



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

24th Sunday after Pentecost | November 15, 2020

PRELUDE

Lord, Make Me an Instrument

Mark Sheppard

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

Lord, make me an instrument, make me an instrument of your peace, of your peace, of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy; where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Lord, make me an instrument of your peace, of **YOUR PEACE**. TEXT: "Peace Prayer of St. Francis," anonymous, and first published in 1912 P.D.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Randy & Lynn Warner, 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

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

MORNING HYMN

*Awake, my soul, and with the sun
your daily stage of duty run;
shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise
to pay your morning sacrifice.*

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.**

Oh, 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*)

*Lord, I my vows to you renew. Disperse my sins as morning dew;
guard my first springs of thought and will, and with yourself my spirit fill.*

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*)

*Direct, control, suggest, this day, all I design or do or say,
that all my powers, with all their might, in your sole glory may unite.*

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, alt. P.D. TUNE: François Hippolyte Barthélemon, 1785 P.D.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 6:1-8

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Glory of Grace"

Rev. Laura Viau

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,*

*was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

OFFERTORY

Grace Greater than Our Sin

arr. Larry Shackley

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

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

HERE I AM (Schutte)

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

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*I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?*

*Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

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BENEDICTION AND CHARGE

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Standing on the Promises of God* PROMISES
Sue Anderson, Alberta Gisell, Ken Curry, vocal trio

The flowers today are given by **Dave and Kitty Green** to the glory of God.

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