

Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Reformation Sunday

October 25, 2020

PRELUDE *Pastorale, BWV 590: I*

Bach (1685-1750)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Martin Luther tells us, *all who call on God in true faith, earnestly from the heart, will certainly be heard, and will receive what they have asked and desired.* Let us worship God.

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN *How Happy Are the Saints of God* Wareham

How happy are the saints of God who do not heed the wicked way;
Delighting in the holy Word they seek God's wisdom night and day.

Like deeply rooted trees, they stand beside an ever-flowing stream;
Their fruit is plentiful and good; their leaves are always growing green.

While wicked ones are whisked away like straw before the driving wind.
The saints are firmly planted still, and God will keep them to the end.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we know well your Son's commandment to love you and our neighbor; and yet, we are so slow to respond. We pass judgment when we should lend a hand; we turn from the suffering of others to focus on our own comfort. We busy ourselves with trivial things and are too weary to respond to the injustice all around. Forgive us, Lord, this and all our sin. Transform our hearts, restore our souls, and renew our minds, until we are faithful to your commandments, treating others as you treat us. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 1

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 22: 41-46

SERMON

Context is everything.

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

The Call

Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Terry Crickenberger, soloist

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife: Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length: Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part: Such a Heart, as joys in love.

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.

CLOSING HYMN

What is the World Like

New World

What is the world like when God's will is done?
Mustard seeds grow more than we can conceive;
Roots thread the soil; branches reach for the sun.
This is how God moves us each to believe.

What is the world like when God's will is done?
No more is neighbor just ally or friend;
Peace thrives in places where once there was none.
This is how God works when rivalries end.

These are the stories that Jesus imparts,
Filled with the Spirit who joins us as one.
Born through our voices, our hands and our hearts,
This is a new world where God's will is done.

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Pastorale BWV 590: IV

Bach

Prayers for Health and Other Concerns:

The Legacy: Eloise Morris

Shenandoah Nursing Home: Rubye Schwab

Summit Square: Lillian Hryshkanych

Home: Dick Huff, Nancy Garber, Mary Ultee, Edie Lawrence, Steve Doherty, Nancy Snyder, Kathy Brown, Mary Ann Maupin

Friends and Family: Andy & Jean Robeson, Wanda Braden, Lucy Colbert, Charlie Fairchilds (Cunninghams), Steve Stevens, Paul Jones, George & Alice Morris (Jen Jones), Danny Smith (Nancy Hypes), Jennifer & Charlotte Sergeant (Kathy Brown), Emily Bardeen (Sandi Henderson), Kathy Doyle (Cindy & Rodger Doyle), Bill Metzel (Joyce Tipton), Tony Poplin, Jerry Hughes, Paul Watts (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