



# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

19th Sunday after Pentecost | October 11, 2020

PRELUDE *Sing Praise to God, Whose Mighty Acts* arr. Chuck Bridwell  
Alberta Gisel, alto

Sing praise to God, whose mighty acts still strong in memory stand  
to give us hope when evil seems to gain the upper hand.

Give thanks for deeds of steadfast love, for wonders new and old:  
for fire and cloud, for daily food, for mercies yet untold.

Though monuments of evil rise in marble, gilt, and stone,  
time's search will find their boasts untrue, their makers' names unknown.  
Mute avenues of ruins will mark where once proud cities stood,  
but from destruction God will save the faithful, just, and good.

Rise up, O God, reclaim the power usurped by mortal pride;  
deflate the hollow pomp of those whom rank and titles hide.  
Let not the needy cry unheard, the suffering hope in vain;  
restore the fallen, bless the meek, till peace and justice reign.

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CALL TO WORSHIP *Betty Dattler & Kathy Sasso, liturgists*  
*(All speak words in **boldface**.)*

God's promise is for all generations. Gen. 9:12

**God's covenant is with every living thing.**

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**Let us worship in thanks and praise.**

HYMN *God, with Hymns and Prophet Thunder* CWM RHONDDA

***God, with hymns and prophet thunder send your voice through ev'ry land.***

***In the singing, in the witness, we have known your love's demand.***

***God of judgment, God of promise, lift our hearts to songs of praise!***

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## PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

We praise you, creating God!  
Your breath gives life,  
**your love, given freely, sustains it.**

We praise you, promise making God!  
You promise to be with us **always**,  
to love us **no matter what**,  
to forgive us **whenever we ask**.  
For in Jesus Christ, **your faithfulness is proven.**

God, like those before us,  
sometimes we forget our covenant relationship with you.  
Now, trusting in your promise of forgiveness,  
we sing our confession to you.

*(Sung to the tune often used for, "O Jesus, I Have Promised.")*

***Cast down, O God, the idols that hold us in their power,  
the empty gods we worship when darkness has its hour.  
We bow to other masters and by their promise live.  
Redeem our wayward passions; our rebel wills forgive.***

***In vain we search for meaning where transient joys abound,  
and seek the soul's contentment where peace cannot be found.  
We wander, lost and homeless, in endless, aimless quest,  
our hearts forever restless, until in you they rest.***

***O God, we have our being in you and you alone.  
Recall us from our wanderings; reclaim us as your own.  
Restore in us the image revealed in Christ, your Word,  
till heart and will pay homage to him, our God and Lord.***

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## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

My friends, hear these words, and receive their power:  
God the Father promises to restore the old and create the new.  
God the Son forgives our thoughtlessness and greed.  
God the Spirit enlightens our way to wiser living.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.**

RESPONSE OF PRAISE                      *Glory Be to the Father*                      GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)  
Gail Thomas, Alberta Gisel, Wayne Tillman, Chad Hammer, vocal quartet  
***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.*** (TEXT: Trad. liturgical text P.D. TUNE: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851 P.D.)

SCRIPTURE READING                      Exodus 32:1-14  
The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON                                      "Image is Everything"                                      Rev. Laura Viau

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*(from, A Brief Statement of Faith)*

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.  
In sovereign love God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God's image,  
male and female, of every race and people,  
to live as one community.**

**But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.  
Ignoring God's commandments,  
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,  
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,  
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.  
We deserve God's condemnation.**

**Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.  
In everlasting love,  
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people  
to bless all families of the earth.**

**Hearing their cry,  
God delivered the children of Israel  
from the house of bondage.**

**Loving us still,  
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.**

**Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD

**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.**

HYMN

*Jesus Calls Us*

GALILEE

*Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult  
of our life's wild, restless sea;  
day by day his sweet voice soundeth  
saying, "Christian, follow me."*

*Jesus calls us: by thy mercies,  
Savior, may we hear thy call,  
give our hearts to thy obedience,  
serve and love thee best of all.*

TEXT: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1852, P.D. MUSIC William H. Jude, 1887 P.D.

BENEDICTION AND CHARGE

CLOSING RESPONSE

*Alleluia! Laud, and Blessing*

WEIRS FLAGGEN

Alleluia! Laud and blessing to our God, whose Word is sure;  
May God's promise to be faithful echo through our songs of praise!.

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The flowers today are given by **Frank and Laura Morrison** in honor of their **October 7th wedding anniversary**. Thanks be to God.

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