

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost October 11, 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

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

ABERYSTWYTH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Martin and People

Praise the LORD! O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. Who can utter the mighty doings of the LORD, or declare all his praise?

Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to your people; help me when you deliver them.

Hymn Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah CWM RHONDDA

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.



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Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.

*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.

*universal UMH 881

*Gloria Patri

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.

*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

Then Will the Very Rocks Cry Out

arr. Mark Hayes

If we keep our voices silent, all creation will rise and shout. If we fail to praise You, Father, then will the very rocks cry out.

From the corners of creation come the people of the Living God. Every tongue and every nation gather now to praise the Lord!

From a world of tribulation come and let your voice be raised. Join us now in congregation. Let the living God be praised.

Alleluia, alleluia, unto Him we offer praise.
Alleluia, alleluia, this song of joy to Him we raise.
Alleluia, alleluia, in the heavens angels sing.
Alleluia, alleluia, give glory to the most high King!

*Doxology OLD 100th

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

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read

*Scripture Lesson Isaiah 25:1-9 Dr. Martin

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. ²For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. ³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. ⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, ⁵the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. ⁸Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON Disruption--Re-ordering Dr. Martin

HymnHow Firm a Foundation
FOUNDATION

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?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed; for I am thy God and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow; for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply; the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes; that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

*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.

Recessional in C Rick Massengale, organ

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

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Please remember in your prayers:

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Billy Arnold	Quentin Cash	Margaret Grainger	Claudia Rhodes
Van Askew	Colton Cauthen	Martha Hale	Norma Saunders
Carolyn Broady	Richard Clayton	Cindy Jennings	Mabel Wilbanks
Annelle Burch	Summer Dorsey	Doris Kerlin	Brad Wilkinson

Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with

Kayo Gilmore upon the death of her husband, Melvin Gilmore, on October 2.



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