

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2020 • 10:00 AM

A TIME OF PREPARATION & WELCOME

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

PRAISE

Call to Worship

There is now light where once there was darkness and despair.

There is hope and joy where once there was only sadness and shame.

We have life because Christ lives and the bonds of death are broken.

Even as the days grow long and we are weary, the Lord sustains us.

For Christ alone pleads our case before God so that we may know mercy.

Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Let us join together in prayer:

Almighty and merciful God, in Your loving way, You ask only for us to have faith and follow You and You promise that we will see wonders we have not imagined. Give us the strength and courage to trust You, Lord. In Christ we pray. Amen.

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Psalter Reading *Psalm 30* A psalm of David

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night,

but joy comes with the morning.

As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."

By your favor, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication: "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?"

Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!" You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

A reading from the gospel of John 16:20-24

Very truly, I tell you, you will weep and mourn, but the world will rejoice; you will have pain, but your pain will turn into joy. When a woman is in labor, she has pain, because her hour has come. But when her child is born, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy of having brought a human being into the world. So you have pain now; but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. On that day you will ask nothing of me. Very truly, I tell you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete.

Morning Message *Oh, The Pain!* Rev. Dr. McCarthy

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Prayers

The Lord's Prayer (sins)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

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WE PREPARE TO GO TO THE WORLD

Benediction

People of Christ, listen for the Word of God in your life.

Let it come into your heart and be a part of your daily living, so that others might see, in action, the love of God in you.

Go forth now, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Amen.

Postlude

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For their music today with:
Brian Hartley and Matt Bureau**

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Worship on the Town Green