

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 18, 2020

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather in God's Name . . .

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

(for silent prayer during the prelude)

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations. Preserve the works of your mercy, that your church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.¹ Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP (FROM PSALM 99)

One: The Lord is King; let the peoples tremble!

All: He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

One: The Lord is great in Zion;

All: he is exalted over all the peoples.

One: Let them praise your great and awesome name.

All: Holy is he! Let us worship God!

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers" #325

Spirit divine, attend our prayers, And make this house Your home;
Descend with all Your gracious powers; O come, great Spirit,
come!
Come as the light; to us reveal Our emptiness and woe; And lead
us in those paths of life Where all the righteous go.
Come as the fire and purge our hearts Like sacrificial flame; Let
our whole soul an offering be To our Redeemer's name.
Come as the dove and spread Your wings, The wings of peaceful
love; And let the church on earth become Blest as the church
above.

Spirit divine, attend our prayers; Make a lost world Your home;
Descend with all Your gracious powers; O come, great Spirit,
come!

*CALL TO CONFESSION

The Psalmist writes of God's relationship with the Israelites, "O Lord our God, you answered them: you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings." Let us, also, come before God in humility and ask his forgiveness for our wrongdoings.

*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus answers the Pharisees in saying, "Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." Too often, Lord, our priorities are upside down. We give what is yours to others or hoard them for ourselves. Forgive our failure to acknowledge that everything originates with you. Forgive our multitude of sins, and make us holy. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The scriptures testify in multiple places that God is a forgiving God. Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy. Repent and know that you are forgiven. Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

. . . to Proclaim God's Word

FIRST READING Exodus 33:12-23 **p. 80**

EPISTLE READING 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 **p. 203**

***GOSPEL READING** Matthew 22:15-22 **p. 24**

SERMON "The Presence of God" Gary Klette

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

*CONFESSION OF FAITH *Heidelberg Catechism* (Question 45)

One: How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

Many: First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he obtained for us by his death. Second, by his power we too are already raised to a new life. Third, Christ's resurrection is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection.

. . . to Give Thanks to God . . .

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (IN UNISON)

Merciful God, the confession is clear in the benefits of Christ's resurrection. Only he could overcome death that we might share in his righteousness. Only he had the power that we might be raised to new life. Only he could demonstrate a sure pledge of our own resurrection. With thanksgiving for his merciful acts on our behalf, we offer these gifts for the work of your church in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

. . . and to Be Sent in God's Name.

CLOSING HYMN: "Lord, Make Us More Holy" #536

Lord, make us more holy, Lord, make us more holy, Lord, make us more holy, Until we meet again. Holy, holy, holy, Until we meet again.

Lord, make us more loving, Lord, make us more loving, Lord, make us more loving, Until we meet again. Loving, loving, loving, Until we meet again.

Lord, make us more patient, Lord, make us more patient, Lord, make us more patient, Until we meet again. Patient, patient, patient, Until we meet again.

Lord, make us more faithful, Lord, make us more faithful, Lord, make us more faithful, Until we meet again. Faithful, faithful, faithful, Until we meet again.

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

ⁱ Book of Common Worship, 381.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mon. Oct. 19	Food Pantry Leadership Meeting	6:30 PM
Wed. Oct. 21	Evening Prayer	6:30 PM

Welcome to worship with us online!

Our thanks go to our guest preacher Gary Klette.

Thanks to all those who have served and those who have signed up for **Coffee Hour**. Some have served more than once. We appreciate all of you!

The **Pastor Nominating Committee** continues to invite your answers to the questions they have sent members of our newsletter mailing list. Paper copies of the questions are available in the narthex.

The sidewalk on the east side of the church has become dangerous and needs replacement before winter. Neil Weisgram has estimated the cost to replace at \$4000.00. Donations to compete this project are urgently needed. Please consider helping. Contact any Property Committee member if you have any questions.

I (Pastor Andy) had an opportunity to visit the **Food Pantry** recently, which I understand was begun by our congregation and benefits from many faithful volunteers. I inquired of the Stordahls whether there are any supplies they particularly need. They would invite your donations of laundry detergent, toilet paper, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, paper towels, and wet wipes for babies.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Just a reminder from the **Property Committee**, please make sure that all doors of the church are securely closed and locked as well as making sure that all lights in the building are turned off after any use of the building. We would very much appreciate this.

If you have any articles to contribute to the **November's Newsletter**, please turn them into the office no later than **October 23rd**.

Pastor Andy will be away on study leave and vacation October 12th through October 25th. While he is away, the Session has voted to cancel in-person worship and Coffee Hour for today, October 18th and next Sunday, October 25th. Wednesday Evening Prayer will continue in Pastor Andy's absence in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 PM.

Last week, combined giving was **\$2,414.00**. In order to meet expenses, we need to average **\$2,588.00** per week.

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