

CHURCH SESSION

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Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

September 29, 2019

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude Improvisation on “Be Thou My Vision” Paul Manz (1919-2009)

The congregation stands to sing

Processional Hymn 483 Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

Mit Freuden Zart

Opening Sentences

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **The Maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Prayer for the Day (spoken by the pastor; the congregation joining the **Amen**.)

Ever-present God, because we know and trust your holy name, because we love you, we call upon you! Let your Spirit fill this place, for we need to know that you are in charge. We need to sense your power, your protection, your higher purpose. Show us here your saving, healing strength. Grant to us such confidence and contentment that we may look beyond ourselves to become a blessing to others, through Christ our Lord, we pray. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

Prayer of Confession

Unison

**All-powerful God, we have become so comfortable with our advantages
that we forget who makes them possible.**

**And then, when we remember, we often consider ourselves
more worthy than others to enjoy your bounty.**

We turn away from the plight of neighbors who need our helping hand.

We even keep troubled friends a safe distance away.

Forgive our misplaced priorities.

Have mercy on us,

so we may participate in the joy of your realm here and now ...

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing
Hymn 307 Fight the Good Fight Duke Street

Pastor: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Passing of the Peace (Worshippers greet one another with the peace of Christ.)

Welcome and Announcements/Congregational Meeting

The children bring their ringing offering and come to the Baptismal Font for a

Time with Young Christians

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament

Jeremiah 32:1-3a,6-15

Psalms 91:1-6,14-16

Unison

(*Psalms Anew*)

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, say:

“My Refuge and my Strength, my God in whom I trust.”

For God will save you from the snare of the fowler,
from the destroying pestilence.

With pinions God will cover you,

and under God’s wings you shall find refuge.

God’s faithfulness is a guard and a shield.

You will not fear the terror of the night nor the arrow that flies by day;

not the pestilence that stalks in darkness

nor the plague that destroys at noon.

“Because you cling to me,” says our God,

“I will deliver you; I will protect you because you acknowledge my name.

You shall call upon me and I will answer you.

I will be with you in times of trouble;

I will deliver you and glorify you and will show you my salvation.”

Anthem Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All Joseph Barnby, 1871

Jesus, my Lord, my God, my all, Hear me, blest Savior, when I call.

Hear me and from thy dwelling place, pour down the riches of thy grace.

Jesus, my Lord, I thee adore; O make me love thee more and more.

Jesus, too late I thee have sought; how can I love thee as I ought
and how extol thy matchless fame, the glorious beauty of thy name.

Jesus, what didst thou find in me that thou hast dealt so lovingly?

How great the joy that thou hast brought, O far exceeding hope or thought. (St. Chrysostom)

Gospel Luke 16:19-31

Epistle 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Sermon Life that Really is Life The Rev. Martha Starnes

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 339 Be Thou My Vision Slane

Affirmation of Faith Unison (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

**We trust in God, who in sovereign love created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female,
of every race and people, to live as one community.**

**We trust in the Holy Spirit,
who rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
and claims us in the waters of baptism.**

**In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ
in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives. Amen.**

Gloria Patri 579 Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

The congregation sits.

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication

The Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Seek Ye First Karen Lafferty

Grace Notes Hand Bell Choir arr. Lynne Hollander

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

Benediction

Recessional Hymn 391 Take My Life Hendon

Postlude Canzona Girolamo Frescobaldi (1583-1644)