

Order of Worship + November 15, 2020
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Please take a few moments for silent reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

Announcement of God's Forgiveness

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Opening Song: "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

WOV #771

771 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 Great is thy faith - ful-ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2 Sum-mer and win - ter and spring-time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove; join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

pas - sions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful-ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain
Great is thy faith - ful-ness! Great is thy faith - ful-ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy

hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful-ness, Lord, un - to me!

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a treble and bass clef staff. The lyrics are aligned with the melody. The score includes a refrain and a final line of lyrics.

Salutation

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

Kyrie

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray...

C: Gracious God, in baptism you pour out upon us gifts of immeasurable, eternal worth — faith, salvation, and the calling to serve as your witnesses in the world. Help us to deepen our baptismal life, walking wet daily, and responding with abandon to your gracious gifts; through your Son, Jesus

Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Lesson

Zephaniah 1:7-16

Be silent before the Sovereign Lord, for the day of the Lord is near. The Lord has prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated those he has invited.

⁸“On the day of the Lord’s sacrifice I will punish the officials and the king’s sons and all those clad in foreign clothes. ⁹On that day I will punish all who avoid stepping on the threshold, who fill the temple of their gods with violence and deceit.

¹⁰“On that day,” declares the Lord, “a cry will go up from the Fish Gate, wailing from the New Quarter, and a loud crash from the hills.

¹¹Wail, you who live in the market district; all your merchants will be wiped out, all who trade with silver will be destroyed. ¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps and punish those who are complacent, who are like wine left on its dregs, who think, ‘The Lord will do nothing, either good or bad.’ ¹³Their wealth will be plundered, their houses demolished. Though they build houses, they will not live in them; though they plant vineyards, they will not drink the wine.”

¹⁴The great day of the Lord is near - near and coming quickly. The cry on the day of the Lord is bitter; the Mighty Warrior shouts his battle cry. ¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath - a day of distress and anguish, a day of trouble and ruin, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness - ¹⁶a day of trumpet and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the corner towers.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 90:1-12

*Read responsively with the congregation reading the words in **bold***

- L: Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.
- C: Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**
- L: You turn people back to dust, saying, “Return to dust, you mortals.”
- C: A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.**
- L: Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death - they are like the new grass of the morning:
- C: In the morning it springs up new, but by evening it is dry and withered.**
- L: We are consumed by your anger and terrified by your indignation.
- C: You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.**
- L: All our days pass away under your wrath; we finish our years with a moan.
- C: Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures; yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.**
- L: If only we knew the power of your anger! Your wrath is as great as the fear that is your due.
- C: Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.**

Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, ² for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ While people are saying, “Peace and safety,” destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

⁴ But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. ⁵ You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. ⁶ So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. ⁹ For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁰ He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Announcement

Matthew 25:14-30

P: The Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁴ “Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. ¹⁵ To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. ¹⁶ The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. ¹⁷ So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. ¹⁸ But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

¹⁹ “After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.’

²¹ “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

²² “The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.’

²³ “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

²⁴ “Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵ So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’

²⁶ “His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? ²⁷ Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

²⁸ “So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. ²⁹ For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. ³⁰ And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

Children’s Message

Megan Schatz

Sermon

Pastor Ken Nelson

Sermon Song

“What a Fellowship”

WOV 780

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

1 What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine,
 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms,
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear,

what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
 oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
 I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

Refrain
 Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a - larms;
 Lean-ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,
 lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 lean-ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a treble and bass clef with guitar chords indicated above the staff. The lyrics are arranged in three systems, each with a vocal line and a bass line.

Apostles' Creed

A: Let us profess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize:

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the

living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The prayers conclude

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Peace of Christ

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

P: You may share a sign of peace with your family members.

Offertory:

“Let The Vineyards”

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Let the vine-yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.

The image shows a musical score for the Offertory "Let The Vineyards". It consists of three staves of music in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (D major). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a square symbol in a circle, likely indicating a copyright or recording mark. The lyrics are: "Let the vine-yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of", "bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown,", and "that we may be fed with the bread of life."

Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, Lord,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with the Church on earth, and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: **Holy, holy holy are you, God of power and might: Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest!**

Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink; saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this as often as you drink it, for the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C: 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 who 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 and ever. Amen.

Communion is distributed

Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

A: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray. Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor + and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Closing Music

“Seek Ye First the Kingdom” WOVS 783

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

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Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al -
le - lu - ia, al - le -

1 Seek ye . . . first the king - dom of God and its
2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and
3 We do not live by bread . . . a - lone, but by

righ - teous - ness, and all these things shall be
you shall find; knock and the door shall be
ev - 'ry word that pro - ceeds from the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
mouth . . of . . . God. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

Chords: D, F#m, G, D, G, D, Em, A7, D, F#m, G, D, G, D, Em, A, D

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**