St. Andrews Presbyterian Church **OCTOBER 18, 2020** TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY

If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

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CALL TO WORSHIP

In worship we tell a story:

A story of an unfettered love that changed the world.

In worship we tell a story:

A story of how we live and how we long to live.

In worship we tell a story:

Because we are forgetful people.

So may we remember who we are.

May we release the narratives that trap us.

May we reimagine this world to see what God sees.

And may we work toward restoration.

It's all that easy, and it's all that hard.

Let us worship holy God.

HYMN

Great is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

1) Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow of turning with thee. Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not. As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see. All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

- 2) Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)
- 3) Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow: Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (*Refrain*)

CONFESSING OUR SIN

God of Grace, You invite us to dream of a better world, Holy God,

To restore is to bring back;

So today we bring our hearts back to you, our thoughts back to love, and our prayers back to peace.

We try to stay in this place, but we confess, it's never been that easy for us.

We flirt with reconciliation and then back away.

We come face-to-face with an opportunity for justice, but get scared.

We are offered an opportunity to re-write our story, but we lose our way.

Bring us back to this moment.

Bring us back to your story where brothers extend grace to one another and even the one who denied it was forgiven.

Bring us back. Restore us. Forgive us.

Gratefully we pray...

Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

JOYFUL RESPONSE TO THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

O Lord, Our Lord, How Majestic Is Your Name

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

O Lord, we praise your name.

O Lord, we magnify your name:

Prince of Peace, mighty God;

O Lord God Almighty.

HOW MAJESTIC

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 33:1-17

MUSICAL OFFERING

GOSPEL READING John 21:1-19

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON Our Money Story: Restore Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in a restoring God,

Who restores our bodies through the gift of Sabbath.

We believe in a restoring God,

Who restores our souls through the gift of grace and second chances.

We believe in a restoring God,

Who restores this hurting world through the gift of mercy and God's son Jesus Christ.

And we believe in a restoring God who invites us to loin in this restoration work.

As people of faith, we seek to restore creation to God

by feeding the hungry, loving our neighbors,

forgiving seventy times seven, welcoming the children,

seeing all, loving all, and living like we belong to all.

And so we will work until God's promised day.

This we believe.

Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF GOD'S CHURCH, COMMUNITY AND WORLD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offertory Response

We Praise You, O God

KREMSER

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; In grateful devotion our tribute we bring. We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; We bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn The Summons Kelvingrove

"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.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

BENEDICTION IN MUSIC

Where Charity and Love Prevail

TWENTY-FOURTH

Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found; Brought here together by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.

Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God's name; Our common life embraces all whose Maker is the same.



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Information about today's Music:

Opening Voluntary The music and text for "If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee" (*Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten*) were written by Georg Neumark (1621 - 1681) in thanksgiving and acknowledging God's providential care based on Psalm 55:22. This setting is by Anna Laura Page, who is active as a composer, clinician, and organist. Her publications include choral works for children, youth and adults, and compositions for handbells, organ, and piano.