

Bulletin

November 8, 2020 23rd Sunday after Pentecost (on-line worship service)

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PASTORAL GREETING

VIRTUAL PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRELUDE

“O For A Closer Walk With God” setting by Charles Callahan

RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Henry Augustine

The God of the here and now, is the God of ages past.

The love of the Lord endures.

The God of the elder is the God of the youth.

Let us teach them both, the way of the Lord.

Our God is an awesome God.

Let us proclaim the Kingdom and welcome all those that come in the name of the Lord!

Let us worship God!

HYMN

“My Lord! What a Morning”

#352

Music: African American spiritual; arr. Melva Wilson Costen, 1989, © 1990 Melva W. Costen

Text: African American spiritual

My Lord! what a morning; my Lord! what a morning;

O my Lord! what a morning, when the stars begin to fall, when the stars begin to fall.

*You will hear the trumpet sound to wake the nations under ground,
Looking to my God’s right hand, when the stars begin to fall.*

*You will hear the sinner cry, to wake the nations under ground,
Looking to my God’s right hand, when the stars begin to fall.*

*You will hear the Christian shout, to wake the nations under ground,
Looking to my God’s right hand, when the stars begin to fall.*

My Lord! what a morning; my Lord! what a morning;

O my Lord! what a morning, when the stars begin to fall, when the stars begin to fall.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Henry Augustine

Lord, we come before you as a broken people. We have witnessed death and unrest, sickness and hunger. We have done little to aid those in need. Instead, we have met each other with words of anger and bitterness, to hide our own growing fears. Forgive us Lord, and help us find your way. Mend our hearts and spirits, that we might give to others the same Grace and love you have always given us. Make us steadfast, that we might be the light you would have us be. In your son's holy name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC

"What Does the Lord Require of You?"

#70

Music and Text: Jim Strathdee, 1986; © 1986 *Desert Flower Music*

What does the Lord require of you?

To seek justice and love kindness and walk humbly with your God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Colleen VanAllan

Everlasting God, Lover of humanity, Joy of creation, whose tenacious love holds us: make our hearts the house of your truth, and make our minds the realm of your wisdom, so that our fellowship will become your dwelling place, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 78: 1-7

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,
things that we have heard and known,
that our ancestors have told us.
We will not hide them from their children;
we will tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might,
and the wonders that he has done.

He established a decree in Jacob,
and appointed a law in Israel,
which he commanded our ancestors
to teach to their children;
that the next generation might know them,
the children yet unborn,
and rise up and tell them to their children,
so that they should set their hope in God,
and not forget the works of God,
but keep his commandments;

1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

The Coming of the Lord

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

RESPONSE

Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. Thanks be to God. (Deut. 6:6)

SERMON

"Love In a Time of Transition"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

"Steal Away"

#358

Music and Text: African American spiritual

Music: harm © 1990 Hope Publishing

***Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus!
Steal away, steal away home; I ain't got long to stay here.***

***My Lord, he calls me; he calls me by the thunder.
The trumpet sounds within my soul; I ain't got long to stay here.***

***Green trees are bending; poor sinners stand a trembling.
The trumpet sounds within my soul; I ain't got long to stay here.***

***My Lord, he calls me; he calls me by the lightning.
The trumpet sounds within my soul; I ain't got long to stay here.***

***Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus!
Steal away, steal away home; I ain't got long to stay here.***

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

"Prelude in D Minor"

Caspar Ett