



**Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost
Traditional Service
October 10, 2021**

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE Chorale Prelude in E Major

Cesar Franck

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: We dare to worship because of what we have seen:

All: waters parted and people healed.

One: We dare to worship because of what we have heard:

All: the mighty voice in a rush of wind and the still, small whisper.

One: We dare to worship because of what we have tasted:

All: the bread of life and the cup of hope.

One: We dare to worship because of what we have felt:

All: holy joy and deep gratitude for God's grace.

One: Let us worship God!

OPENING HYMN

#466

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing
My dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of God's grace!

2 Jesus, the name that charms our
fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

3 Christ breaks the power of reigning
sin,
And sets the prisoner free;
Christ's blood can make the sinful
clean,
Christ's blood availed for me.

4 My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name.

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you have called us to serve your people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love. Too often our energy fades, and we waste the gifts of our minds. We do not have the imagination or the patience to love and care for our neighbors. Your hope is abundant and your truth is steadfast, yet we do not trust the depth of your grace or the substance of our faith. Forgive us, God of mercy, and move us to know and live the goodness and gratitude of your beloved community with and for all people here and now.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Luke 17:11-19

Phil Fair

Leader: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON

The Rev. Lindsey Altvater Clifton

“Neighborhood Church: One Thing To Do”

WE RESPOND

HYMN

#749

Come! Live in the Light! (see insert)

WE ARE CALLED

1 Come, live in the light
Shine with the joy and the love of the
Lord
We are called to be light for the kingdom
To live in the freedom of the city of God

We are called to be hope for the
hopeless
So all hatred and blindness will be no
more
(Refrain)

Refrain

We are called to act with justice
We are called to love tenderly
We are called to serve one another
To walk humbly with God

3 Sing, sing a new song
Sing of that great day when all will be
one
God will reign and we'll walk with
each other

2 Come, open your heart
Show your mercy to all those in fear

As sisters and brothers united in love
(united in love)
(Refrain)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love, God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

CALL FOR OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory At the River (see insert)

adapted by Aaron Copland

Chancel Choir

*Response - #592

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

*Prayer of Dedication

CLOSING HYMN

#425

Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining

ABBOT'S LEIGH

1 Lord of light, your name outshining all
the stars and suns of space,
use our talents in your kingdom as the
servants of your grace.
Use us to fulfill your purpose in the gift of
Christ your Son.
Lord of light, as in highest heaven, so on
earth Thy will be done.

2 By the toil of faithful workers in
some far outlying field,
by the courage, where the radiance
of the cross is still revealed,
by the victories of meekness, through
reproach and suffering won.
Lord of light, as in highest heaven, so
on earth Thy will be done.

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3 Grant that knowledge, still
increasing, at your feet may lowly
kneel.
With your grace our triumphs hallow,
with your charity our zeal.
Lift the nations from the shadows to
the gladness of the sun -
Lord of light, as in highest heaven, so
on earth Thy will be done.

4 By the prayers of faithful
watchers, never silent day or night,
by the cross of Jesus, bringing peace
to all, and healing light,
by the love that passes knowledge,
making all your children one,
Lord of light, as in highest heaven, so
on earth Thy will be done.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Minuet Finale" from *Music for the Royal Fireworks*

George Frederick Handel
arr. E. Power Biggs

Flowers under the cross are in memory of my family from Fran Spicer

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749 Come! Live in the Light!

We Are Called



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that



joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,



to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and



free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.



We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

“At the River”

Text by Robert Lowry

adapted by Aaron Copland

Shall we gather by the river,
Where bright angel's feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God?

Yes, we'll gather by the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints by the river
That flows by the throne of God.

Ere we reach the shining river
Lay we every burden down,
Praise our spirits will deliver
And provide our robe and crown.

Yes, we'll gather at the river.
The beautiful, the beautiful, river.
Gather with the saints at the river,
That flows by the throne of God.

Soon we'll reach the shining river,
Soon our pilgrimage will cease,
Soon our happy hearts will quiver
With the melody of peace.

Yes, we'll gather by the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints by the river
That flows by the throne of God.