

Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 18, 2020

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

(As the Prelude begins, you are invited to enter a time of prayer and meditation as we prepare to worship God together.)

The Prelude

My Soul is Filled with Joy - Magnificat

Scottish Folk Tune

The Introit

Rock of ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy wounded side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure,
cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Words: A. M. Toplady, 1776 (altered)
Music: Richard Redhead, 1853

The Call to Worship

One: Let our hearts exult in the Lord;

All: our strength is exalted in God.

One: Let our mouths be ever fixed in praise;

All: God has given us the victory.

One: There is no Holy One like the Lord;

All: there is no Rock like our God.

Praise the Lord!

The Hymn No. 103

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

4. Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

The Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Among the poor, among the proud,
among the persecuted, among the privileged,
Christ is coming to make all things new.**

**In the private house, in the public place,
in the wedding feast, in the judgment hall,
Christ is coming to make all things new.**

**With a gentle touch, with an angry word,
with a clear conscience, with burning love,
Christ is coming to make all things new.**

**That the kingdom may come, that the world may believe,
that the powerful may stumble, that the hidden may be seen,
Christ is coming to make all things new.**

Come, Christ. Quickly come. Amen.

The Old Testament Lesson

1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalter pages 819-820 with response

Psalm 99

[The first response will be sung by the choir and then by everyone. All other responses will be sung by everyone.]

Response:



Be ex - alt-ed, O God, a - bove the heavens! Let your glo - ry o - ver all the earth be found.

- 1 The Lord is King; let the people tremble;
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.
- 2 **The Lord is great in Zion;
he is high above all peoples.**
- 3 Let them confess his name, which is great and awesome;
he is the Holy One.
- 4 O Might King, lover of justice,
you have established equity;
**you have executed justice
and righteous in Jacob.**

- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down before his footstool;
he is the Holy One.

Response

- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name,
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.
- 7 **He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;**
they kept his testimonies
and the decree that he gave them.
- 8 **O Lord our God, you answered them indeed;**
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and worship him upon his holy hill;
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

Response

The Epistle Lesson

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Hymn No. 2189

A Mother Lined a Basket

WEST MAIN

1. A mother lined a basket to keep her baby dry,
then rocked him on a river, lest he awake and cry.
She let a princess name him her son that he might live.
God's people had a leader. She has such hope to give.
2. A mother sewed a jacket lined in the softest wool,
then dressed her little boy-child, her cup of blessing full.
She brought him to the temple where he would serve and live.
God's people had a prophet. She has such faith to give.
3. A mother laid her baby in manger lined with straw;
then, in the shepherd's story, his call from God foresaw.
She nurtured him and taught him the way that he must live.
God's people had a savior. She had such love to give.
4. Like Jochebed and Hannah, and Mary too, we know
the hardest part of loving is learning to let go.
So when we send our children out in the world to live,
grant us such hope and faith, God, and love enough to give.

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Leader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.

People:

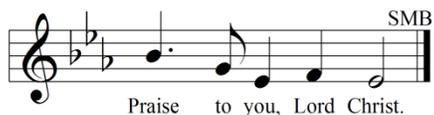


The Gospel Lesson

Matthew 22: 15-22

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People:



The Sermon

The World Turned Upside-Down

Rev. Drew Willson

The Affirmation of Faith No. 881 *The Apostles' Creed*

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 Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at 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 Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Gloria Patri No. 71

Glory Be to the Father

GREATOREX

**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.**

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Anthem

Psalm 99

Anglican Chant by Thomas Attwood

(The text of the anthem may be found at today's Psalm above.)

The Doxology No. 95

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100th

**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.**

The Prayers of the People

The Silent Prayer
The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer No. 895

**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 that 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. Amen.**

The Hymn No. 198

My Soul Gives Glory to My God

MORNING SONG

1. My soul gives glory to my God.
My heart pours out its praise.
God lifted up my lowliness
in many marvelous ways.
2. My God has great things for me;
yes, holy is this name.
All people will declare me blessed,
and blessings they shall claim.
3. From age to age, to all who fear,
such mercy love imparts,
dispensing justice far and near,
dismissing selfish hearts.
4. Love casts the mighty from their thrones,
promotes the insecure,
leaves hungry spirits satisfied,
the rich seem suddenly poor.
5. Praise God, whose loving covenant
supports those in distress,
remembering past promises
with present faithfulness.

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The Benediction

The Choral Response

While I draw this fleeting breath,
when my eyelids close in death,
when I rise to worlds unknown,
and behold thee on thy throne,
Rock of ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.

Words: A. M. Toplady, 1776 (altered)

Music: Richard Redhead, 1853

The Postlude

Postlude on MORNING SONG
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David N. Johnson

We thank these persons who helped us in worship this morning.

Senior Pastor:	Rev. Matthew D. Bates
Minister to Young Adults:	Drew Willson
Director of Music:	Stanley M. Baker
Pianist:	Lee Covington
Singers:	Emily Downey, Regan Sprenkle Todd Minnich, Sam Cook

Scriptures

1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10

⁹ After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the LORD. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. ¹⁰ She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD, and wept bitterly. ¹¹ She made this vow: “O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head.”

¹⁹ They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. ²⁰ In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, “I have asked him of the LORD.”

Hannah's Prayer

2 Hannah prayed and said,

“My heart exults in the LORD;
my strength is exalted in my God.
My mouth derides my enemies,
because I rejoice in my victory.

²“There is no Holy One like the LORD,
no one besides you;
there is no Rock like our God.

³Talk no more so very proudly,
let not arrogance come from your mouth;
for the LORD is a God of knowledge,
and by him actions are weighed.

⁴The bows of the mighty are broken,
but the feeble gird on strength.

⁵Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,
but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.

The barren has borne seven,
but she who has many children is forlorn.

⁶The LORD kills and brings to life;
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

⁷The LORD makes poor and makes rich;
he brings low, he also exalts.

⁸He raises up the poor from the dust;
he lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes
and inherit a seat of honor.

For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's,
and on them he has set the world.

⁹“He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,
but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness;
for not by might does one prevail.

¹⁰The LORD! His adversaries shall be shattered;
the Most High will thunder in heaven.

The LORD will judge the ends of the earth;
he will give strength to his king,
and exalt the power of his anointed.”

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Salutation

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

The Thessalonians' Faith and Example

² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹ For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Matthew 22: 15-22

The Question about Paying Taxes

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” ²¹ They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²² When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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