

8:45 A.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP
October 18, 2020
20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(Please follow the ushers' direction on seating. We will maintain at least 6 feet between individuals unless you come as a family who live together.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: "Choral Prelude" – C. V. Stanford

P. We prepare our hearts and minds for worship, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

CONFESSION:

C. Almighty God, I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. I have sinned by what I have done and what I have left undone. I have not loved you with my whole heart. I have not loved my neighbor as myself. Forgive me. Renew me. Lead me. I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who suffered for us all and was raised from the dead, that first Easter. Amen.

P. It is always my honor and privilege to announce that God has freely forgiven you and me. We stand here, trusting, by God's grace alone. We stand here as free men and women, boys and girls. May the wind of Pentecost move our hearts and our hands.

C. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

1 Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
 he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
 he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword:
 his truth is marching on.

Refrain

Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
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 His truth is marching on.

2 He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
 he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat.
 Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!
 Our God is marching on. *Refrain*

3 In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
 with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me.
 As he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,
 while God is marching on. *Refrain*

Text: Julia Ward Howe, 1819-1910.

APOSTOLIC GREETING:

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Dear God, grant your wisdom to this nation and to all nations so that your Church may joyfully serve in confidence and peace. Help us to know that seeing you as “first” puts everything else into perspective. We ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

BIBLE READINGS

SERMON: “Trick Question / Insulting Answer”

Pastor Larry Isbell

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Take My Live, That I May Be”

- 1 Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

- 2 Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

- 4 Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shall choose.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.

APOSTLES' CREED:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the dead,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

(At the end of each petition, the leader will say "Lord, in your mercy." Feel free to respond with "Hear our prayer.")

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION:

P. Now may God, who has loved us with a love beyond all telling, send us forth to care for the world around us and to share the good news of that love, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

SENDING HYMN: “Go My Children, with My Blessing”

- 1 “Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”
- 2 “Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son’s story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”
- 3 “Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.

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DISMISSAL:

- P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!
- C. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: “Allegro Moderato” (Organ Concerto no. 6) – G. F. Handel / J. Walsh

*(Please exit row by row, beginning with the back.
Talk to others from a distance in the parking lot.)*

Today’s altar flowers are offered to the glory of God.