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Service for the Lord's Day

October 18, 2020

11:00 a.m.

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

*Whether you are visiting just for today or seeking a church home, we are glad you are here!
We invite all worshippers to record your presence with us by signing the blue folders found in the pews.*

Gathering in Prayer

PRELUDE "Nothing But the Blood of Jesus" Robert Lowery

GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF THE MORNING

Almighty and everlasting God, increase our faith, hope, and love; and, that we may receive all you promise, make us love what you have commanded; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Gathering Around the Word

CHORAL INTROIT "I Thank You, Lord" Joseph Martin

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Exalt the Almighty and worship at God's Holy mountain,

People for the Lord our God is holy.

Leader: Look! The Lord draws near; come into the presence of the Holy One.

All: Let us behold the glory of our God.

+PRAYER OF ADORATION

+HYMN OF ADORATION "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" #138

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living Lord, in you we live and move and have our being. You call us to give all that we are and all that we have in service to Christ. But we hold tightly to our treasure, afraid we will not have enough for ourselves, and hold back our talents, afraid these gifts will not be enough. God, unclench our fists and help us to give fully and freely so that, in all things, we might serve and glorify you. Amen.

(A moment of silent prayer for personal confessions.)

+DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

+GLORIA PATRI ***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen, Amen.***

Proclaiming the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Make Us One, Father”
Solo by Karen Thomasy

Paul Johnson

PSALM READING

Psalm 96:1-9

Leader: Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

People: Sing to the LORD and bless the LORD’s name; proclaim the good news of salvation from day to day.

Leader: Declare the glory of the LORD among the nations and the wonders of the LORD among all peoples.

People: For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods.

Leader: As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but it is the LORD who made the heavens.

People: Oh, the majesty and magnificence of the presence of the LORD! Oh, the power and the splendor of the sanctuary of our God!

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

All: Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the divine name; come to the holy courts with your offerings. Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble in awe.

THE OLD TESTAMENT

Exodus 33:12-23

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

THE EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

MEDITATION

“Jesus Let Us Just Come to Know You”

Twila Paris

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-22

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

“In Whose Image?”

Elder Shayne Embry

Responding to the Word

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God’s purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD AND THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

***Hear our prayer, O Lord,
Hear our prayer, O Lord.
Incline thine ear to us,
And grant us thy peace. Amen.***

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

+HYMN

“We Give Thee but Thine Own”

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+COMMISSIONING

Leader: We have gathered in community to worship God.
Now our service of praise continues in the world.

**People: We have been equipped with the gospel message.
God empowers our outreach wherever we go.**

Leader: God has forgotten and blessed us in this gathering.
Now we scatter to forgive and bless others.

**People: Here, the Holy Spirit has deepened our convictions.
Now God calls to let our faith be known in other places.**

Leader: We serve a true and living God, everywhere present.
We are blessed to be God’s own people.

**All: We will spend ourselves this week for God’s children.
Then we will return to strengthen one another.**

+BENEDICTION

+BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“A Blessing”

Carol Latimer

**Wherever you may go, may you feel God’s arms around you.
Wherever you may be may God’s peace surround you.
May the songs we’ve shared resound within your heart,
And wherever you may go, may love follow.**

POSTLUDE

“May the Feet of God Walk with You”

Robin Mann

+Please stand, if you are able

*Grant, O Lord,
that what has been said with our lips we may believe in our hearts,
and that what we believe in our hearts we may practice in our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

