

## **Pequot Chapel – Summer 2020 virtual service**

Recorded during the week of August 10, 2020 at The Pequot Chapel, New London, CT

<https://youtu.be/s5Oct08ouks> (35 minutes)

**Organ Prelude:** Voix Humaine in the 1st tone Op.2 by Lambert Chaumont (1635-1712)

**Opening Welcome** – Andrew Walker

**Opening Hymn:** Centenary Hymn – Peter Fiore & Phred Mileski (*see end of program for music*)

**Lesson:** Romans 8:26-28

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

**A prayer for the Coronavirus** – read by Lisa McGinley

Dear Lord, we ask you for your divine intervention to bring a quick end to this pandemic. Please heal the sick and comfort the grieving. May your peace replace every worried, anxious, and fearful thought.

We ask for strength, protection and energy for medical professionals, first responders, and emergency workers. We pray for wisdom, knowledge and guidance for leaders in every arena.

Please reverse and minimize the financial devastation that is occurring. Please provide for all who are displaced and in need in any way, especially the unemployed. We ask for your grace and mercy and for you to do what only you can do. May people look to you to be their source of help, strength and hope during these uncertain times. In the name of Jesus, we ask these things.

Amen

**Sermon Hymn (#2):** Make Me a Channel of Your Peace (Prayer of St. Francis)

**Sermon:** “Divine Interruption”, by Rev. Florence Clarke

## **Prayers of the People** – Rev. Maria Hammons

### **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 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, for ever and ever. Amen

### **Hymn 470 (#3):** There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

#### **Collect:** For the Diversity of Races and Cultures

O God, who created all peoples in your image, we thank you for the wonderful diversity of races and cultures in this world. Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of fellowship, and show us your presence in those who differ most from us, until our knowledge of your love is made perfect in our love for all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **Collect:** For the Renewal of Life

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Benediction** – Rev. Danny Hammons

### **Closing Hymn (#4):** The Norrie Hymn

# Music

## Opening Hymn: Centenary Hymn

### CENTENARY HYMN

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1. O Christ the ev - er - last - ing Word, God's ra - diance from on high,  
Here have we come to claim Thee Lord And feel Thy pres - ence nigh;  
Here still we of - fer hymn and prayer As did those men of old  
To whom we owe this dwell - ing fair And bless - ed hours un - told.

2. 'Twas theirs - the vision here to build  
An altar in Thy name,  
And ours with duteous spirit filled  
Thy gospel to proclaim  
In privilegd continuity  
Beyond the century's years,  
To tell God's grace in Christ made free,  
Transforming doubts and fears.

3. The Summers' joys on land and sea  
'Tis meet that we should own  
As bounteous gifts that spring from Thee,  
Of good the Source alone.  
For all the tokens of Thy love  
That cheer life's darksome days,  
And lift our thoughts to heights above,  
We join in seemly praise.

4. Sovereign Lord of time and space,  
Of change and circumstance,  
O'errule for good our self-willed race  
By Thy wise governance;  
And save us from enslaving pride,  
From arrogating power,  
That Christ's own mind in us abide  
Henceforth and in this hour.

Words and music by Paul F. Laubenstein,  
Chapel trustee and chairman of the Music  
Committee.

Dedicated to the memory of the  
Rev. Clarence Reinhoehl Wagner,  
1891-1971; trustee of the Chapel  
1936-1945, and Presiding Officer  
from 1945 to 1971.

Sermon Hymn (#2): Make Me a Channel of Your Peace (Prayer of St. Francis)

**Prayer of St. Francis**

Words by St. Francis Music by Sebastian Temple Arranged by Jack Arden/Rick Powers

1. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. \_\_\_\_\_ Where  
 2. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. \_\_\_\_\_ Where

5 there is hat - red let me sow \_\_\_\_\_ love. \_\_\_\_\_ Where  
 9 there's des - pair in life, let me bring hope. \_\_\_\_\_ Where

13 there is in - ju - ry, your par - don Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ And  
 there is dark - ness \_\_\_\_\_ on - ly light, \_\_\_\_\_ And

18 where there's doubt, true faith in you. \_\_\_\_\_  
 where there's sad - ness ev - er \_\_\_\_\_ joy. \_\_\_\_\_

23 Oh, Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek \_\_\_\_\_ so

28 much to be con - soled as to con - sole. \_\_\_\_\_ To be un - der - stood

33 as to un - der - stand; \_\_\_\_\_ to be loved as to love with all my  
 soul. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. \_\_\_\_\_

38 It is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned. \_\_\_\_\_ In

43 giv - ing to all \_\_\_\_\_ that we re - ceive, \_\_\_\_\_ And in dy - ing that we're

48 born to e - ter - nal life. \_\_\_\_\_ Oh, life. \_\_\_\_\_

Hymn 470 (#3): There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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Jesus Christ our Lord

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness of the sea;  
2 There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven;  
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure of the mind;

there's a kind-ness in his jus-tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.  
there is no place where earth's fail-ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.  
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.

There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good;  
There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been shed;  
If our love were but more faith - ful, we should take him at his word;

there is mer - cy with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.  
there is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.  
and our life would be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863), alt.  
Music: Beecher, John Zundel (1815-1882), alt.

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Closing Hymn (#4): The Norrie Hymn

Pequot Chapel "Norrie" Hymn (Tune Name is "Evening Prayer")

Music by George C. Stebbins; Words by John Newton; both found in many older hymnals, *but not usually together*. Sung by the soloist at the end of each service at Pequot Chapel for as long as any of us can remember, and called the "Norrie Hymn" because Gordon Norrie, Presiding Officer of the Chapel from 1890 to 1907, apparently heard this combination while on a trip to England and brought it back to be sung at the Chapel. [RAPjr 2006]

*p* May the grace of Christ our Sav- iour  
Thus may we a- bide in un- ion

and the Fa- ther's bound- less love,  
with each o- ther and the Lord,

With- Thy Ho- ly Spir- it's fav- our  
And poss- ess in sweet com- mun- ion

**INTRO**  
rest up- on earth us from a- bove.  
joys which earth can- not af- ford. A- men.