

First Presbyterian Church of Philipstown

21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 2020

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 90:12-15, 17 (The Message)

Leader: Oh! Teach us to live well! Teach us to live wisely and well!

People: Come back, God – how long do we have to wait?

Leader: Surprise us with love at daybreak;

People: then we'll skip and dance all the day long.

Leader: Make up for the bad times with some good times;

People: we've seen enough evil to last a lifetime.

Unison: Let the loveliness of our Lord, our God, rest on us.

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN 327 "O Word of God Incarnate"

1. O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
We praise you for the radiance That from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps, Shines on from age to age.
2. The church from You, dear Savior, Received this gift divine,
And still that light is lifted On all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass That, all life's voyage through,
Amid the rocks and quicksands, Still guides, O Christ, to You.
3. O make your church, dear Savior, A lamp of purest gold
To bear before the nations Your true light, as of old;
O teach your wandering pilgrims By this our path to trace,
Till, clouds and storms thus ended, We see you face to face.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Loving God, we confess the ease with which we justify and excuse our sins. We have become much practiced at judging the motives and behavior of others, but fail to examine or judge our own. Give us the courage to face ourselves; free us to be compassionate; grant us the confidence to let you offer us healing and new life. We pray in the name of our savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

PASSING THE PEACE

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 34:1-12

SECOND READING I Thessalonians 2:1-8

GOSPEL READING Matthew 22:34-40

SERMON

HYMN 2212 My Life Flows On (How Can I Keep From Singing)

1. My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation,
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

Refrain: No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
 Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

2. Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? (Refrain)

3. What though my joys and comforts die? I know my savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth (Refrain)

4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? (Refrain)

PASTORAL PRAYER

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*We are grateful this morning for The Rev. David Harkness, preaching
for the music provided by Tom McCoy
for Worship Leader Barry Llewellyn*

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