



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
24th Sunday After Pentecost
November 15, 2020

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin
Senior Minister

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

What Gift Can We Bring
Mr. Rick Massengale, organ

Jane Marshall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Martin

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Give Me the Faith Which Can Remove

CAREY'S (SURRY)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 90:1-4

Dr. Martin and **People**

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

You turn us back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you mortals."

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.

***HYMN**

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

HOLY MANNA

*God, who stretched the spangled heavens, infinite in time and place,
flung the suns in burning radiance through the silent fields of space,
we your children in your likeness, share inventive powers with you.
Great Creator still creating, show us what we yet may do.*

*Proudly rise our modern cities, stately buildings, row on row;
yet their windows, blank, unfeeling, stare on canyoned streets below,
where the lonely drift unnoticed in the city's ebb and flow,
lost to purpose and to meaning, scarcely caring where they go.*



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*As each far horizon beckons, may it challenge us anew,
children of creative purpose, serving others, honoring you.
May our dreams prove rich with promise, each endeavor well begun.
Great Creator, give us guidance till our goals and yours are one.*

***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

Take My Life, Lord

Ruth Elaine Shcram

*Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy Love.*

*Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee;
take my voice and let it sing always, only, for my King.*

*Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne.*

*O Master, let me walk with Thee in lowly paths of service free;
tell me Thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.*

***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 25:14-30

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¹⁴“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Abundance

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***HYMN**

A Charge to Keep I Have

BOYLSTON

*A charge to keep I have, a God to glorify,
a never-dying soul to save, and fit it for the sky.*

*To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill;
O may it all my powers engage to do my Master’s will!*

*Arm me with jealous care, as in thy sight to live,
and oh, thy servant, Lord, prepare a strict account to give!*

*Help me to watch and pray, and on myself rely,
assured, if I my trust betray, I shall forever die.*

***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

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
Rick Massengale, organ

Beethoven, arr. John Innes

*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:

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
Joe Byers	Howard Dunham	Lurlene Perry	

Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with

Travis and Anna Mayhew and family upon the death of Anna’s mother, Marsha Minnick, on November 11.

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

Colton Wade Cauthen born October 1. Parents are Jon and Jeannie Cauthen.
Grandparents are Lanny and Mary Ann Cauthen.



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