



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
August 30, 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

Let Us Take Up the Cross

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***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalms 105

Dr. Martin and **People**

O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually.

Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

Then Israel came to Egypt; Jacob lived as an alien in the land of Ham.

And the LORD made his people very fruitful, and made them stronger than their foes,
whose hearts he then turned to hate his people, to deal craftily with his servants.

He sent his servant Moses, and Aaron whom he had chosen.

Praise the LORD!

***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



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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

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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

Faith Be Made Complete

Castillo, Willmington

*Here we kneel before the Father; earth and heaven to Him belong.
We proclaim His awesome power, and respond in grateful song.
For His love surpasses knowledge; its dimensions fill our hearts,
Breaking chains of former bondage, freeing us to do our part.*

*Not without us, but within us, He desires to work His good;
Calling people to His service, that His love be understood:
So He gives us holy talents, Thou our legacy would be,
Those who rise to meet the challenge, and proclaim,
“Christ set us free!”*

*Let us toss aside our failings and the sin that weighs us down,
Trusting in Christ’s love prevailing, and His all-enduring crown.
For Jesus is the perfect author, writing hymns of victory;
So we bow before His altar, that our faith be made complete.*

***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.

***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 LESSON**

Matthew 16:21-28

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²¹*From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.*

²²*And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to*

you.” ²³But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Saying “No” to Jesus

Dr. Martin

HYMN

Take Up Thy Cross

GERMANY

*“Take up thy cross,” the Savior said, “if thou wouldst my disciple be;
Deny thyself, the world forsake, and humbly follow after me.”*

*Take up thy cross let not its weight fill thy weak spirit with alarm;
His strength shall bear thy spirit up, and brace thy heart and nerve thine arm.*

*Take up the cross, nor heed the shame, nor let thy foolish pride rebel;
Thy Lord for thee the cross endured, to save thy soul from death and hell.*

*Take up thy cross and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down;
For only those who bear the cross may hope to wear the glorious crown.*

***BENEDICTION**

*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.*

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POSTLUDE

Recessional
Rick Massengale, organ

Robert J. Powell

*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
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

Mike and Peggy Leonard, Allen and Missy Leonard, and Genie and Gunars Dzenis and families upon the death of Mike's mother and Allen and Genie's grandmother, Betty Leonard, on August 23. Grandchildren include Curtis Leonard, Ansley Leonard, Zoe Leonard, Preston Leonard, Skylar Dzenis, and Kassey Dzenis.



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