http://www.theworkofthepeople.com)

Sung response          **36**

**I rest in God alone, from whom comes my salvation;  
my souls find rest in God, my fortress: I'll not be shaken.**

**My trust and all of my heart –  
in God alone my soul finds rest.**

Pardon

The Peace

*The peace of Christ be with you always.*

**And also with you.**

Scripture Readings

Romans 8:31-39

Mark 4:26-34

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

Hymn **435** (v.1, 4) – *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Sermon – *Hidden Growth*

Hymn **748** (v.1, 3) – *Lord of All Hopefulness*

Prayers of the People

*God of new life,*

**Hear us as we pray.**

**Our Father in heaven**

**Hallowed be your name,**

**Your kingdom come,**

**Your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those**

**who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power**

**and the glory are yours,**

**now and forever. Amen.**

Hymn 555 (v.2 fr, 2 Eng) – *Worship the Lord*

Benediction

**Amen, amen, alleluia, amen.**

**Amen, amen, alleluia, amen.**

Organ Postlude

Rondeau – *J.J. Mouret*



*This morning, we give thanks to Michael McAuley for leading our hymns.*

## Hymns

Hymn 706 (v.1, 4) – *Come, Let Us Sing*

**Come, let us sing of a wonderful love,  
tender and true, tender and true;  
out of the heart of the Father above,  
streaming to me and to you:  
wonderful love, wonderful love  
dwells in the heart of the Father above.**

**Come to my heart, O thou wonderful love;  
come and abide, come and abide,  
lifting my life till it rises above  
envy and falsehood and pride:  
seeking to be, seeking to be  
lowly and humble, a learner of thee.**

Hymn 435 (v.1, 4) – *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

***All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
in love God made them all.***

**Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colours;  
God made their tiny wings.**

***All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
in love God made them all.***

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

***All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
in love God made them all.***

Hymn 748 (v.1, 3) – *Lord of All Hopefulness*

Lord of all hopefulness,  
Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever child-like,  
no cares could destroy,  
be there at our waking,  
and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord,  
at the break of the day.

Lord of all kindness,  
Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome,  
your arms to embrace,  
be there at our homing,  
and give us, we pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord,  
at the eve of the day.

Hymn 555 (v.2 fr, 2 Eng) – *Worship the Lord*

*Louange à Dieu,  
louange à Dieu, au Christ, à l'Esprit !  
Dieu soit loué  
par nos deux mains tendues vers sa vie.*

Vers toi, ô Dieu, nos prières s'élancent ;  
transforme nos mains en un chant de louange :  
en servant nos prochains c'est toi qu'elles chantent,  
règne de Dieu parmi nous !

*Worship the Lord,  
worship the Father, the Spirit, the Son  
raising our hands  
in devotion to God who is one!*

Praying and training that we be a blessing,  
and by our handiwork daily confessing,  
we are committed to serving humanity,  
worship and work must be one!

*Worship the Lord,  
worship the Father, the Spirit, the Son  
raising our hands  
in devotion to God who is one!*

## **Scripture Readings**

### **Romans 8:31-39 (NRSV)**

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **Mark 4:26-34 (NRSV)**

He also said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.