

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 10, 2021

Half Past Ten o'clock in the Morning



## WE PREPARE FOR THE WORD OF GOD

WESTMINSTER STRIKE

VOLUNTARY

*God's Time Is Best, BWV 106*

Johann Sebastian Bach

Aaron Hilsinger, violin

INTROIT

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

Jamaican Folk Melody

*Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:*

*Bread is broken; the wine is poured; Christ is spoken and seen and heard.*

*Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again; pass the Word around: loaves abound! – Fred Kaan*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

We look in the mirror and what do we see?

**We see people who try to be faithful,  
even as questions and struggles challenge our faith.**

We look in the mirror and how do we see?

**We see with hearts which are open to God's love,  
even when all the evidence tells us not to be so foolish.**

We look in the mirror and who do we see?

**We see Jesus, the One who loves us,  
and who models faithfulness for all who would follow.**

1. *Come, thou Fount of every blessing;  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
mount of God's unchanging love!*

2. *Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.*

3. *O to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart; O take and seal it;  
seal it for thy courts above.*

## †CALL TO CONFESSION

Hebrews 4:14, 16

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

## †PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to seek your will.  
You have shown us what is good, but we remain enthralled by evil.  
You have offered us abundance, but we are satisfied with wealth.  
Forgive us, God of grace. By the power of your Word cut away all that is false  
and open our hearts to new life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## †ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hebrews 4:15

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weakness, but we have one who in every respect has been tempted in every way that we are, yet without sin.

## †PASSING THE PEACE

*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.*

LIFE TOGETHER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.  
Amen.**

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

EPISTLE LESSON | Philippians 3:4b-11

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

*'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,  
'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be;  
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,  
'Twill be the valley of love and delight.*

*When true simplicity is gained,  
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed;  
But to turn, turn, will be my delight.  
Till by turning, turning we come round right.*

## GOSPEL LESSON | Mark 10:17-31

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

## WE RESPOND WITH GRATITUDE

### OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

*Panis Angelicus (Angelic Bread)*

César Franck

†DOXOLOGY

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP 726

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

KELVINGROVE

*“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”*

*“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?”*

*“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”*

*“Will you love the ‘you’ you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”*

*Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

† INVITATION AND BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY

*Sheep May Safely Graze, Cantata 208*

Johann Sebastian Bach

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*The service concludes with the Benediction.  
You are invited to remain seated for the closing voluntary  
or greet those around you as you depart to serve.*

Assisting in the leadership of worship are  
Rev. Bob Scott; Rev. Dr. Dawn M. Haeger, Associate Pastor;  
Keith Meyer, Liturgist;  
Rich Shaw, Sound;  
Dan Johnson, Doug White, Sue Ellis, Sheri Keown, Ushers;  
Timothy Belk, Director of Music Ministries.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CONCERT SERIES, 3 p.m.** Con Brio String Quartet & Piano Valentin Mansurov, Violin 1; Marina Lenau, Violin 2, David Pedraza, Viola, and Aziz Sapaev, Cello. The strings will be joined by Valeira Polunina. Each of these exciting young players has received numerous accolades and competitive awards. Based in SE Florida, they perform individually and with the Symphony of the Americas, the Palm Beach Symphony, and the Florida Grand Opera.

**A CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE** for the **Honorable William J. Castagna** will be held on Monday October 11 at 11:00 a.m. The family strongly encourages everyone attending to wear masks and practice social distancing. If you are unable to attend, please contact the church office for the livestream link.

**WOMEN OF PEACE** - Tuesday, October 12: Gathering at 10:30 am and Bible Study, What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus begins at 11 am. Contact Silvia Rodriguez or Martha Espey for more information.

**EARLY BIRD BIBLE STUDY** - Wednesday, October 13, 9 a.m. "Prophets and Kings" This Fall we will dive into the history books of the Bible, and learn more about the Kings of ancient Israel and Judah, and the Prophets who counseled them, vexed them, and held them to account. The only text needed will be your Bible! There are two ways to participate: either in person or online. Zoom link in Thursday, October 7 email.

**GOOD GRIEF GROUP** - Thursday, October 14, 10 a.m.; Zoom link in Thursday, October 7 email.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**— Sunday, October 17, 9: a.m. "The Jesus I Never Knew" Join us for an exciting multi-media class. In this class we will explore the life and ministry of Jesus through Scripture, art and film. This class will be based on Philip Yancey's bestseller, and copies will be available for purchase at the church for \$12.00. Participants will be able to participate both in person and online. Zoom link in Thursday, October 7 email.

**TRUNK OR TREAT!** Saturday, October 30, 3 pm – 4:30 pm in the Peace parking lot behind the church. Decorate the trunk of your car and bring prewrapped treats for the young ones who will come calling dressed in their costumes. If you can't come yet want to participate, we are receiving donations of pre-wrapped candy at the church office through Wednesday, October 27. In addition to trick-or-treating, we will have crafts for all to enjoy. Contact Pastor Dawn with questions.

**TNT (Through the New Testament)** You are invited to read through the most important book every written – the New Testament! Here are the readings, and reflection questions for this week:

October 11 James 4           What is at root of the conflicts and disputes in your life currently?

October 12 James 5           "The prayers of the righteous are powerful and effective."  
Who/What is on your heart to pray for today? *Pray!!*

October 13 2 Cor. 1           Where or when have you experienced the comfort of Christ recently?  
Who can you share God's comfort with today?

October 14 2 Cor. 2           "*For we are the aroma of Christ...*" To whom has your witness been a sweet smell lately? To whom has it been an offensive odor?

October 15 2 Cor. 3           "*You are our letter...*" Who is your "letter of recommendation?"

## PEACE MEMORIAL COVID-19 GUIDELINES

**As of July 27, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) has defined Pinellas County, Florida as an area of substantial or high transmission.**

- Doors open no earlier than thirty-minutes prior to the worship | concert hour. Please avoid congregating near entries;
- The CDC **strongly recommends** masks for fully immunized persons in public indoor settings;
- Masks are **required** of any person not fully immunized against COVID-19;
- Children are always welcome! A changing station is located in the Nursery Crib Room. Supervised child care is not available at this time;
- Physically distanced seating is encouraged. You are invited to sit as you are comfortable in the spacious Chapel or Sanctuary.

COVID-19 has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization and is known to be extremely contagious. Although it will endeavor to apply all reasonable health protocols, the Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church cannot guarantee you will not become exposed to or contract COVID-19 while attending one of our opportunities. Therefore, if you choose to attend, you acknowledge and accept the risk that you may be exposing yourself to and/or increasing your risk of contracting COVID-19, and you release and waive any claim and any right to bring suit against the Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church of Clearwater in Florida and its trustees, agents, employees, or other representatives for any harm, injury or damage arising therefrom.



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