



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

21th Sunday after Pentecost | October 25, 2020

PRELUDE *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* arr. Patricia Hurlbutt
SPC Bell Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP Wayne & Linda Rowell, 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 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* EIN' FESTE BURG

Molly Frederick, Alberta Gisel, Ken Curry, Chad Hammer, quartet
Lynn Auman, violin

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.

Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.

*His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.*

TEXT: Martin Luther, 1529; trans. Frederick Henry Hedge, 1852, P.D. TUNE: Martin Luther, 1529, alt. P.D.

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 (*verse two*)

*Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he.
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.*

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 (*verse three*)

*That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also.
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still.
His kingdom is forever.*

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Samuel 7:1-17

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"This New House"

Rev. Laura Viau

INVITATION TO GIVE/STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

A World in Need

Frank von Christierson

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

A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give,
to make our life an offering that all may truly live.

The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true:

a world redeemed by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.

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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

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

SHOWALTER

*What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

*What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

TEXT: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887 TUNE: Anthony J. Showalter, 1887, P.D.

BENEDICTION AND CHARGE

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

O God Who Gave Yourself

FOREST GREEN

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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The flowers today are given by **Kathy** and **Bob Sasso** in honor of their October 15th **wedding anniversary**. Thanks be to God for 37 years together.

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