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ORDER FOR WORSHIP THE 20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST OCTOBER 18, 2020

(BOLD indicates Read Together)

GATHERING

PRELUDES

Pastorale - Uehlein

Allegro - Anonymous

CWM Rhondda - Held

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Jesus, Our Divine Companion - Hebble

CALL TO WORSHIP

Exalt the Almighty!

Worship at God's holy mountain!

For the Lord our God is holy.

Look! The Lord draws near;
come into the presence of the Holy One.

Let us behold the glory of our God.

HYMN – “God of Grace and God of Glory”

**God of grace and God of glory, On Thy people pour Thy power;
Crown Thine ancient church's story; Bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour, For the facing of this hour.**

**Lo! The hosts of evil round us Scorn Thy Christ, assail Thy ways!
From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the living of these days, For the living of these days.**

**Cure Thy children's warring madness, Bend our pride to Thy control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal, Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.**

**Set our feet on lofty places; Gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christ-like graces, Pledged to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
That we fail not them nor Thee! That we fail not them nor Thee!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Sovereign God, we confess
that we have not turned away from sin.
You offer us your grace,
but we fail to show our gratitude.
You heal us by your mercy,
but we fail to give you glory.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Strengthen us in faith,
so that we may be made well
and live to praise your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN**
(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO PARDON – “Gloria Patri”

**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.**

PROCLAIMING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Startle us, O God, with your truth
and open our hearts and our minds to your wondrous love.
Speak your word to us;
silence in us any voice but your own
and be with us now as we turn our attention,
our minds and our hearts, to you,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN**

FIRST LESSON – Exodus 33:12-23

¹² Moses said to the LORD, “See, you have said to me, ‘Bring up this people’; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ ¹³ Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.” ¹⁴ He said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” ¹⁵ And he said to him, “If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. ¹⁶ For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.” ¹⁷ The LORD said to Moses, “I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” ¹⁸ Moses said, “Show me your glory, I pray.” ¹⁹ And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The LORD’;^[a] and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. ²⁰ But,” he said, “you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.” ²¹ And the LORD continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; ²² and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; ²³ then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.”

(The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God!**)

SECOND LESSON – Matthew 22:15-22

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.

(The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God!**)

SERMON – Rev. Lorenz

HYMN – “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

**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.**

**Not the labors of my hands Can fulfill Thy law’s demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone, Thou must save, and Thou alone.**

**Nothing in my hand I bring, Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress, Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly; Wash me, Saviour, or I die.**

**While I draw this fleeting breath, When my eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee.**

THE APOSTLES’ CREED (traditional)

**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 Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

GIVING THANKS

OFFERING OURSELVES

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Almighty God,
giver of every good and perfect gift,
teach us to render to you all that we have and all that we are,**

**that we may praise you,
not with our lips only, but with our whole lives,
turning the duties, the sorrows, and the joys of all our days
into a living sacrifice to you,
through our Savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN**

SENDING

HYMN – “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

**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.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light.
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice lik`e mountains high soaring above
Thy cloud, which as fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
Then wither and perish; but naught changeth Thee.**

**Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
‘Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING RESPONSE – “Amen”

POSTLUDE

Voluntary in F (Beckel)

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SERVING TODAY:

Reader: Barb Allen

Ushers: Rick Line, Deb Ryerson, Fred Seltzer, Charlie Thompson

Vocalist: Steve Walker

Camera: Joe Shane

Recorder: Ray Thomas

THIS WEEK, IN OUR PRAYERS:

* for the church at work: (in the presbyteries of) – Scioto; New Castle; Seattle; (in the synod of) the Northeast;
and in: Malaysia; East Africa

* for the church: Waynesboro; Rev. Ruth Ward

* for the community: Wilson College

* for the congregation (at random): Judy Gottlieb; Heather, Camryn & Rebert Thompson

NEXT SUNDAY 21st Sunday after Pentecost October 25th

– 10:45 AM: Worship (**NOTE:** Sunday morning worship continues to be recorded and posted on the church website, church Facebook page, and on YouTube (“Sunday on the Square”) for the convenience of those who cannot worship in-person. To reserve a seat, please call on Wednesdays, beginning 10 AM.



Members of the Congregation, Ministers
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