

Bethania Moravian Church

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost | October 18, 2020

Watchword for the Week-- *Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
Tell of his salvation from day to day.* Psalm 96:2

Prelude

Down to the River to Pray

arr. Sheldon Curry (2002)

*As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good ol' way
and who shall wear the starry crown. Good Lord, show me the way.*

O sisters (brothers, fathers, mothers, sinners) let's go down, let's go down, come on down.
O sister's let's go down, down to the river to pray.*

Welcome, Announcements and Prayer Concerns

*Liturgy of Confession

The Lord is in His holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him. The mighty God, even the Lord, has spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God has shined.

T. OLD HUNDREDTH

From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise;
Let the Redeemer's Name be sung through every land, by every tongue.

Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His holy hill: for the Lord our God is holy.

But who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who shall stand in his holy place?

He who has clean hands and a pure heart; who has not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If any person sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins:

And not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

Drawing near in full assurance of faith, let us confess our sins, and present our supplication before the Lord our God. Let us pray:

Thou high and lofty One, Who inhabits eternity, Whose Name is holy, Who dwell in the high and holy place, but with him also who is of a contrite and humble spirit, give us grace to bring Thee the sacrifice of a broken and contrite heart, which Thou, O God, dost not despise.

Hear us, gracious Lord and God.

Lord God, merciful and gracious, long suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and Who will by no means forgive the unrepentant; incline Thine ear and hear; for we do not offer our supplications before Thee relying on our own goodness, but on Thy great compassion.

Hear us, gracious Lord and God.

Create in us a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within us. Restore unto us the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold us with Thy free spirit. Have mercy upon us, according to Thy loving-kindness; according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies, blot out our transgressions, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Thus saith the Lord: I will be merciful to your iniquities, and your sins will I remember no more. Peace be unto you.

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

Psalm 96:1-13

Matthew 22:15-22

Meditation

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God of mercy, God of grace, show the brightness of Thy face;
Shine upon us, Savior, shine; fill Thy Church with life divine,
And Thy saving health extend unto earth's remotest end.

Let the people praise Thee, Lord; be by all that live adored;
Let the nations shout and sing glory to their Savior King,
At Thy feet their tributes pay and Thy holy will obey.

Let the people praise Thee, Lord; earthy shall then her fruits afford,
God to us His blessings give, we to God devoted live,
All below and all above, one in joy and light and love.

Benediction

Jude Benediction

***Postlude**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Johann G. Walther (1684-1748)

*Please remain at your seats during the postlude.

Leaders in Today's Worship:

Scott Rainey, Music Director and Pastoral Intern

Burke Bovender and Idalia Canter, Co-Vice Chairs, Board of Elders

Logan Swaim and Rylee Swaim, Duet

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