

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Celebration of Worship – *Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost - October 25, 2020*

PRELUDE.....*Agnus Dei*.....Greg Warren, tenor
[Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us... Grant us peace.]

Georges Bizet

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING.....Dr. David Hobson

INVOCATION & CALL TO WORSHIP.....Dr. David Hobson

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Come, Thou Almighty King”.....No. 61

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 881.....Dr. Ashley Goad

MUSICAL OFFERING.....“Ye people, rend your hearts”.....Greg Warren, tenor
and “If with all your hearts”

from *Elijah*

Felix Mendelssohn

† SCRIPTURE READING.....I John 5:1-5.....Dr. Ashley Goad

See scripture reading on Text Page

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† 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.*

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JOYS & CONCERNS.....Dr. Pat Day

MORNING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER.....Bishop William Hutchinson

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. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE.....“Lift Thine Eyes” from *Elijah*.....Women’s Ensemble
Felix Mendelssohn

† OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. Ashley Goad

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Trouble*.....Women’s Ensemble
arr. Sally Albrecht

† DoxologyNo. 94
*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!*

SCRIPTURE READING.....Colossians 1:9-15.....Dr. Pat Day
See scripture reading on Text Page

MESSAGE.....**THE PERSON YOU WERE MEANT TO BE**.....Dr. Pat Day

I. First, you were meant to live a **planned** life. (vs.9)

II. Second, you were meant to live a **purpose driven** life. (vs. 10)

III. Third, you were meant to live a **productive** life. (vs. 10b)

IV. Fourth, you were meant to live a **power-filled** life. (vs. 11)

V. Finally, you were meant to live a life of **perseverance**. (vs. 11b)

† *HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Forth in Thy Name, O Lord”.....No. 438
(During the singing of this hymn, those who wish to join the First Methodist family
are invited to come to the front of the church for reception and recognition.)

BENEDICTIONBishop William Hutchinson

SENDING FORTH.....*Shalom to You*.....Women’s Ensemble
SOMOS DEL SEÑOR

POSTLUDE.....*Fanfare*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
William Mathias

Hymn of Praise No. 61
“Come, Thou Almighty King”

Come, thou almighty King,
Help us thy name to sing,
Help us to praise!
Father all glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!

Come, thou incarnate Word,
Gird on thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend!
Come, and thy people bless,
And give thy word success;
Spirit of holiness, on us descend!

Come, holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art,
Now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power!

To thee, great One in Three,
Eternal praises be,
Hence, evermore.
Thy sovereign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity love and adore!

Hymn of Invitation No. 438
“Forth in Thy Name, O Lord”

Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,
My daily labor to pursue;
Thee, only thee, resolved to know
In all I think or speak or do.

The task thy wisdom hath assigned,
O let me cheerfully fulfill;
In all my works thy presence find,
And prove thy good and perfect will.

Thee may I set at my right hand,
Whose eyes mine inmost substance see,
And labor on at thy command,
And offer all my works to thee.

For thee delightfully employ
What e'er thy bounteous grace hath given;
And run my course with even joy,
And closely walk with thee to heaven.

Affirmation of Faith
No. 881

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 Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at 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 Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

I John 5:1-5

Faith in the Incarnate Son of God

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

Colossians 1:9-15

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Supremacy of the Son of God

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.