



OCTOBER 18, 2020

20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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GATHERING AND PRAISE

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*"O Worship the King" (Bells)*

O worship the King, all glorious above,  
O gratefully sing God's power and God's Love.  
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

OPENING PRAYER

Loving, living God, be among us now. Show us your ways. Guide our steps.  
Live in us, that we may be people of steadfast hope and powerful giving.  
Help us hear your words, challenging us to give you all the thing that are yours.  
Help us to remember that all we are and all we have are gifts from you,  
gifts to be shared in service and love. Holy One among us, help us be a holy people  
who receive your word with joy and live your message with love. Amen.

*"Come, Now Is the Time to Worship" (W&S #3176)*

Come, now is the time to worship. Come, now is the time to give your heart.  
Come, just as you are to worship, Come, just as you are before your God, come.  
One day every tongue will confess you are God. One day every knee will bow.  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose you now.  
Come. Come. Come.

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

Billie Jean Elmer

CALL TO PRAYER

*"Have Thine Own Way" (Bells)*

Have Thine own way Lord! Have Thine own way!  
Thou art the Potter, I am the clay!  
Mold me and make me after Thy will,  
while I am waiting, yielded and still.

MORNING PRAYER

*"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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us  
from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## THANKSGIVING for OFFERING, TITHES, AND GIFTS

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### HEARING GOD'S WORD

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#### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 22:15-22 (CEB)

Then the Pharisees met together to find a way to trap Jesus in his words. They sent their disciples, along with the supporters of Herod, to him. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are genuine and that you teach God's way as it really is. We know that you are not swayed by people's opinions, because you don't show favoritism. So tell us what you think: Does the Law allow people to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

Knowing their evil motives, Jesus replied, "Why do you test me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used to pay the tax." And they brought him a denarion. "Whose image and inscription is this?" he asked. "Caesar's," they replied.

Then he said, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." When they heard this they were astonished, and they departed.

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

*"The Lamb" (Bells)*

Coleman, arr. Geschke

#### SERMON

*"Give to God what is God's"*

Maegan Mitchell

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### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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*"The Summons" (TFWS #2130)*

**Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?**

**Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?**

**Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,**

**Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?**

**Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?**

**Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?**

**Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?**

**Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?**

**Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?**

**Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?**

**Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?**

**Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?**

**Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?**

**Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?**

**Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name?**

**Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.**

**In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.**

**Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

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## SENDING FORTH

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BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

*“Sent Forth by God’s Blessings” (Bells)*

**Sent forth by God’s blessing, our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from this dwelling take leave. The service is ended,  
O now be extended the fruits of our worship in all who believe.  
The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all. God’s grace did invite us,  
and love shall unite us to work for God’s kingdom and answer the call.**