



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Twentieth Sunday
after Pentecost

October 10, 2021

Due to COVID precautions, we are asking everyone in the congregation to remain masked, and to enjoy singing the hymns and responses.

MEDITATION

Our goal in life is to convert ourselves from the pernicious agenda that is the self to an awareness of God's goodness present in the other.

*Joan Chittister,
Illuminated Life: Monastic Wisdom for Seekers of Light*

PRELUDE: Fugue in G minor
John Finney, organ

J. S. Bach

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

Richard Edens

All who are able, please stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Word of God is living and active.
It pierces and judges and opens us to God's grace.

All: God knows our thoughts and intentions.

One: Leave everything to follow Jesus.
This is the time to embrace new ways.

**All: Here we set the patterns for everyday life.
Here we are strengthened for the challenges ahead.
Come now into our midst, Holy God. Amen.**

Please remain standing for the hymn.

HYMN: Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above *Mit Freuden zart*
Hymns of Truth & Light (blue hymnal), #25

Please be seated.

COLLECT

One: Let us pray.

All: **Gracious God, grant us wisdom to pattern our lives and understanding to see that even our emptiness can be in your service. Give us the knowledge that confinements may be ruptured and new life brought forth. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

GLORIA

Music by Alice Jordan

**Glorify God the Creator,
and to the Christ, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.**

All who are able, please stand.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Please be seated.

LESSON: Mark 10:17-31, NRSV

Charlie Liebenberg

A man with "many possessions" is called by Jesus to follow him.

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the

commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age-- houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions--and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

Reader: For the Word of God in scripture,
among us, and within us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM: My Soul, O God, Longs for Thee *Michael McCabe*
Chancel Choir

*As longs the deer for cooling streams in parched and barren ways,
So longs my soul, O God, for thee and thy refreshing grace.
For thee, my God, the living God, my thirsty soul doth pine;
O when shall I behold thy face, thou majesty divine?
Why restless, why cast down, my soul? Hope still, and thou shalt sing
The praise of him who is thy God, thy health's eternal spring.
To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom we adore
Be glory as it was, is now, and shall be evermore.*

PRAYER CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER & OUR 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY: Quia fecit mihi magna (from *Magnificat*) *J. S. Bach*
Garrett Murphy, baritone

For God who is mighty has magnified me, and holy is God's name.

All who are able, please stand.

DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

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

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

Thank you, God, for the resources that you have entrusted to us. We dedicate our time, money and ourselves to your service. Embrace us in your love that we may find joy in the free gift of your grace and know the meaning of true riches. Amen.

Please remain standing for the hymn and Benediction.

HYMN: We Who Would Valiant Be

St. Dunstan's

New Century Hymnal (black hymnal), #494

COMMISSION & BENEDICTION

Please be seated during the Postlude.

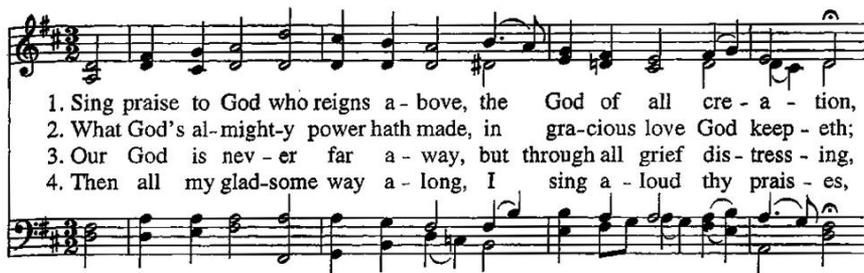
POSTLUDE: Presto (from *Concerto in G major*)

J. S. Bach (after Johann Ernst)



*Chancel Flowers are given by David and Laurie Otten
in memory of our parents, Henry and Mary Esther Otten,
and Goodwill and Valerie Stewart.*

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above 25



1. Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre - a - tion,
 2. What God's al - might - y power hath made, in gra - cious love God keep - eth;
 3. Our God is nev - er far a - way, but through all grief dis - tress - ing,
 4. Then all my glad - some way a - long, I sing a - loud thy prais - es,



the God of power, the God of love, the God of our sal - va - tion.
 by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth.
 an ev - er pre - sent help and stay, our peace and joy and bless - ing.
 that all may hear the grate - ful song my voice un - wearied rais - es.



With heal - ing balm my soul is filled and ev - ery faith - less
 With - in the wis - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
 As with a moth - er's ten - der hand, God gent - ly leads the
 Be joy - ful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and bod - y



mur - mur stilled: to God all praise and glo - ry.
 all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry.
 pil - grim band: to God all praise and glo - ry.
 bear your part: to God all praise and glo - ry.

WORDS: Johann J. Schütz, 1675; tr. Frances E. Cox, 1864, alt.
 MUSIC: Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesänge*, 1566

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We Who Would Valiant Be

John Bunyan, 1684; alt.

1 We who would val - iant be: let us not wa - ver,
 2 Those who may us sur-round with dis - mal sto - ries,
 3 Since, Sav - ior, you de - fend us with your Spir - it,

but in true con - stan - cy fol - low the Sav - ior.
 on - ly them - selves con-found; our strength the more is.
 we know we at the end shall life in - her - it.

There's no dis - cour - age-ment shall make us once re - lent
 No foes shall give us fright, ours is the one true Light;
 Cruel ru - mors, flee a - way! We'll fear not what they say;

our first a - vowed in - tent to live as pil - grims.
 we will make good our right to live as pil - grims.
 we'll la - bor night and day to live as pil - grims.

The English author John Bunyan became an influential Congregational and Baptist preacher, for which he was imprisoned for many years. Part One of his Pilgrim's Progress

Tune: ST. DUNSTAN'S 6.5.6.5.6.6.6.5.
 C. Winfred Douglas, 1917

“We Who Would Valiant Be”

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WE ARE AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION.
NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE,
NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE
ON LIFE'S JOURNEY,
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.