

Order of Worship – October 11, 2020

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome – Pastor Kenneth Davis

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray: Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Gathering Song “Holy Spirit” – Tina Mathieu

There's nothing worth more, that will ever come close
No thing can compare. You're our living hope.
Your presence I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone
In your presence Lord.

(chorus)
Holy Spirit, you are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory God
Is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by your presence, Lord
Your presence, Lord.

There's nothing worth more, that will ever come close
No thing can compare. You're our living hope.
Your presence I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone
In your presence Lord.

(chorus)
Let us become more aware of your presence.
Let us experience the glory of your goodness. (repeat)

(chorus)

Isaiah 25:1-9 – Karyn Wong

¹O LORD, you are my God;
I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

²For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.

³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
⁵the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
⁸he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Philippians 4:1-9 – Jim Christopher

¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be

known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14 – Ashlei Snead

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

Sermon – Pastor Kenneth Davis

Hymn of Day – “Healer”

You hold my every moment, You calm my raging seas.
You walk with me through fire. You heal all my disease.
I trust in You, I trust in You.

(chorus)

I believe You are my healer. I believe You are all I need.
And I believe You are my portion.
I believe You're more than enough for me.

Jesus, You're all I need.

Nothing is impossible for You. Nothing is impossible.
Nothing is impossible for You. You hold my world in Your hands.
(chorus)

Prayers of God's People – Chelsea Kadovitz

A brief silence.

Gracious host, fill your church with a spirit of joyous hospitality. We pray for bishops, teachers, church leaders, and all children of God as they invite others to your table of boundless grace. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Beloved One, as creation waits with eager longing for redemption, protect your creatures that are mistreated. Restore valleys, mountains and pastures, and still and running waters. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

O Giver of every gift, as you set a table in the presence of enemies, so bless the efforts of diplomats, international peace workers, and world leaders who navigate conflict. May they proceed with dialogue and understanding, so that justice and peace prevails. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Comforter of all, let your gentleness be known among those who are weary or ill (*especially*). Strengthen doctors, medical care workers, and caretakers who see to their needs. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Holy Parent, when we are quick to judge outward appearance, remind us how you clothe all in your mercy. We pray for ministries that provide needed clothing and other personal care assistance in this community (*local ministries can be named*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Holy God, as we remember those who have died and are gathered at the heavenly banquet, comfort us with your presence. Assure us of your peace at all times. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sending Song – Little Things

I've been praying for signs, hoping and waiting for my time to come.

I'm not done. Got your name on my tongue and I'll keep on repeating, if that's what I'm needing

(Chorus)

It's the little things, the little things that always bring me back,
A little tugging on the strings, Oh, I'm attached to your heart, It's all in your time

You bring the little things, the little things that let me know I'm fine.

I've been laying up all night, convinced I'm quitting for the last time, I'll surrender forever if You help me remember to keep on believing 'cause that's what I'm needing

(Chorus)

Help me design what I've been following all my life
Oh won't you shine Your light on everything, on everything You bring

Blessing

Mothering God,
Father, ⁺ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord and REMEMBER the poor.

Thanks be to God.