

Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2020

PRELUDE

*Pastorale in F, BWV 590: III*

Bach (1685-1750)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lift up your eyes to the Lord—the exalted one, who is enthroned in the heavens. Look to the Lord for compassion and grace and mercy. Pour into God’s temple; come to the king of creation. Let us worship God.

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN

*The Gift of Love*

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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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, as heirs to your kingdom, we are stewards  
of your creation, commissioned to do your will to the best of our ability. We confess how  
little we actually do; our energy fails us;  
our intelligence and imagination are put to use for selfish ends; our love is conditional and  
fickle. Forgive us, Lord, this and all our sin. Make us bold to use our talents for the sake of  
your kingdom, until your Son returns in glory; we ask in his name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

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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.

Greatorex (1816-1853)

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 90 :1-12

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25 :14-30

SERMON

*Faithful Investing.*

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

*Glory to God in the Highest*  
sung by Maximilian Daggy

Mathias (1934-1992)

Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father,  
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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***Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

Dismissal

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us, trav'ling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound:  
May the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound:  
Ever faithful, ever faithful to the truth may we be found.

**CHARGE & BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE***Come, Holy Spirit, BWV 651*

Bach

**Prayers for Health and Other Concerns:**

The Legacy: Eloise Morris

Shenandoah Nursing Home: Rubye Schwab

Augusta Nursing & Rehab: Mary Ann Maupin

Summit Square: Lillian Hryshkanych

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

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 Metzler (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), Tristan Arrowood, (Preschool)

Military: Jeremiah Henderson, Carson Craig

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