

OXFORD BAPTIST CHURCH

*Loving
God . . .*

*Loving
Others . . .*

*Serving
All . . .*



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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 15, 2020

10:00 AM

***Use the talents you possess; for silent would the forest be,
if only birds that sang were those who sang the best.***

(paraphrase of quotation attributed to Henry van Dyke)

PRELUDE

arr., A.L. Page

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Mrs. Julie Earnhardt

(Please respond as indicated)

God calls us to use our gifts for the building of the kingdom.

But we’re afraid.

Christ urges us to find our courage and not look back.

But our gifts seem so small.

The Spirit offers us everything we need.

But what if we fail?

Trust the gifts you have been given.

We will celebrate our gifts as we worship

God this day.

HYMN OF PRAISE

HYMN TO JOY

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

(Sing quietly behind your masks)

*Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love.
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.*

*All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect
Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing
sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.*

*Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest.
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother - all who live in love
are Thine.*

Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Rev. Aho

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Mr. Greg Hicks

Psalms 123

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Aho

OUR OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Mr. Hicks

MUSIC MEDITATION

arr., J. Bennett

“Count Your Blessings”

*When upon life’s billows you are tempest tossed, when you
are discouraged thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings, name them one by one, and
it will surprise you what the Lord has done.
So, amid the conflict, whether great or small, do not be
discouraged, thinking all is lost.
Count your many blessing, angels will attend,
Help and comfort give you to your journey’s end.*

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MESSAGE

Rev. Aho

“Use Your Talents”

Matthew 25:14-30

HYMN OF RESPONSE

HENDON

“Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated”

*Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love,
at the impulse of Thy love.*

*Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.
Take my voice and let me sing always only for my King,
always only for my King.*

*Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold.
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*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.*

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BENEDICTION

Rev. Aho