

The Lord's Day, October 18, 2020
The Christian Year: The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM Morning Service

*O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven or on earth,
keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to your servants who walk before you with all their heart. (II Chronicles 6:14)*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

***Call to Worship: Psalm 23**

Minister: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**People: He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

Minister: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

People: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Unison: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

***Hymn of Adoration: "All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above" (No. 4, verses 1-4)**

1 All praise to God, who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of wonders, pow'r, and love,
the God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul he fills,
the God who every sorrow stills.
To God all praise and glory!

3 I cried to him in time of need:
Lord God, O hear my calling!
For death he gave me life indeed
and kept my feet from falling.
For this my thanks shall endless be;
O thank him, thank our God, with me.
To God all praise and glory!

2 What God's almighty pow'r hath made
his gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning dawn or evening shade
his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
within the kingdom of his might,
lo, all is just and all is right.
To God all praise and glory!

4 The Lord forsaketh not his flock,
his chosen generation;
he is their refuge and their rock,
their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand
he leads his own, his chosen band.
To God all praise and glory!

***Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Invocation**

Most High God, the universe with all its myriad creatures is yours, made by your word, upheld by your power, governed by your will. But you are also the Father of mercies, the God of all grace, the bestower of all comfort, the protector of the saved. You have been mindful of us, have visited us, preserved us, given us a goodly heritage—the Holy Scriptures, the joyful gospel, the Savior of souls. We come to you in His name, making mention of His righteousness only, pleading His obedience and sufferings. Amen.

From "God Creator and Controller" in The Valley of Vision

***Affirmation of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 1**

Minister: What is your only comfort in life and death?

People: That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

***Gloria (Tune: Gloria Patri, Greatorex)**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

Psalter Reading: Psalm 111

Minister: Praise the Lord.

People: I will extol the Lord with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

Minister: Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them.

People: Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.

Minister: He has caused his wonders to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and compassionate.

People: He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

Minister: He has shown his people the power of his works, giving them the lands of other nations.

People: The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

Minister: They are steadfast for ever and ever, done in faithfulness and uprightness.

People: He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever – holy and awesome is his name.

Minister: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding.

People: To him belongs eternal praise.

Hymn of Thanksgiving: "We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator" (No. 97)

1 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.

2 We worship you, God of our fathers, we bless you;
through life's storm and tempest our Guide you have been.
When perils o'ertake us, escape you will make us,
and with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.

3 With voices united our praises we offer,
to you, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise.
Your strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us,
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise.

The Prayers of Intercession

Unison: O Lord God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, let your ear be attentive and your eyes open, to hear the prayer of your servants.

People: We pray for your Church that she may be revived. We pray especially for ourselves that our hearts may be drawn more deeply into fellowship with yourself.

Minister: We pray for all pastors and missionaries, especially for those in our denomination, in the Central Florida Presbytery and in our community.

People: We pray for family, neighbors, and friends who do not know Christ.

Minister: We pray for those whom we know who serve Christ in this country and around the world, especially for the Mahands (London, England), the Lees (FAU), the Mays (Peru), and those working among the dispossessed throughout the world.

People: We pray for those in this congregation who serve Christ in various ministries in our community, especially for The Women's Refuge and CareNet.

Unison: Lord, hear our prayers.

Pastoral Prayer

Words of Encouragement

Blessed be the Lord! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him. (Ps. 28:6-7)

*Hymn of Preparation: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (No. 32)

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]

Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology (Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
O Praise Him! O Praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

***Reading of The Holy Scriptures: Genesis 45:16-46:27**

***The Prayer for Illumination**

Sermon: "I Myself Will Go" (Rev. Seth Wallace)

***Hymn of Response: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (No. 528)**

1 My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine;
now hear me while I pray,
take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day
be wholly thine.

2 May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire;
as thou hast died for me,
O may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire.

3 While life's dark maze I tread,
and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray
from thee aside.

4 When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold, sullen stream
shall o'er me roll,
blest Savior, then, in love,
fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
a ransomed soul.

***The Benediction**

Postlude

**Denotes congregation standing, if able.*