

Participating in Worship

Worship Leader: Rev. Lisa Horst Clark

Musicians: Randy Wallingford, Sam Bent

Organist: Laura Ouimette

About Today's Music

"God Be in My Head," comes from the Sarum Book of Hours, 1514. The 'Hours' refer to a set rhythm of prayer to be made through the eight canonical hours of the day as prescribed for a monastic house, and the Sarum Book was one of a series of medieval liturgical productions from the cathedral church of Salisbury, Wiltshire, England. During the latter part of the thirteenth century the Book of Hours became popular as a personal prayer book for men and women who led secular lives. "God Be in My Head" has been set to music at various times, this one coming to us from Andrew Carter (b.1939) and published in 1992. Carter was born in Leicester and later settled in York, where he founded the Chapter House Choir which he conducted for seventeen years, and for whom he wrote many of his early published arrangements. In 1997 he was commissioned to write a mass (Missa Sancti Pauli) for the tercentenary celebration of St. Paul's Cathedral in London, and the famous annual BBC Nine Lessons and Carols service by the Choir of King's College has included several of his carols. "Hands and Feet," from the 2010 self-titled debut album 'Brilliance' is an offering from the musical duo of David Gungor and John Arndt, who call themselves The Brilliance. The pair grew up together in Marshfield, Wisconsin, and formed their partnership in early 2009 in Tulsa, Oklahoma where Gungor, a pastor, was leading worship services. He became inspired to create a unique and different musical experience outside of the typical "Christian music" soundscape, constructed in a fresh way. He asked his longtime friend and fellow musician John Arndt to produce a record based around a string quartet and piano, and to do the string arrangements. Among other releases, The Brilliance partnered with World Relief to raise awareness for the DACA dreamers, leading to the first album in a series of "Suites," a set of songs and pieces united by a theme. In May, 2020, they released a music video in support of their single, "Telephone," dedicated to healthcare workers in the midst of the pandemic.



Order of Worship January 15, 2023

Our Mission:

*To be an inclusive faith presence in the city and beyond,
claiming one God with many names,
the Christian faith with many paths,
offering an open welcome to all,
affirming diversity,
and advancing the work of justice in our world.*

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* Indicates please stand as you are able

Prelude *Berceuse* Vierne

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Question: *If you were going to identify as a metaphorical part of the body, what would you be? Head? Feet? Elbow?*

Introit

Call to Worship

Hymn #177* *God of Change and Glory*

Scripture Corinthians 12:12-16

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with

greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect, whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Time with Children

Anthem *Hands and Feet* The Brilliance

Children are dismissed to Faith Formation.

Reflection

Hymn #351* *I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry*

Reflection

Anthem *God Be In My Head* Andrew Carter

Prayer *Rev. Lisa Horst Clark*

Time of Reflection

You're invited forward to light a candle, write a prayer request, or to give an offering.

Hymn #282* *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

Benediction

Postlude *Kleine Fuge* Theophil Forchhammer