

The Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island
Sunday, June 28, 2020
4th Sunday after Pentecost

“Gathering in God’s presence...”

Prelude

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

Georg Bohm

Words of Welcome & Introduction

Opening Hymn

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

Wer Nur Den Leiben Gott

*If thou but trust in God to guide thee, With hopeful heart through all thy ways,
God will give strength, whate'er betide thee, To bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love, Builds on the rock that nought can move.*

*Only be still, and wait God's leisure, In cheerful hope, with heart content
To take whate'er they Keeper's pleasure, And all discerning love hath sent.
No doubt our inmost wants are clear, To One who holds us always dear.*

*Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, But do thine own part faithfully;
Trust the rich promises of grace, So shall they be fulfilled in thee.
God never yet forsook at need, The soul secured by trust and deed.*

Prayer of Confession

Loving and Sustaining God, you call us to obedience, to follow you in all things; to give up the things we cling to, and to give ourselves wholeheartedly to your purposes. We confess that we don't always find this easy to do. We confess that it is often very difficult to let go of the things we love. But we also know that you never ask more of us than what is possible, and that you stand ready, at all times, to sustain us, and to provide everything we need.

Give us courage to faithfully follow your leading, even when we cannot see the outcome, even when the path you call us to seems impossible to comprehend. Help us to trust you in all things, to let go of everything that would stand in the way of whole-hearted obedience to you. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

I will trust in God's unfailing love; I will rejoice because God has rescued me! I will sing to the Lord, because he has been so good to me. Friends, believe in the good news: In Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

Musical Response

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Azmon

*O for a thousand tongs to sing My dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of God's grace!*

*Jesus, the name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life, and health, and peace.*

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Genesis 22:1-14

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' ²He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. ⁴On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' ⁶Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. ⁷Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' ⁸Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together.

⁹ When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. ¹¹But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' ¹²He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' ¹³And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called that place 'The Lord will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.'

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection

God Will Provide?

Rev. Sanders

Our Response

Anthem

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

*Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee:
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not:
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.*

**Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided:
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

*Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide:
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessing all mine, with ten thousand beside! **Refrain***

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

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Doxology

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen***

Prayer of Dedication

Benediction

Postlude

Let All Things Now Living

Ash Grove

...Sending in God's Name."

Leading Worship Today:
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Piano and Vocals – Marc Coker
Music Director – Sheri Melton
Pastor – Ashley Sanders

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