

October 11, 2020 Nineteenth 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 “*Let All Together Praise Our God*” Johann Gottfried Walther

RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP Elizabeth Komara

HYMN “*Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*” #619

Music: John Gross, 1869

Text: Henry Francis Lyte, 1834; adapt. Ecumenical Women’s Center, 1974

*Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; glad of heart your carols raise;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, should sing God’s praise?
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Maker all your days!*

*Like a loving parent caring, God knows well our feeble frame,
gladly all our burdens bearing, still to countless years the same.
Alleluia! Alleluia! All within me, praise God’s name!*

*Angels, teach us adoration; you behold God face to face.
Sun and moon and all creation, dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Elizabeth Komara

Remember us, O God, when you show favor to your people. Deliver us from our sins, for we and our ancestors have trespassed against you. We have committed iniquities. We have failed to consider your wonderful works. We have forgotten your abundance and steadfast love.

(a moment of silence)

We have put you to the test. Forgive us, God.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Beloved, be assured that our God forgives, saves, and gathers us as one, so that we might build God's commonwealth of love.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE **"The Re-membering Puzzle"** Rev. Carson Mouser

MEDITATIVE MUSIC **"In Thee, Lord, Have I Put My Trust"** Johann Christoph Bach

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Sandra Ansley

Night has evaporated in the brilliance of your light, O God, and beckoned us to gather here, so we might listen in the still morning for your words of promise, your words of hope, your words of unimagined possibilities read aloud by a single voice speaking into our communal solitude. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament - Psalm 106: 1-6, 19-23

Praise the Lord!

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures for ever.

Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord,
or declare all his praise?

Happy are those who observe justice,
who do righteousness at all times.

Remember me, O Lord, when you show favour to your people;
help me when you deliver them;

that I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones,
that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation,
that I may glory in your heritage.

Both we and our ancestors have sinned;
we have committed iniquity, have done wickedly.

New Testament - Philippians 4: 1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in

the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

RESPONSE

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Visibly Faithful”

Rev. Carson Mouser

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN

“When We Are Living”

#822

Music: Spanish melody; arr. Barbara C. Mink, 1988

Text: Stanza 1, anon.; English trans. Elise S. Eslinger, 1983;

Stanza 2-4, Roberto Escamilla, 1983, English trans. George Lockwood, 1987

*When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus, and when we’re dying, it is in the Lord.
Both in our living and in our dying, we belong to God; we belong to God.*

*‘Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain, when sensing beauty or in love’s embrace,
whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing, we belong to God; we belong to God.*

*Across this wide world, we shall always find those who are crying with no peace of mind,
but when we help them, or when we feed them, we belong to God; we belong to God.*

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“O God, Thou Faithful God”

Johann Christoph Bach