



The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship (*adapted from Exodus 33: 12-19*)

Leader: Lord, you have welcomed us, saying,

People: “I know you by name, and you have found favor with me.”

Leader: Lord, you have promised us,

People: “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”

Leader: Lord, you have blessed us, saying,

People: “I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you.”

Leader: Lord, you have humbled us, saying,

People: “I will proclaim my holy name in your presence.”

Lord, show us your glory! We come worship you!

Hymn 138

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Prayer of Confession

God of All, we confess that we have made idols of wealth, notoriety, and other worldly measures of success. As these idols are crashing down around us, we are losing hope, losing joy, losing faith. But You are the God above all. You are the One who leads us into Your reign, a kin-dom not of this world. You are the one who shows us how to truly live, by loving our neighbors as ourselves. Lead us into the true faith, O God, through Jesus Christ Your Son, who lived for us, who died for us, and lives again, teaching us to live into Your ways of love, justice, mercy, and peace. In these ways, we worship and live the true, abundant life You intended for us, now and into eternity.

(silent meditation)

Assurance of Forgiveness (*adapted from Exodus 33: 21-22*)

Leader: The Lord spoke to Moses: “There is a place near me
where you may stand upon a rock.

**People: When my glory passes by, I’ll put you in a cleft in the rock.
I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by.”**

Leader: Beloved ones, God has shielded us, covered our sin with the hand of protection,
as we hide ourselves in Christ, the rock of our salvation.

People: By the Grace of God through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

(over...)

Sharing Christ's Peace

Leader: We encourage you to reach out to friends and neighbors to share Christ's Peace in appropriate ways. The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also, with you.

Leader: Let us share that Peace with one another.

TO HEAR GOD'S WOR**Music for Reflection and Thanksgiving****Scripture Reading****Matthew 22: 15-22****Prayer for Illumination****Sermon****Rev. Aaron D. Frank****TO RESPOND TO THE WORD****Hymn #422****God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending****Offering of Our Gifts**

For those of you who are able, we would ask that you to contribute to the ministry of the church by using the online giving portal the church's website, or by sending a check to the church office. Your support continues the work of our congregation as we seek to serve the needs of our community, sharing God's love far and wide.

Prayer of Dedication (*in unison*)

We trust you, Lord God, to multiply the blessings these gifts represent, as we pour out your love and grace on those who long to hear your word to them, to see your power at work within them, to feel your comfort beside them, through the generous gifts of your Spirit. Amen.

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.

Benediction

Now, May the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Today and Every Day. Amen.

Postlude