



The Worship of God

September 6, 2020

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Eleven O'Clock

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

PRELUDE: Zadok the Priest

G. F. Handel

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

God who is the source of all life, and the lover of all creation,

You are a God of mystery.

May our worship be filled with wonder.

You are a God of truth.

In our worship we seek the truth about who we are and whose we are.

You are a God of wisdom.

May we not settle for merely being clever.

You are a God whose kingdom has no end.

May we be kingdom people.

THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Ecclesiastes 5:18-20

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

ANTHEM: "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" CHEREPONI, Ghanain Folk Tune/arr. Tom Colvin

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them.

Neighbors are rich and poor, varied in color and race,
neighbors are nearby and far away.

These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you.

Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we are slaves:
this is the way we should live with you.

Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet,
this is the way we should live with you.

Amy Shortt, soloist

PROCLAMATION

THE GOSPEL LESSON:

John 1:43-51

SERMON:

“Thanks for the Work”

Dr. Wright

OFFERTORY OPPORTUNITY AND PRAYER

*This morning we give thanks for good and meaningful work
and for the people who work to make life safe, comfortable, and meaningful for us all.*

*We watch the video “Praise Song for the Pandemic,”
written and read by Christine Valters Paintner, from Abbey of the Arts
with music by Giants & Pilgrims.*

Video by Travis Reed at TheWorkofthePeople.com

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Look deep, loving God, and see us as we really are—yearning to be close to you, yet fearful of what you may ask; desiring to be faithful, yet hesitant to go the extra mile; wanting to be loving, yet resistant to caring in some situations. Free our hearts and our minds to receive your grace and enjoy our faith through Jesus Christ our Lord.

silence

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

As we celebrate communion together, you are invited to have something to eat and drink, whatever represents for you the body and blood of Christ. The minister will invite you to eat in memory of Christ’s body broken for you and to drink in memory of Christ’s blood shed for you.

MEDITATION: The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ST. COLUMBA /arr. Jason W. Krug

Handbells, Elizabeth Edwards; Piano, Amy Shortt

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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;
he descended into Hell; 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.

POSTLUDE: Trumpet Voluntary

John Stanley

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music

Diana Kirkpatrick
Organist