

*The First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 2020*

PREPARATION: *The following are the lectionary scriptures for this morning: Exodus 33:12-23 Moses watches from the cleft of a rock as God's glory passes by. Psalm 99 Like Moses, worship at God's mountain; the Lord is holy. 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Paul writes to the Thessalonians: We give thanks and pray for you. Matthew 22:15-22 The Pharisees test Jesus with a question about paying taxes.*

PRAYER FOR THE DAY: O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son. Look with compassion on the whole human family, take away the arrogance and hatred that infect our hearts, break down the walls that separate us, unite us in bonds of love, and, through our struggle and confusion, work to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE **“Trio on NICAEA”** **Harris**

INTROIT#138 **“Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty”** **Nicaea**

VERSE:1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

VERSE:4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: God is great and greatly to be praised. Our God is a lover of justice, who works for justice and righteousness. Holy is our God!

***HYMN#420** **“God of Grace and God of Glory”** **CWM Rhondda**

VERSE:1 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.

VERSE:4 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!

VERSE:5 Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;

Let the gift of Thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving Thee whom we adore,
Serving Thee whom we adore!

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, our ruler and deliverer: you have loved us and put faith in us, and we have disappointed you. We have forgotten your good works on our behalf and failed to trust your promises. Our world shows little evidence of the justice and righteousness you love; our governments are corrupt and our economies brutal. We do not honor you with our lives. O Lord, be gracious, and show mercy to us. Lead us and sustain us by your presence, that we may know you and find favor in your sight.

(Pause for silent confession).

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

LEADER: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

PEOPLE: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

***GLORIA PATRI (Hymnal #579)**

**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.**

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 33:12-23

The Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ANTHEM

"I Look to Mountains High"

Caldara

John Brockman, Kristin Juergens, Kate Juergens

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 22:15-22

The Gospel of the Lord!

Praise to You, O Christ!

SERMON

"Paying Our Dues"

Rev. Dr. David Shelor

THE RESPONSE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

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 OF GOD AND LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

O God, you have given me all that I need, in gratitude I give back to you.

OFFERTORY

“Nun danket alle Gott”

Kaufmann

***DOXOLOGY (Hymnal #591)**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

THE SENDING

***HYMN#375**

“Lord of All Good”

Toulon

VERSE:1 Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to You;
 Use them Your holy purpose to fulfill;
 Tokens of love and pledges brought anew,
 That our whole life is offered to Your will.

VERSE:2 We give our minds to understand Your ways,
 Hands, eyes, and voice to serve Your great design,
 Heart with the flame of Your own love ablaze,
 Till for Your glory all our powers combine.

VERSE:3 Father, whose bounty all creation shows;
 Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;
 Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows:
 To You with grateful hearts ourselves we give.

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

“Prelude in e”

J.S. Bach

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

NEXT SUNDAY, October 25, 2020 will be the Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost. *The lectionary scriptures will be: Deuteronomy 34:1-12 After seeing the promised land from Mount Nebo, Moses dies. Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 We come to you to share the gospel; we also share ourselves. Matthew 22:34-46 Love the Lord your God, and love your neighbor as yourself.*

LEADERS IN WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. David Shelor

Stephen Allen

Eric Houghton

John Brockman, Kristin Juergens, Kate Juergens

Jeff Cockrell & Merry Lynn Morris

Preacher

Organist

Liturgist & Children's Sermon

Vocalists

Sound & Video

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