

Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

July 26, 2020

PRELUDE

Pastorale in F, BWV 590 : I

Bach (1685-1750)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Our God has gathered us here, among the treasures of the Kingdom,
to rejoice in faith.

People: Our hearts are open to the mysterious and life-giving possibilities faith can bring.

Leader: Let none of us be afraid. The harvest of faith belongs to God the Giver.

People: Thanks be to God. Our confidence is in the One who made heaven and earth!

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN

We Gather Together

Kremser

1 We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens his will to make known;
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing:
sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

2 Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;
thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glory be thine!

3 We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation endure through tribulation:
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Mystery, We confess that we see in a mirror dimly.

The mustard seed is so small, we do not see its possibilities.

The yeast looks meager, we do not envision how it will rise.

Enable us to see signs of your great kingdom of love in the smallest of opportunities.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Gentle Spirit, We know that there is nothing that can separate us from Your love.

Restore us to each other and to You, and help us to follow Your
commandment to love our neighbor as ourselves.

People: In the name of Christ, our Redeemer and Friend, we pray. Amen.

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Greatorex (1816-1853)

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrew Scriptures Genesis 29:15-28

15Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" 16Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. 17Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. 18Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." 19Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." 20So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. 21Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." 22So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. 23But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. 24(Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) 25When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" 26Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. 27Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." 28Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Gospel Matthew 13: 31-33

31He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; 32it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." 33 He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

SERMON

Getting More Than You Bargained For

Rev. Dr. Wray Sherman

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Duet no. 2 Bordogni (1789-1856)
Celia Daggy, viola David Kidd, trombone

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING

Offertory

**Doxology Hymn 606* Old Hundredth

Praise God, from Whom all blessing flow; Praise Him, all creatures, here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Prayers of Dedication*

CLOSING HYMN

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light Houston

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God sent the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain In Him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2 I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
And show me the way to the Father. [Refrain]

3 I’m looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus. [Refrain]

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fugue in C Bux WV 174 Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Looking Ahead!!!!

August 2, 2020

Theme: Struggling with our faith.

The dark side of the Soul

Walking with a limp (wounded), yet full of hope.

Genesis 32: 22-31

August Calendar

Tuesday, August 11

2:30 PM Session Zoom Meeting

Thursday, August 13

2-4 PM Food Bank

Friday, August 14

CAT Survey Deadline

Tuesday, August 25

3:00 PM Session CAT Results

Thursday, August 27

2-4 PM Food Bank

Questions on the CAT survey??? Call the office 949-8366

Prayers for Health and Other Concerns:

The Legacy: Eloise Morris

Shenandoah Nursing Home: Rubye Schwab

Summit Square: Ruth Quillen, Lillian Hryshkanych

Home: Dick Huff, Nancy Garber, Mary Ultee, Edie Lawrence, Steve Doherty, Nancy Snyder

Friends and Family: Andy & Jean Robeson, Wanda Braden, Lucy Colbert, Charlie Fairchilds (Cunninghams), Nancy Vilain, Chris Davenport (Jen Jones), Danny Smith (Nancy Hypes), Jennifer & Charlotte Sergeant (Kathy Brown), Emily Bardeen (Sandi Henderson), Kathy Doyle (Cindy & Rodger Doyle), Peter Johnson, Lawrence Maddox, Joan Blazek, Glenn Fields, Sr. (Jen Jones), Bill Metzler (Joyce Tipton), Grayson Coleman, Tony Poplin (Colleen Cash), Marianna Callaway (Ruth Kelley) Helen Schurz (Holly Bennett)

Military: Jeremiah Henderson, Carson Craig

Missionaries: Elmarie & Scott Parker, PC (USA) Regional Liaisons to Iraq, Syria & Lebanon

