Notes for Today's Worship

About the Worship Leader

John-Mark Brown is a graduate of Carson-Newman College in Biblical Studies. He is from the small, quaint town of Jefferson City, TN. He eagerly anticipates a role in congregational ministry, but also loves talking about music and theology.

Worship

Today's worship service was planned by Andria Williamson (MDiv ’17), Daniel Potter (MDiv ’16), and John-Mark Brown (MDiv ’15).

Cover


Help make the Earth a much healthier planet simply by saving paper. View this bulletin and previous versions online, using your mobile or tablet device, at www.divinity.wfu.edu/worship.
Gathering
Prelude
Call to Worship  Patrick Cardwell (MDiv ’16)
*Hymn "The God of Abraham Praise" (page 3)  Rachel Revelle (MDiv ’16), violin

Centering
Invocation and Witnessing Beatrice Franklin (MDiv ’16)
Scripture: Genesis 9:8-17 Terrinae Watson (MDiv ’15)
Carl Brown (MDiv ’16)
Jonathan Gamble (MDiv ’17)
*Hymn: "God of the Sparrow" (page 4)

Proclaiming
Sermon  John-Mark Brown (MDiv ’15)

Responding
Reflection in Silence
Prayers of the People Lisa Page (MDiv ’15)

Sending
*Hymn: "Higher Ground" (page 5)
*Benediction John-Mark Brown (MDiv ’15)

* Please stand in body and/or spirit.
The God of Abraham Praise

1 The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above,
Your spirit still flows free, high surfing where it will.
Your goodly land we seek, with peace and plenty blest,
You have eternal life implanted in the soul;

the Ancient of Eternal Days, the God of love!
In prophet's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
a land of sacred liberty and Sabbath rest.
your love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.

The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed,
Established is your law, and changeless it shall stand,
There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,
We praise you, living God! We praise your holy name:

we bow before your holy name, forever blest.
deep writ upon the human heart by your strong hand.
and trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.
the first, the last, beyond all thought, and still the same!

Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the Yigdal, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.

MUSIC: Jewish melody, 17th cent.; adapt. Meyer Lyon and Thomas Olivers, 1770
All 1. God of the sparrow God of the whale
Men 2. God of the earthquake God of the storm
Women 3. God of the rainbow God of the cross
Men 4. God of the hungry God of the sick
Women 5. God of the neighbor God of the foe
All 6. God of the ages God near at hand

God of the swirl - ing stars
God of the trum - pet blast
God of the emp - ty grave
God of the prod - i - gal
God of the prun - ing hook
God of the lov - ing heart

How does the crea - ture say Awe
How does the crea - ture say Woe
How does the crea - ture say Grace
How does the crea - ture say Care
How does the crea - ture say Love
How do your chil - dren say Joy

How does the crea - ture say Praise
How does the crea - ture cry Save
How does the crea - ture say Thanks
How does the crea - ture say Life
How does the crea - ture say Peace
How do your chil - dren say Home
Gathering
Prelude
Call to Worship  Patrick Cardwell (MDiv '16)
*Hymn "The God of Abraham Praise" Rachel Revelle (MDiv '16), violin

Centering
Invocation and Witnessing Beatrice Franklin (MDiv '16)
Scripture: Genesis 9:8-17 Terrinae Watson (MDiv '15)
Carl Brown (MDiv '16)
Jonathan Gamble (MDiv '17)

*Hymn: "God of the Sparrow"

Proclaiming
Sermon  John-Mark Brown (MDiv '15)

Responding
Reflection in Silence
Prayers of the People Lisa Page (MDiv '15)

Sending
*Hymn: "Higher Ground"
*Benediction John-Mark Brown (MDiv '15)

This hymn is in the public domain. You may freely use this score for personal and congregational worship. If you reproduce the score, please credit Hymnary.org as the source.
Notes for Today’s Worship

About the Worship Leader
John-Mark Brown is a graduate of Carson-Newman College in Biblical Studies. He is from the small, quaint town of Jefferson City, TN. He eagerly anticipates a role in congregational ministry, but also loves talking about music and theology.

Worship
Today’s worship service was planned by Andria Williamson (MDiv ’17), Daniel Potter (MDiv ’16), and John-Mark Brown (MDiv ’15).

Cover