



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

20th Sunday after Pentecost | October 10, 2021

**Indicates where it is appropriate, but not necessary, to stand.
All speak words in **boldface**.*

❖ Called by God We Gather ❖

GATHERING MUSIC, WELCOME, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
(Gather and greet each other in joy.)

CALLED TO WORSHIP IN RINGING THE TRINITY AND IN MUSIC
(When the chimes toll, let us silently open our spirit to God's presence in our midst.)
Lord, I Want to Be a Christian arr. J. Wayne Kerr

OPENING SENTENCES Susan Alley & Mike Claxton, liturgists

The Lord our Lord is so awesome!
**How great the heavens, how small are we,
and yet we sense God's care.** (Ps. 8)
God made the world and welcomed us in it.
Let us worship God who welcomes us all.

*HYMN #20 *All Things Bright and Beautiful* ROYAL OAK
vv. 1 & 4

*PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

God of our beginning, **we praise you.**
With words and wind
you created the world and all that is in it.
You welcomed every part and facet with love,
calling what you created, "Good."
When we pause long enough to take all that in,
our joy and gratitude overflow.
We wonder with the psalmist:
"What are human beings that you are mindful of them,

mortals that you care for them? (Psalm 8:3-4)

The praise flows from our lips,

“O Lord our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!”

We remember how Jesus lived here on earth,

welcoming and caring for unlikely people:

women, tax collectors, children,

sinners, outsiders, and betrayers.

He used his gifts to serve and to heal

and made himself vulnerable – even unto death –

to protect and love all of your people.

Who are we, that you would send your Son to us?

Not to condemn but to love and welcome us?

Out of gratitude, we strive to follow you,

but wonder if others can see you in our lives,

our conversations, our welcome.

Confident of your mercy,

we silently offer our confessions.

(Silent prayers of confession)

O Lord our Lord,

how majestic, how wonderful is your name.

In your mercy, forgive our reluctance to see Christ in everyone.

Give us strength and courage to take risks

as we practice loving in new and powerful ways

that invite all your children to the table

in a welcome that creates shalom.

In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

Friends, what are we that God is mindful of us?

Who are we that God should care for us?

We are God’s beloved children; We are siblings of Jesus,

made one Body by God’s Spirit.

This is the good news of God’s grace:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Let it be.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

***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.)

❖ **To Hear God's Word of Grace** ❖

SCRIPTURE READING Selected verses from Genesis 1 & 2

MUSIC

Morning Has Broken

arr. Thompson & Wagner

SPC Handbell Ringers

SERMON

"Care and Feeding"

Rev. Laura Viau

❖ **To Respond in Faith with Gratitude** ❖

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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Christian Education

Mike Claxton

*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.

❖ To Depart Blessed to Serve ❖

*HYMN

O God, You Give Welcome

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***O God, you give welcome; you care and provide.
You cherish each person with love reaching wide.
We're made in your image and so hear your call
to humbly reach out with a welcome to all.***

***Yet near us are families with no place to stay
and children who won't have a good meal today.
Your will is for justice where everyone thrives;
may we build communities, strengthening lives.***

TEXT: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette MUSIC: Join Robert's Caniadau y Cyssegr (Songs of the Sanctuary) 1839.
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*BENEDICTION AND CHARGE

CLOSING MUSIC



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