

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 23, 2022, 9:00 am

You are invited to speak the words in **bold**. + Please stand as you are able.

Music

Chris Garofalo, Director of Music Ministry, Organ & Piano
Marty Matutis, Cantor

Prelude

Impromptu in G-flat, Op.90, No. 3

by Franz Schubert

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Welcome

with Pastor Hannah

+ Call to Worship

with Rich Fleming, Worship Leader

Praise to you, O God!

**Happy are those who live in your courts—
those who are satisfied with the goodness
of your house and your holy temple.**

You are the hope of all things, Holy One,
from the ends of the earth to the farthest seas.

**You make the gateways of the evening
and the morning shout for joy.**

Rejoice in God, O people, and be glad.

Let us shout and sing together for joy.

+ Opening Hymn

Gather Us In

The Faith We Sing #2236

verses 1, 2 & 4

Verse 1

Here in this place new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away,
see in this space our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in – the lost and forsaken,
gather us in – the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

Verse 2

We are the young – our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old – who yearn for your face,
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in – the rich and the haughty,
gather us in – the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

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Verse 4

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away,
but here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in – all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Opening Prayer

with Rich Fleming

**Loving God, help each of us to run with
perseverance the race that you set before us
and to finish that race well with your help.**

**Help us to keep the faith and the teaching that
you have entrusted to us and pass it on faithfully
to those in the next generation who can teach
others also. Thank you for calling us to be pieces
in your beautiful puzzle. We know that your
grace is sufficient in our journey.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

Passing the Peace

with Rich Fleming, Worship Leader

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

Song

Jesus Loves Me

United Methodist Hymnal #191

Verse 1

Jesus loves me! This I know,
for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong;
they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! [x3]
The Bible tells me so.

Time for Young Disciples

with Beth Hagemeyer

Song of Preparation

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

The Faith We Sing #2120

Verses 1 & 4

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Refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness
calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.

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Verse 1

You moved on the waters,
you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
wake from your slumbers
and rise on your wings.

Refrain

Verse 4

You call from tomorrow,
you break ancient schemes,
from the bondage of sorrow
the captives dream dreams,
our women see visions,
our men clear their eyes,
with bold new decisions
your people arise.

Refrain

Scripture Reading

with Donna Pries

Luke 18: 9-14

⁹ Jesus spoke this parable addressed to those who believed in their own self-righteousness while holding everyone else in contempt: ¹⁰ “Two people went up to the Temple to pray; one was a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood and prayed like this: ‘I give you thanks, O God, that I’m not like others—greedy, crooked, adulterous—or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week. I pay tithes on everything I earn.’ ¹³ “The other one, however, kept a distance, not even daring to look up to heaven. In real humility, all the tax collector said was, ‘O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.’ ¹⁴ Believe me, the tax collector went home from the Temple right with God, while the Pharisee didn’t. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, while those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

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Response to Scripture

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Illumination

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Sermon Preparation

Creator God, may the words of my mouth
**and the meditations of our hearts bring peace to
you and shine light in our world. Amen.**

Sermon

Pieces of the Puzzle: Presence
with Pastor Hannah

Hymn of Response

Gracious Creator of Sea and of Land
Worship & Song #3161
verses 1-3

Verse 1

Gracious Creator of sea and of land,
sculptor of coral and miller of sand,
stretch out your hand, part the seas of our lives.
Lead us to freedom and open our eyes.

Verse 2

Life-giving Savior who taught by the sea,
saying to fisher-folk, "Come, follow me,"
send us to gather the outcasts, the least.
Make us your aides at the great justice feast.

Verse 3

Spirit of Pentecost, still blowing free,
show us your vision of all we can be.
Call us to boldness, to goodness, to prayer.
Summon our courage, our dreaming, our care.

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

with Pastor Hannah

**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 sins, as we forgive
those who sin 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.**

Stewardship Moment & Offering Invitation

with Rich Fleming

Offertory

Moments Musicals in F minor, Op. 94, No. 3
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+ Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

United Methodist Hymnal #94

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

+ Hymn of Sending Forth

The Trees of the Field

The Faith We Sing #2279

Verse 1 [x2]

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy,
and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,
the trees of the field will clap their hands,
the trees of the field will clap their hands
while you go out with joy.

Prayer of Dedication

with Rich Fleming, Worship Leader

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Caring God, we humble ourselves today by returning the bounty you first shared with us back to your care. We strive to increase our commitment to being thoughtful, generous people. Help us to be unassuming in our service but bold in our witness. We pray in the name of the one who served you here on Earth, Jesus the Living Christ. Amen.

Benediction

with Pastor Hannah

Postlude

Impromptu in A-flat, Op.142, No. 2

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Announcements

with Pastor Hannah