

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 10, 2021

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Prelude in F Major* J. S. Bach

Prayer of Preparation (*you may prepare for worship by praying silently*)

Loving God, you alone are good and all things are possible for you. Show us what we need to do to become your faithful followers, so that we may receive the gift of eternal life in the age to come; through Christ, the first and last. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements Mac Forsyth

Call to Worship (responsive)

Who can claim to be good?

No one is good but God alone.

Then who can hope to be saved?

Nothing is impossible for God.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn of Praise 725 – *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

* Call to Confession

Since we have, in Jesus our Savior, a great high priest in the house of God, let us approach God with confidence, claiming the promise of our baptism. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

* Prayer of Confession (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You rain down mercy upon us, yet we murmur in our discontent. You cast out the evil within us, yet we fling curses at others. Forgive us, God of grace. Call us home from our wandering, deliver our souls from death, and cover us with your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(time for silent confession)

* Declaration of Forgiveness (responsive)

This is the promise of the Lord—that by the power of the Holy Spirit God will transform our lives and remember our sin no more. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

* The Congregation's Response: *Gloria Patri* Hymn 581

**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.**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Time with Children Michael Ginn

Prayer for Illumination

Almighty and eternal God, you sent Jesus into this world to testify to the truth. By the power of your Spirit help us to listen to his voice so that we may testify to the world that we are your people and you are our God; through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Savior. Amen.

First Reading – Hebrews 4:12-16 pew Bible pg. 972

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem – *Soon Ah Will Be Done*

William Dawson

Soon ah will be don a-wid de troubles ob de worl', (repeat)
goin' home t' live wid God.

I wan' t' meet my mother, (repeat)
I'm goin t' live wid God.

Soon ah will be don a-wid de troubles ob de worl', (repeat)
No more weepin' an' a wailin', (repeat)

Soon ah will be don a-wid de troubles ob de worl', (repeat)
I wan' t' meet my Jesus, (repeat)

Second Reading – Mark 10:17-31

pew Bible pg. 822

The Word of the LORD.

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Sermon – *Jesus, Looking at Him, Loved Him*

Rev. Dr. Christopher Croftwell

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

* Hymn of Thanksgiving 175 – *Seek Ye First*

* Affirmation of Faith: (unison) The Apostles' Creed (Hymnal pg. 35)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the
Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day
he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on
the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come**

to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (unison)

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.

Invitation to Offering

The Lord will humble the mighty and raise the poor from the dust. With awe and wonder, hope and joy, let us present our lives to the Lord. (time for silence)

Offertory – *Aria Cantabile*

Samuel Wesley

* The Doxology – Hymn 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Prayer of Dedication (unison)

To you, O God, we offer our lives—our abundance, our poverty, all that we have, all that we are— as a sign of our great thanksgiving for the treasure of your grace. Take and use us for good in the world that you so love; we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn of Consecration 720 – *Jesus Calls Us*

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude – *Marche*

A. Metzner



* Please stand at the * as you are able. Unison readings are **printed in bold**.
Please remove all papers from the sanctuary when you leave.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Oct. 9 3:00-6:30 p.m. USM parking lot fundraiser
- Oct. 10 11:35 a.m. Diaconate
11:35 a.m. Mission meeting
5:00-6:30 p.m. Youth-Children
- Oct. 12 9:30 a.m. Circle 1 Parlor
11 a.m. Brown Bag in the Parlor
6:30 p.m. Circle 2 at the church
- Oct. 13 5:30 p.m. Wednesday night supper
6:00 p.m. Activities
7:00 p.m. Choir



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- Oct. 14 6:30 a.m. MOC breakfast in Montague Hall
- Oct. 15-16 8:00-1:00 p.m. FURNITURE SALE furniture warehouse
- Oct. 16 11:30-3:00 p.m. USM parking lot fundraiser
- Oct. 17 11:35 a.m. Session
5:00-6:30 p.m. Youth-Children
- Oct. 18 12:00 p.m. New Beginnings

