



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

23rd Sunday after Pentecost | November 8, 2020

PRELUDE

O God of Every Nation

arr. Anne Krentz-Organ

Sue Anderson, Alberta Gisel, Ken Curry

O God of every nation, of every race and land, redeem the whole creation with your almighty hand. Where hate and fear divide us and bitter threats are hurled, in love and mercy guide us and heal our strife-torn world.

From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right, from trust in bombs that shower destruction through the night, from pride of race and station and blindness to your way, deliver every nation, eternal God, we pray.

Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease, when hatred and division give way to love and peace, till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign and Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Elizabeth Lewis & Marie Greene, 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

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

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***Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.***

***Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress;
praise him still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.***

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 three*)

*Fatherlike, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.*

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 four*)

*Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face.
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.*

TEXT: Henry Francis Lyte, 1834, alt. P.D. TUNE: John Goss, 1869 P.D.

SCRIPTURE READING

Jonah 1:1-17; 3:1-10; 4:1-11

SERMON

“Open to the Word of God”

Rev. Laura Viau

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.***

***I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living 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.***

OFFERTORY

Today We All are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

Molly Frederick & Wayne Tillman, vocalists;

Laura Viau, guitar; Chad Hammer, soprano mandolin

God made the world and at its birth ordained our human race
to live as stewards of the earth, responding to God's grace.

But we are vain and sadly proud; we sow not peace but strife.

Our discord spreads a deadly cloud that threatens all of life.

Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream,
with righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem.

For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease,
a world that was created for a harmony of peace.

TEXT: H. Kenn Carmichael, 1985 TUNE: English County Songs, 1893 Text © 1989 H. Kenn Carmichael

PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD

HYMN

Standing on the Promises of God

PROMISES

*Standing on the promises of Christ my king,
through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.
Refrain: Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.*

*Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
by the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God.
Refrain.*

*Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God.
Refrain.*

TEXT: R. Kelso Carter, 1886 TUNE: R. Kelso Carter, 1886, P.D.

BENEDICTION AND CHARGE

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

O God Who Gave Yourself

FOREST GREEN

The flowers today are given by **Steve Spoon** to the glory of God
and to his loving wife, Beth, on her birthday.

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