

Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

September 13, 2020

PRELUDE

*My Heart Leaps with Joy*

Walcha (1907-1991)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Majestic in holiness is our God; awesome in splendor is the Lord, and worthy of our highest praise. The Lord is our strength and our salvation! Let us worship God in Spirit and in truth.

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God of might and mercy, your love transforms our lives. Out of darkness, you bring us light; out of grief, comes your healing and wholeness. You take fatigue and give strength; you take fear and give courage. From the spectre of death and you create new life. We come before you to worship - to hand over all that weighs us down and wait for your refreshing gifts. Renew us in this time of worship, we pray. Amen.

HYMN

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Lauda Anima

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to His feet your tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore His praises sing.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

Praise Him for His grace and favor to His people in distress.  
Praise Him, still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness!

Father-like, He tends and spares us; well our feeble frame He knows.  
In His hand He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore Him; you behold Him face to face.  
Sun and moon, bow down before Him, dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Loving God, you Call us to loving service, but our lives do not always reflect your transforming power. Where you are gracious, we cling to judgment. Where you are kind, too often we are dismissive, or cruel. You are eternally forgiving, but we hold onto grudges and keep old wounds open. You offer to filled us with joy, but we prefer our dissatisfaction and complaints. Forgive us, Lord, this and all our sin. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, and make us new through Christ, your Son and our Savior. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

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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.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 103:8-14

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 18:21-35

SERMON

*The Forgiveness Perspective.*

Rev. Patrick Pettit

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

*Bless The Lord*

Ippolitov-Ivanov (1859-1935)

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all within me bless His holy name.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul; and forget not all His benefits.  
He is gracious and plenteous in mercy.  
As a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that love Him,  
And remember His commandments to do them.

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

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

In Babilone

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.

There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.

There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind.

And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's Word,

and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.

## CHARGE & BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*Postlude in C BWV 545*

Bach (1685-1750)

### **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), Steve Stevens, 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 (Jen 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