



The Many Faces of God

An Ecumenical Worship Service
March 28, 1992

ACDA Northwest Division Convention
Central Presbyterian Church
Eugene, Oregon

Prelude "Quintet" - Movements II and III Ewald
Valley Brass Quintet

Introit "Praise to God" Knut Nystedt
Rex Putnam High School A Cappella Choir
John Baker, Conductor

Call To Worship

***Hymn of Praise #264** "When in Our Music God is Glorified"

*Invocation

Leader: God of many Names, we gather in your presence this afternoon for a multitude of reasons.

People: God, be among us.

Leader: Creator, Merciful Judge, King, Yahweh: We are awed by your majesty and are humbled by your greatness.

People: Keep us mindful of you.

Leader: Loving Parent, Comforter, Healer, Faithful Friend: We come with broken hearts to be mended by your loving care.

People: Your children turn to you for comfort and guidance.

Leader: Shepherd, Light, Prince of Peace: Your certain guidance through the dark valleys of life gives us hope for a better tomorrow and a joy for a brighter today.

People: God of many Names, may we know you better as we open our hearts and minds to your many gifts. Amen

Creator

Scripture Reading Psalm 8

Anthem "Majesty and Glory of Thy Name" Tom Fettke
Bethany Community Church Chancel Choir
Kris Mason, Director

***Hymn #272** "God of the Sparrow"

Anthem "All Things Bright & Beautiful"
First Presbyterian Church Chapel Choir, Corvallis
Flutes: Laura Kuehn, Bronwyn Roberts, Heidi Grube, Amy Wilburn
Robin High, Organist; Susan Wilburn, Director

* Congregation Stands

Merciful Judge

Psalm 50:1-6

Men: The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Women: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

Men: Our God comes; he does not keep silence; before him is a devouring fire, round about him a mighty tempest.

Women: God calls to the heavens above and to the earth to judge the people.

Men: "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

Women: The heavens declare God's righteousness, for God alone is judge!

Anthem

"You Better Mind"

Jester Hairston

Rex Putnam High School A Cappella Choir

Prayer of Confession (Unison): Merciful Judge, have mercy upon us as we make our confession. How often we do not do what we intended! What we confess is not how we act. We hear your word preached and we give our assent, but faith is found wanting when it comes time to obey. We are confronted by conflict; decisions are called for. Our desires are at odds with what you command, and we default on our promise to you. O Christ, have mercy upon us and strengthen us so that we can be trusted as you are.

Anthem

"Kyrie Eleison"

Hans Leo Hassler

(Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.)

Assurance of Pardon

Luke 15:21-24

Yahweh

Psalm 150 Hymn #258 "Praise Ye the Lord! Alleluia!"

The word Yahweh is the Hebrew word for God that consists of four letters, YHVH, and is transliterated as Yahweh, or in English, Jehovah. "Alleluia" is a compound word meaning "Praise Ye - Yahweh (The Lord)."

Surrand

Anthem

"An Alleluia Super Round"
Willamette University Chamber Choir
Dr. Wallace Long, Director

William Albright

Scripture Reading Exodus 3:13-15

Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your parents has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' What shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'The God of your parents, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': this is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.

Anthem

"Within These Walls"
Bethany Community Church Chancel Choir

Pepper Choplin

Message

The Rev. Tiare Mathison-Bowie
University of Oregon Campus Minister

Loving Parent

Scripture Reading

Hosea 11:1-4

Men: When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and burning incense to idols. Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of compassion, with the bands of love, and I became to them as one who eases the yoke on their jaws, and I bent down to them and fed them.

Anthem

"Like as a Father"
Corvallis First Presbyterian Church
Chancel and Chapel Choirs

Cherubini

26. Who Is She?

Brian Wien

Unison, relaxed and flowing

Brian Wien, Arr. Pamela Payne Allen

Crescent Hill, Irregular

Who is She, nei-ther, male nor fe-male,
Who is She, moth-er-ing her peo-ple,
Why is She, moth-er of all na-ture,

Ma-ker of all things on-ly glimpsed or hinted,
Teach-ing them to walk, lift-ing wear-y tod-dlers,
Dy-ing to give birth, gasp-ing yet ex-ult-ing

Source of life & gender? She is God,
Bending down to feed them? She is Love,
To a new cre-a-tion? She is Hope,

Moth-er, sis-ter, lov-er, in her love we wake,
Cry-ing in a sta-ble, teach-ing from a boat,
Nev-er tired of lov-ing, fill-ing all with worth,

move and grow, are daunted, tri-umph and sur-render.
friendly with the lep-ers, bound for cruci-fi-xion.
glad of our a-chiev-ing, lift-ing all to free-dom.

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 131

Women: **O Lord, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me. But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a child quieted at its mother's breast. Like a child that is quieted is my soul. O Israel, hope in the Lord from this time forth and for evermore.**

***Hymn**

"Who is She?"
(see insert)

go up while

Light

Responsive Scripture Reading

Left Side: The Lord is my Light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

Right Side: **The Lord is the stronghold of my life, of whom should I be afraid? (Ps. 27:1)**

Left Side: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light,

Right Side: **And for those who sat in the shadow of death, light has dawned. (Is. 9:2)**

Left Side: Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. (Rm. 13:12)

Right Side: **For you are the light of the world.**

All: **Let your light so shine, that all may see your good works and give glory to God. (Mtt 5:14,16)**

Anthem

"Lux Aeterna"

Edwin Fissinger

Willamette University Chamber Choir

sit down

Prayer of Supplication (unison)

God of the covenant, your people who walk in darkness have seen a great light. Upon those who dwell in the night of their lives a new day has dawned, for Christ has entered the world to illumine our way. When we seek to live in the shadows of doubt, you reveal the folly of our ways. If the darkness of gloom overtakes us, you dazzle us with the luster of your Kingdom. Our flickering faith is matched with the brilliance of your plan for creation. We bow before you, bathed in the light of your love and aglow with the gift of your grace.

In your light may we see light, and so lead others to greater clarity of vision. Where perceptions are distorted through mistrust of Christ's message, may our lives make clear what he taught. When others are captive to seeing things only one way, let our openness provide them a choice. If because of our silence others don't know what we think, give us courage of conviction and a willingness to confer. When leaders make decisions with which we not agree, make us bold in dissent and reconciling in spirit.

Deliver us from pretension in the truth we hold; open our eyes to what others may reveal. Keep us attuned to the diversity of voices in the church, as they reflect upon your message in varied tones and accents. Lift our horizons so that we may glimpse the full scope of your love. Let us dare to be astonished by the grandeur of your providence and grace.

***Hymn 411**

"Arise! Your Light is Come"

Healer

Scripture Reading

Romans 5:1, 3-5

"Therefore since we are justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. We rejoice in our suffering, providing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured unto our hearts through the Holy Scriptures with has been given to us.

Anthem

"There is a Balm in Gilead"

William Dawson

Corvallis First Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir; Judy Hedges, Soloist

Scripture Reading

Hosea 14:4-7

Leader: I will heal their faithlessness; I will love them freely, for my anger has turned from them.

All: I will be as the dew to Israel; he shall blossom as the lily, he shall strike root as the poplar,

Leader: His shoots shall spread out; his beauty shall be like the olive and his fragrance like Lebanon.

All: They shall return and dwell beneath my shadow; they shall flourish as a garden; they shall blossom as a vine, their fragrance shall be like the wine of Lebanon.

***Hymn 377**

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

Faithfulness

Scripture Reading

Psalm 36: 5-10

Women: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

Men: Your righteousness is like a mountain, Your judgements are like the great deep. You save humanity and animals, O Lord.

Children: How precious is your faithful love, O God! All children take refuge in the shadows of your wings.

All: O continue your faithful love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!

Anthem:

"Canticle of Faithfulness"

Daniel Bird

Bethany Community Church Chancel Choir

First Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir

Valley Brass Quintet; Kathryn Ronnenberg, Timpanist

Stephan Casurella, Organist; Kris Mason, Director.

***Congregational Hymn #276**

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Sullivan

***Closing Prayer (unison): God of many Names, gathered into One, we have given thanks that we encounter you in many shapes, times, and places. We have sung your praises joyfully and with awe. We have found places of prayer with choirs, instruments, children, words, silence. Be with us as we leave this place spiritually refreshed and let us be the Light that shines in the darkness. Amen.**

***Benediction**

***Choral Response**

"Nunc Dimittis" Gretchaninov
Willamette University Chamber Choir

Postlude

"Postlude"

William Mathias

"I shall sing with the spirit and I shall sing with the mind also."

I CORINTHIANS 14:15

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