

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, October 18, 2020 – 10:00 AM

Congregational responses are in **bold** type.

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

Announcements

Joys and Concerns

PRAISE

Call to Worship

Leader: You call us together to worship you this day, O God.

People: We also call to you, asking that you be present in our midst, opening us to the transformations in our lives that would bring us ever more perfectly into your loving service. In Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Confession

God of mercy and compassion, you have constantly shown us your love, even when we have not deserved it. But we have often spurned that love and failed to pass on your love to others. We have focused on ourselves and our own desires. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed-by doing what offends you and failing to do what you require. Forgive us, dear God. Turn us around and set us on your path. Make our every desire be for you and your will. Make our every action honor you and benefit our neighbor. We thank you for your patience and

eagerness to forgive. We go forward from this day with gratitude for your grace. Help us to love you and our neighbor as you have commanded. We pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance

Pastor: In Christ, calls us to becoming the fullness of who we are intended to be. By repentance, and the reception of God's pardon, we are enabled to open our minds to new truth, our hearts to new love, and our lives to new action. This is God's gracious gift in Christ. Glory be to God!

Hymn: *For the Beauty of the Earth* #28, vs 1&4

1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the splendor of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies.

God of all, to you we raise
this, our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the good that love inspires
For a world where none exclude,
For a faith that never tires,
And for every heart renewed,

God of all, to you we raise
this, our hymn of grateful praise.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 20.1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Then God spoke all these words:

²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. ¹⁸When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, ¹⁹and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." ²⁰Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

Gospel: Matthew 22.34-40

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" ³⁷He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Message

"Two Clues"

Pastor Don Francois

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

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 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.

WE PREPARE TO GO TO THE WORLD

Closing Hymn: *Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant* 539, vs 1&2

1 Won't you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I might have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.

2 We are pilgrims on a journey,
we are trav'lers on the road,
We are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

Benediction

Postlude