

Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

August 16, 2020

PRELUDE

*Sonata in c, R, 19*

Soler (1729-1783)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We hurt ourselves when we are not willing to forgive one another.

**People: Hatred and envy grow deep within us.**

Leader: Be merciful, just as God is merciful.

**People: Do not judge. Do not condemn.**

Leader: Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

**People: Give, and it will be given to you.**

Leader: A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put in your lap!

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN

*The Summons*

Kelvingrove

- 1 "Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
- 2 "Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?"
- 3 "Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"

- 5 Lord, Your summons; echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Forgiveness, we come today bearing the scars of past hurts. Those who were supposed to love us best have wounded us deeply. Forgiveness is difficult. Help us to struggle with forgiveness. Help us to be more like Joseph, who not only forgave his brothers, but also watched over them and kept them from starving.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God seeks to give us a good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over!

**People: In the love and forgiveness of God, we find abundant healing and mercy. In Christ we are forgiven!**

GLORIA PATRI 581

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.

SERMON

*God Sent Me Before You to Preserve Life*

Rev. Dr. Wray Sherman  
Genesis 45:5

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

*Petite Suite: I*

Debussy (1862-1918)

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

## 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

*Stand By Me*

Stand By Me

- 1 When the storms of life are raging, stand by me;  
When the world is tossing me, like a ship upon the sea,  
Thou who rulest wind and water, stand by me.
- 2 In the midst of faults and failures, stand by me;  
When I've done the best I can, and my friends misunderstand,  
Thou who knowest all about me, stand by me.
- 3 When I'm growing old and feeble, stand by me;  
When my life becomes a burden, and I'm nearing chilly Jordan,  
O thou Lily of the Valley, stand by me.

## CHARGE & BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Basse de Trompette, Grand Jeu*

Clérambault (1676-1749)

## Looking Ahead!!!!

Celebrating of the Gifts of Women  
Resisting Injustice

## 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 Metzel (Joyce Tipton), Tony Poplin (Colleen Cash), Helen Schurz (Holly Bennett), Shae Blackwell and Family (Preschool), Carol Buckalew (J Jones), Col. Stuart Roberts (Mark Henderson), Merle Fisher (Anne Wood)

Military: Jeremiah Henderson, Carson Craig

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

Rev. Patrick S. Pettit of Grottoes, VA, has accepted our call as interim pastor, effective September 1, 2020.

Our sympathies to Burnie Powers and family on the passing of his mother on August 8, 2020.

The CAT survey has ended. Later in the month Rev. Malcolm Brownlee will meet with Session to discuss results from the Survey. Thank you all for your participation.

Colleen, Anne, Jen, Mike and Kevin