

Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time

August 23, 2020

PRELUDE

*Pastorale in F, BWV 590: I*

Bach (1685-1750)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 96

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song;

**People: sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

Leader: Sing, and give praise to God's name;

**People: tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.**

Leader: Let us worship our God who works in new and creative ways!

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN

*The Church's One Foundation*

Aurelia

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
she is his new creation by water and the Word:  
from heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;  
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with the God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

from I John 1: 8,9

**Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.**

**We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.**

**We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.**

**We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.**

**Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**People: May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.**

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Scripture Exodus 1:8 - 2:10

8Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. 9He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. 10Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." 11Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. 12But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. 13The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, 14and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

15The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, 16"When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." 17But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. 18So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" 19The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." 20So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. 21And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. 22Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

2Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. 2The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. 3When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. 4His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

5The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. 6When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. 7Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" 8Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. 9Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. 10When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**      *Whoever saves one life saves the world entire - The Talmud*  
Genesis 45:5      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.

**ANTHEM**      *The Lord's Prayer*      Malotte (1895-1964)  
Kathy Brown, soloist

## 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

Leader: Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share.

Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

**People: Blessed be God forever.**

*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

*The Gift of Love*

Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift of all inspire,  
and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,  
but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.

Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

### CHARGE & BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

*Fugue in C BuxWV 174*

Buxtehude (1637-1707)

**Looking Ahead!!!!**

**Themes: The Call of God  
Making Excuses when God calls**

**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, Campbell Epes

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

Calender

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

3:00pm Session CAT meeting in person and Zoom

Thursday, August 27

2-4 Food Bank