



# GRACE CHURCH IN PROVIDENCE

*Welcome to "Voices of Grace",  
our virtual worship experience that features parishioners  
leading worship from their own homes.  
We hope you join us from yours!  
Wherever you are, we pray for your health and  
well-being. God bless you!*

*Jonathan+*

**JULY 19, 2020 ~ THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
VOICES OF GRACE "VIRTUAL" WORSHIP

## VOLUNTARY

*from Variations on Ora Labora*

*Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)*

*Introduction*

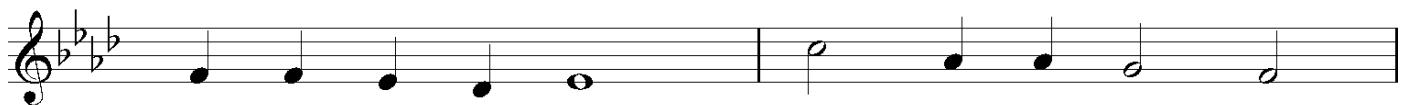
*I. With quiet motion*

*IV. Slowly and languorously*

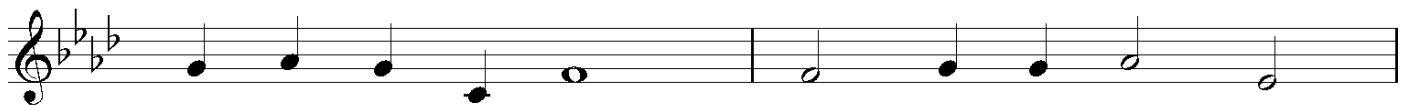
## HYMN 541



1	Come,	la - bor	on.	Who	dares	stand	i - dle
2	Come,	la - bor	on.	The	en - e - my	is	
3	Come,	la - bor	on.	A -	way	with	gloom - y
4	Come,	la - bor	on.	Claim	the	high	call - ing
5	Come,	la - bor	on.	No	time	for	rest, till



1	on	the	har - vest	plain,	while	all	a - round	us
2	watch - ing	night	and	day,	to	sow	the	tares, to
3	doubts	and	faith - less	fear!	No	arm	so	weak but
4	an - gels	can - not	share -		to	young	and	old the
5	glows	the	west - ern	sky,	till	the	long	sha - dows



1	waves	the	gold - en	grain?	And	to	each	ser - vant
2	snatch	the	seed	a - way;	while	we	in	sleep our
3	may	do	ser - vice	here:	by	feeb - lest	a -	gents
4	Gos - pel	glad - ness	bear:		re - deem	the	time;	its
5	o'er	our	path - way	lie,	and	a	glad	sound comes



1 does the Mas - ter say, “Go work to - day.”  
2 du - ty have for - got, he slum - bered\_\_\_ not.  
3 may our God ful - fill his right - eous\_\_\_ will.  
4 hours too swift - ly fly. The night draws\_\_\_ nigh.  
5 with the set - ting sun,\_\_\_ “Ser - vants, well done.”

*Words: Jane Laurie Borthwick (1813-1897), alt.  
Music: Ora Labora, Thomas Tertius Noble (1867-1953)*

## THE LESSONS

### THE FIRST LESSON

*Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19*

*Read by Roberta Powell*

**T**HERE is no god besides you, whose care is for all people,  
to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly;  
for your strength is the source of righteousness,  
and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all.  
For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power,  
and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it.  
Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness,  
and with great forbearance you govern us;  
for you have power to act whenever you choose.  
Through such works you have taught your people  
that the righteous must be kind,  
and you have filled your children with good hope,  
because you give repentance for sins.

### THE SECOND LESSON

*Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43*

*Read by Joseph Berryhill*

**J**ESUS said, put before the crowd another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man

will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

The Word of the Lord.  
*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOMILY

The Reverend Lavonne Seifert

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Led by Joy Twelves*

ANTHEM

THOU SHALT BRING THEM IN,  
and plant them in the mountain of Thine inheritance,  
in the place O Lord, which Thou hast made, for Thee to dwell in,  
in the sanctuary, O Lord, which Thy hands have established.

*Christopher Lowrey, Countertenor*

*Words: Exodus 15:17*

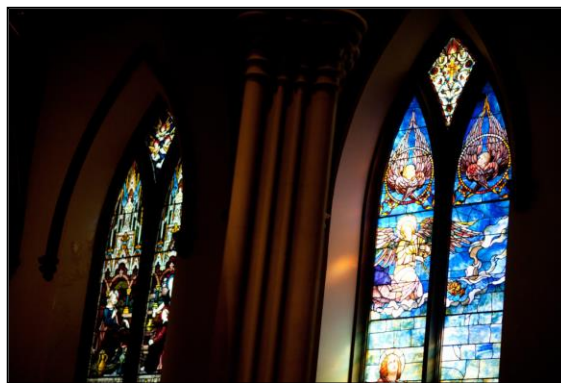
*Music: Alto Aria from Israel in Egypt, HWV 54, George Frederic Händel (1685-1759)*

THE BLESSING

*The Rector*

~ PRAYER LIST ~

This week, we pray for: *the family of Avis Payne, the Scanlan family, Diana, Robert Cramer, all those caring for the sick, those seeking treatments and vaccines for the virus, and all those whose work places them in harm's way.* We also pray for those members of our church who are homebound.



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