

20th Sunday after Pentecost - October 22nd 2017

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GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

***Centering Song:** “Come All You People” (1st time African, 2nd time English) #388

***Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 99):

Come all the people! Who is worthy to be praised?

The Lord! The Lord! Great and awesome is the Lord!

Why do we praise God?

Because God loves justice and established equity. God did this. And God is holy.

Who praises God?

Moses, Aaron, Samuel, and all the people. They cried to the Lord, and God answered them.

Can we cry to this same Lord?

Yes! All may come to the mountain of God. All may come and praise their Maker.

***Opening Hymn:** “Come! Live in the Light!”

#749

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Oh Holy God, our Mother and our Father. We know you to be gracious because we have experienced your grace. We trust you to be merciful because we have experienced your mercy. We come to you this morning knowing, trusting, and yet still hesitant, wondering if your mercy really will outshine all our errors, faults, mistakes, shortcomings, and sins. We come to you this morning needing your grace, and asking for mercy. Please listen to our silent petitions...

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon & Hope:

Sisters and brothers, God’s mercy is rock solid, and God’s grace is everlasting.

Come, live in the light! Through Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

***Sung Response:** “Bless the Lord”

#544

***Passing of the Peace**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

THE WORD

Children’s Message

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Exodus 33:12-23

Moses’ Intercession

p. 80 OT

First Thessalonians 1:1-10

Example of Faith

p. 203 NT

Sermon:

Robert Drake

WE RESPOND

***Affirmation of Faith:** The Confession of 1967 (see insert)

***Hymn of Faithfulness:** “God, Reveal Your Presence”

#412

Minute for Mission: Children’s Sabbath

Invitation to the Offering & Prayer of Dedication

Printed prayer requests are gathered with the offering and shared during the Prayers of the People.

Offertory: “For Such a Time as This”

Martin

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer (debt and debtors)

SENDING OUT

***Church Mission Statement:** (on back of bulletin)

***Closing Hymn:** “I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

#623

***Benediction**

***Closing Sung Response:** “The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”

#747

Postlude

The Confession of 1967, section B

“The Love of God” 9.15

God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of our mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals God’s love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God’s love.

