



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

August 23, 2020

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin
Senior Minister

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Mr. Rick Massengale, organ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Martin

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Rock of Ages

TOPLADY

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalms 138

Dr. Martin and **People**

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

Dr. Martin and **People**

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.

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***GLORIA PATRI**

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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. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Offer one another signs of reconciliation and love:

“The peace of Christ be with you.” “**And also with you.**”

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Dr. Martin

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.

ANTHEM

The Staff of Faith

Craig Courtney

*My faith, it is an oaken staff, the travelers’ well loved aid;
My faith, it is a weapon stout, the soldier’s trusty blade.
I’ll travel on and still be stirred by prayerful thought or holy Word;
By all my peril undeterred, a soldier pilgrim staid.*

*I have a guide, and in His steps when travelers have trod,
If there beneath was flinty rock or yielding grassy sod,
They cared not, but with force unspent, unmoved by pain they onward went,
Unstayed by pleasures, still they bent their zealous course, to God.*

*My faith, it is an oaken staff; O let me on it lean!
My faith, it is a trusty sword; may falsehood find it keen!
Thy spirit, Lord, to me impart, O make me what Thou ever art,
O patient and courageous heart as all true saints have been.*

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled!*

***DOXOLOGY**

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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.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

The Rev. Carson Thaxton
Director of Children and Family Ministry

***PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Dr. Martin and **People**

Jesus, we on the word depend, Spoken by thee when present here,
“Thy Father in my name shall send The Holy Ghost, the Comforter.”
That heavenly Teacher of Mankind, that Guide infallible impart,
To bring thy sayings to our mind, and write them on our faithful heart.

— Charles Wesley

SCRIPTURE LESSONMatthew 16:13-20*

Dr. Martin

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON*A Tale of Two Peters*

Dr. Martin

HYMN*Forward Through the Ages*

ST. GERTRUDE

*Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits at the call divine;
gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord,
manifold the service, one the sure reward.*

*Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits at the call divine.*

*Wider grows the kingdom, reign of love and light;
for it we must labor, till our faith is sight.
Prophets have proclaimed it, martyrs testified,
poets sung its glory, heroes for it died.*

*Not alone we conquer, not alone we fall;
in each loss or triumph lose or triumph all.
Bound by God's far purpose in one living whole,
move we on together to the shining goal.*

***BENEDICTION**

Dr. Martin

*May the peace of Christ go with you wherever he may send you.
May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm.
May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you.
May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our arms.*

POSTLUDE*Jubilate*

Gordon Young

Rick Massengale, organ

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

*Please exit by the chancel only.
Place bulletin in recycling bin or take it with you.
Offerings will be received by the chancel as you exit.*

Please remember in your prayers:

Jackie Amos
Billy Arnold
Van Askew
Carolyn Broady
Bill Bowman
Annelle Burch

Joe Byers
Quentin Cash
Richard Clayton
Howard Dunham
Sally Dunham
Margaret Grainger

Martha Hale
Cindy Jennings
Doris Kerlin
Margie McClendon
Lurlene Perry
Sue Sheddan

Mabel Wilbanks
Brad Wilkinson

Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with

Bobby and Kathe Anderson and family upon the death of Bobby's brother, James Anderson, on August 14.



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