



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
23rd Sunday After Pentecost
November 8, 2020

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin
Senior Minister

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Together We Serve
Mr. Rick Massengale, organ

Daniel Charles Damon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Martin

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord of All Hopefulness

SLANE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 70:1-5

Dr. Martin and **People**

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me. O LORD, make haste to help me!

Let those be put to shame and confusion who seek my life.

Let those be turned back and brought to dishonor who desire to hurt me.

Let those who say, "Aha, Aha!" turn back because of their shame.

Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you.

Let those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"

But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God!

You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay!

***HYMN**

For the Healing of the Nations

CWM RHONDDA

*For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;
to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word,
help us rise and pledge our word.*



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*Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase,
fear will die and hope increase.*

*You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind,
that by our response and service earth its destiny may find,
earth its destiny may find.*

***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

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

Hymn of Peace

Mary McDonald

*Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side;
Leave to thy God to order and provide.
In every change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.*

*Be still my soul: the hour is hastening on
when disappointment grief, and fear are gone.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
Be still, my soul: all blessed shall meet at last.*

*Be still my soul: begin the song of praise;
acknowledge Him in all thy words and ways.
So shall He view thee with a well-pleased eye.
Be still, my soul: begin the song of praise.*

***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
and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

***SCRIPTURE LESSON**

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Dr. Martin

⁶Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Moochers and Busybodies

Dr. Martin

***HYMN**

It Is Well With My Soul

VILLE DU HAVRE

*When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou has taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."
It is well with my soul. It is well, it is well with my soul.*

*And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend, even so, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul. It is well, it is well with my soul.*

***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

Celebration

David Paxton

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:

Billy Arnold
Van Askew
Carolyn Broady
Annelle Burch
Joe Byers

Quentin Cash
Colton Cauthen
Richard Clayton
Summer Dorsey
Howard Dunham

Margaret Grainger
Martha Hale
Cindy Jennings
Doris Kerlin
Lurlene Perry

Claudia Rhodes
Norma Saunders
Mabel Wilbanks
Brad Wilkinson

In Memoriam
Howard Taylor
October 30, 2020

Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with
the family of Howard Taylor upon his death on October 30.

The rosebud on the altar is in celebration of the birth of
Robert Tillman Schott on June 8 to Richard and Rachel Schott. Grandparents are Larry and Becky Voyles.
Great-grandmother is Helen Voyles.



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