



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
21st Sunday After Pentecost
October 25, 2020

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin
Senior Minister

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Love the Lord Your God
Mr. Rick Massengale, organ

Jean and Jim Strathdee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Martin

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Stand Up and Bless the Lord

ST. MICHAEL

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 99:1-5, 9

Dr. Martin and **People**

The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

**Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!

Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy.

***HYMN**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness: drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!*



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*All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays.
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.*

*Thou are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.*

*Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.*

***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**

MEINEKE

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

More Love to Thee

Timothy Shaw

*More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!
Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee;
This is my earnest plea: More love, O Christ, to thee,
More love to thee!*

*Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;
Now thee alone I seek, give what is best:
This all my prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to Thee!*

*Then shall my latest breath whisper thy praise;
This be the parting cry my heart shall raise;
This still its prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to thee!
Amen.*

***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

**Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read
and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

***SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Matthew 22:34-46

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³⁴When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴²“What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” ⁴³He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ⁴⁴‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”’? ⁴⁵If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” ⁴⁶No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Disruption — Simplicity

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***HYMN**

I Want a Principle Within

GERALD

*I want a principle within of watchful, godly fear,
a sensibility of sin, a pain to feel it near.
I want the first approach to feel of pride of wrong desire,
to catch the wandering of my will, and quench the kindling fire.*

*From thee that I no more may stray, no more thy goodness grieve,
grant me the filial awe, I pray, the tender conscience give.
Quick as the apple of an eye, O God, my conscience make;
awake my soul when sin is nigh, and keep it still awake.*

*Almighty God of truth and love, to me thy power impart;
the mountain from my soul remove, the hardness from my heart.
O may the least omission pain my reawakened soul,
and drive me to that blood again, which makes the wounded whole.*

***BENEDICTION**

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*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

Ein Feste Burg
Rick Massengale, organ

arr. Jan Bender

*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	Joe Byers	Howard Dunham	Lurlene Perry
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

Rev. Dr. Thomas and Leslie Martin and family upon the death of Leslie's grandmother, Mary Seagraves Neal, on October 13.
Jim and Anne Minter upon the death of Anne's mother, Ethel Taylor, on October 20.

The rosebud on the altar is in celebration of the birth of

William Henry Brooks on July 22 to Kyle and Elizabeth Brooks. Grandparents are Bobby and Laurie Brooks.



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