



The Worship of God

July 12, 2020

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Eleven O'Clock

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

ORGAN PRELUDE: Simple Gifts

arr. Wilbur Held

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jeremiah 17:7-8

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
Blessed are they who trust in the Lord.
Happy are they who place their confidence in God.
They are like trees planted by the water, that send out their roots by the streams.
They do not fear when heat comes, for their leaves remain green.
They are not anxious in the year of the drought, for they do not cease to bear fruit.
Blessed be the name of the Lord!
The Lord, our God, sustains all who wait upon him.

THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 55:10-13

ANTHEM: "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

Robert E. Kreut

You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat; come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat. With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude that you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heavenly food. Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ outpoured? Do not one cup, one loaf, declare our oneness in the Lord?

Chase Joyner, soloist

PROCLAMATION

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Hebrews 11:1-3, 12:1-3

SERMON: "Ordinary Lessons During Extraordinary Times: Faith"

Dr. Wright

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

MEDITATION: “Angels Among Us”

Becky Hobbs and Don Goodman

I was walking home from school, on a cold winter day, took a shortcut through the woods, and I lost my way. It was getting late, and I was scared and alone, but then a kind old man, took my hand, and led me home. Mama couldn't see him, oh, but he was standing there. And I knew in my heart, he was the answer to my prayers. *Oh I believe there are, angels among us, sent down to us, from somewhere up above. They come to you and me, in our darkest hours, to show us how to live, to teach us how to give, to guide us with the light of love.* When life held troubled times, and had me down on my knees, there's always been someone, to come along, and comfort me. A kind word from a stranger, to lend a helping hand, a phone call from a friend, just to say, “I understand.” But ain't it kind of funny, at the dark end of the road that someone lights the way, with just a single ray of hope. They wear so many faces, show up in the strangest places to grace us with their mercy in our time of need.

Chase Joyner, soloist

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

As people of faith, we lean into the heart of the Holy,
confessing our frailty, admitting our sin, amazed by God's grace.
As people of faith, we lean into the heart of the Holy,
opening eyes and ears, unclenching hands and hearts,
sharing the wonders of God's world.
As people of faith, we lean into the heart of the Holy,
asking difficult questions, admitting our doubts, reaching for hope.
As people of faith, we lean into the heart of the Holy,
seeking closeness with God, fearful of intimacy, astonished by God's love.
As people of faith, we lean into the heart of the Holy,
and risk the wonder of falling into the loving and steadfast arms of God.

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Psalm XIX: The Heavens Are Telling the Glory of the Lord Benedetto Marcello

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music

Chase Joyner
Soloist

Phil Valera
Guest Organist