



# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

20th Sunday after Pentecost | October 18, 2020

## PRELUDE

*All Things to All*

Craig Courtney/Pamela Martin

Gail Thomas, Molly Frederick, Susan Pearce, Janie King, woman's quartet

He is a path to the misled, and to the hungry, He is bread, to the prisoner, He is free, and to the weak, how strong is He! To those in darkness, He is light, and to the blinded, He is sight, to the broken, He is health, and to the needy, He is wealth. We have no greater friend than He, who satisfies our every need. Source of what was, what is, will be, all things to all He is indeed! He is defender of the scorned, a comfort to the ones who mourn, to the weary, He is rest, and He is hope to the oppressed. O He is courage to the meek, the answer to the ones who seek, yes, He is peace to those in strife, and to the dying, He is life. We have no greater friend than He, who satisfies our every need. Source of what was, what is, will be. All things to all He is indeed, all things to all He is indeed!

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

Rusty & Polly Russ, liturgists

*(All speak words in **boldface**.)*

Holy God, you call us and we come with our hearts' desires.

**With our pleas and our hopes and our thanks.**

We bring all that we have, all that we are.

**Everything—that makes us who we are.**

By your Spirit, we are gathered and re-membered.

**Ready to offer ourselves and answer this call to worship.**

## HYMN

*For You, My God, I Wait*

DIADEMATA

*For you, my God, I wait with hope born of the Word.*

*Like sleepless ones who long to dream I wait and call my Lord.*

*Lord, hear my pleading voice, and let me know you hear!*

*As sleepless ones feel rest approach, I know my God is near.*

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## PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

God we find you here, we find you there,  
**we find you everywhere.**

Not limited in scope, nor choosy, nor fickle,  
you are—for everyone in the world—

**unconditionally loving,  
forever merciful,  
and tireless in compassionate caring.**

O, that we might reflect that image more fully,  
as a people and as your church.

**Forgive our waywardness, our fretting, and withholding.  
Give us compassion that endures,  
generosity that reveals your kingdom,  
and hope that outshines the world's despair. Amen.**

HYMN

*For You, My God, I Wait*

DIADEMATA

*If you should list my faults, the sins of heart and hand,  
like sleepless ones who groan at dawn I know I could not stand!  
For even from the deep I know you hear my cries.  
Like sleepless ones who dream at last, I ease my weary eyes.*

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## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Friends, know that through Christ we are forgiven.  
We have been set free to serve God in all that we do,  
to write again what we know should never be forgotten,  
and to stand in solidarity with those who seek truth.

**We are indeed forgiven, alleluia! Amen!**

HYMN

*For You, My God, I Wait*

DIADEMATA

*And once my soul is still, in you I find my rest,  
at peace as though a child upon a gentle mother's breast.  
O God, you are my hope; I know that you forgive.  
Your love redeems me from the depths so I may rise and live.*

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SCRIPTURE READING I Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“And Finally. . . Yes”

Rev. Laura Viau

INVITATION TO GIVE/STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

*In Gratitude and Humble Trust*

Frank von Christierson

Gail Thomas, Susan Pearce, Wayne Tillman, Ken Curry, vocal quartet

In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today,  
to serve your cause and share your love with all along life’s way.

O God who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,

Help us to give ourselves each day until life’s work is done.

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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

*Faith Begins By Letting Go*

LUX PRIMA

*Faith begins by letting go, giving up what had seemed sure,  
taking risks and pressing on, though the way feels less secure:  
pilgrimage both right and odd, trusting all our life to God.*

*Faith endures by holding on, keeping memory’s roots alive  
so that hope may bear its fruit; promise-fed, our souls will thrive,  
not through merit we possess but by God’s great faithfulness.*

*Faith matures by reaching out, stretching minds, enlarging hearts,  
sharing struggles, living prayer, binding up the broken parts;  
till we find the commonplace ripe with witness to God’s grace.*

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## BENEDICTION AND CHARGE

### BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*O God Who Gave Yourself*

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The rosebud on the communion table celebrates the birth of **Henry Winslow Fitzgerald**, born on October 9th. His proud grandparents are, Mabel and Rich Winslow. Henry is their 10th grand baby!

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*PLEASE REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL. ☺*