



September 6, 2020

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

(As the Prelude begins, you are invited to enter a time of prayer and meditation as we prepare to worship God together.)

The Prelude

How Great Thou Art

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The Greeting

The Hymn No. 2009

O God, Beyond All Praising

THAXTED

1. O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end: We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your Word, we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.
2. Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, that we who know your favor may serve you as our king; and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still: To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

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The Prayer of Confession

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Gracious God, we come this day
seeking courage and hope for the future.
Our world is in such peril.
Heal our wounds and quiet the words of division.
Help us to be those who bring peace
in our families and communities.
Banish the darkness of doubt and fear;
anoint us with your light and love
that we may spread the good news of your mercy to everyone.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

[The first response will be sung by the choir and then by everyone. All other responses will be sung by everyone.]

Response:



Let all things their cre - a - tor bless: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

Francis of Assisi
trans. by William H. Draper
Geistliche Kirchengesänge
arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams

- 1 Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord from the heavens,
praise the Lord, in the heights!
- 2 **Praise the Lord, all his angels,
praise the Lord, all his hosts!**
- 3 Praise the Lord, sun and moon,
praise the Lord, all shining stars!
- 4 **Praise the Lord, highest heavens,
and all waters above the heavens!**

Response

- 5 Let them praise the name of the Lord,
who commanded and they were created,
- 6 **who established them for ever and ever,
and fixed their bounds which cannot be passed.**
- 7 Praise the Lord from the earth,
sea monsters and all deeps,
- 8 **fire and hail, snow and smoke,
stormy wind fulfilling God's command!**

Response

- 9 Mountains and all hills
fruit trees and all cedars!
- 10 **Beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!**
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!
- 12 **Young men and maidens together,
old men and children.**
- 13 Let them praise the name of the Lord,
whose name alone is exalted,
whose glory is above earth and heaven,
- 14 **God has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his faithful ones,
for the people of Israel who are near their God.
Praise the Lord!**

Response

The Hymn No. 533*We Shall Overcome*

MARTIN

1. We shall overcome, we shall overcome,
we shall overcome someday!
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe
we shall overcome someday!
2. We'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand,
we'll walk hand in hand someday!
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe
we'll walk hand in hand, someday!
4. We shall live in peace, we shall live in peace,
we shall live in peace someday!
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe
we shall live in peace someday!

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The Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 12:1-14

Leader: The Word of the Lord.**People:** Thanks be to God.**The Sermon***Set Free*

Dr. Matthew D. Bates

The Offertory Prayer**The Offertory Solo***Sing with Grace in Your Heart*

Georg Frederic Handel

Todd Minnich, tenor

Sing with grace unto the Lord,
Sing with grace in your heart, singing praises unto our God;
Giving thanks to God, give thanks to God,
Singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.
All our blessings come from Him,
Praise our God, praise the Lord;
Great is our God, gracious and kind;
Sing with thanksgiving unto the Lord,
Sing with thanksgiving unto our God.
Sing with grace unto the Lord,
Sing with grace unto our God,
Praise the Lord upon the harp; let all nations sing His praise.
Praise him, sun and stars of light, singing songs of praise unto our God.
Singing songs of praise and thanksgiving unto the Lord.

Text adapted from The Bible

The Prayers of the People

The Silent Prayer

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer No. 895

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 that 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.

The Hymn No. 586

Let My People Seek Their Freedom

EBENEZER

1. "Let my people seek their freedom
in the wilderness awhile,
from the slave pens of the Delta,
from the ghettos on the Nile":
so God spoke from out of Sinai,
so God spoke and it was done,
and a people crossed the waters
toward the rising of the sun.
2. "Let my people seek their freedom
in the wilderness a while,
from the aging shrines and structures,
from the cloister and the aisle.":
so the Son of God has spoken
and the storm clouds are unfurled,
for God's people must be scattered
to be servants in the world.
3. When we murmur on the mountains
for the old Egyptian plains,
when we miss our ancient bondage,
and the hope, the promise, wanes,
then the rock shall yield it water
and the manna fall by night,
and with visions of a future
shall we march toward the light.
4. In the maelstrom of the nations,
in the journeying into space,
in the clash of generations,
in the hungering for grace,
in our agony and glory,
we are called to newer ways
by the Lord of our tomorrows
and the God of earth's todays.

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The Benediction

The Postlude

Postlude on EBENEZER

Charles W. Ore

We thank these persons who participated in worship this morning.

Senior Pastor:	Rev. Matthew D. Bates
Minister to Young Adults:	Rev. Drew Willson
Director of Music/Organist:	Stanley M. Baker
Pianist:	Lee Covington
Vocalist:	Todd Minnich
Video:	Rachel Bates, Dan Corcoran

Scripture

Exodus 12:1-14

12 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ² This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³ Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴ If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ⁵ Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶ You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷ They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸ They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹ Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰ You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹ This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. ¹² For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³ The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴ This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.