

22nd Sunday after Pentecost
ORDER OF WORSHIP
10:00 a.m.

Sunday, October 29, 2023

Seasonal Color: Green

WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

Chiming of the Hour

Processional Prelude: “Highland Cathedral” Traditional Scottish
(Gordon Warburton, Pipes; Brandon Burns, Organ)

Beadle Brings in the Word Gary McDougal
(In the Church of Scotland, the Beadle is a lay official who attends the minister as an assistant. The Beadle was charged with keeping the Bible in a safe place until worship – a place free from theft, damage or vandalism. At the start of worship services, the Beadle would carry the Bible into the church and place it on the pulpit for the entire congregation to see.)

Kirkin’ o’ the Tartan
(The Tartan, with its famous plaid weave, is the symbol of a particular Scottish family. Each family has a personalized pattern and color scheme.)
Bring your tartans forward and place them on the communion table.

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship
Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper the work of our hands – O prosper the work of our hands!
Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn: “All People That on Earth Do Dwell” GTG # 385
(During the Reformation, John Calvin believed worship should be simple and consist of prayer, preaching, and the singing of the Psalms. The Old Hundredth tune used for this text, which is based on Psalm 100, is the melody known by Christians today for the Doxology. This hymn setting is known as “Calvin’s Reformation Hymn”.)

(The Prayer of Confession and the Declaration of Forgiveness (Absolution) are from 1539; they were used by both John Calvin at Geneva and John Knox in Scotland.)

*Call to Confession
All fall short of the glory of God. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith, let us confess our sin.

*Prayer of Confession
Lord, God, eternal and almighty Father:
We acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners prone to do evil, unable of our power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Also grant us daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Declaration of Forgiveness
Brothers and sisters, you know that God is full of goodness and mercy, and loved the world so greatly that he gave his only Son. Believe, therefore, that when we ask God's mercy in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and when we forgive our neighbor as ourselves, our Lord forgives us. May Jesus, who died for us, dwell in your hearts through his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Confession Response: “Glory be to the Father” GTG # 581
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.

Anthem: “Be Thou My Vision” arr. John Rutter
Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.
Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord.
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
Be thou in my dwelling, and I with thee one.
Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
Be thou my soul’s shelter, be thou my strong tower;
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.
Riches I heed not, not man’s empty praise;
Be thou mine inheritance now and always;
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sov’ reign of heaven, my treasure thou art.
High King of heaven, thou heaven’s bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after victory is won;
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

First Lesson: Psalm 1 pg. 489

Time for Young Disciples Laura Sparks

Second Lesson: Matthew 22:34-46 pg. 25

Sermon: “For Reformation Sunday” Rev. David Roquemore

*Hymn: “I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art” GTG # 624
(This hymn first appeared in the French Psalter published in 1545 under the leadership of John Calvin. The hymn has been ascribed to Calvin; but that cannot be proved.)

*Affirmation of Faith: (Scotts Confession Book of Confessions 3.01)
We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory. Amen.

Litany of Remembrance:
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
God of the ages, we praise you for all your servants, who have done justice, loved mercy and walked humbly with their God. For all your servants who have faithfully served you, witnessed bravely, and died in faith, who still are shining lights in the world.

We praise you, O God.
For those we have known and loved, who by their faithful obedience and steadfast hope, have shown the same mind that was in Christ Jesus.
We praise you, O God.
(A bell will toll after each name)
For Mark Anderson, Betty Jean Brown, Jim Templeton, Richard Yaussy, Betty Fieselman, Ricky “Lurch” Hagy.

We praise you, O God.
Keep us grateful for their witness, and like them, eager to follow in the way of Christ. Then at the last, bring us with them to share in the inheritance of the saints in light; through Jesus Christ the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

And The Lord's Prayer
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be they 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 debits 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.

*Congregational Response: "Amazing Grace" GTG # 649
(Gordon Warburton, Pipes)
Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years bright shining as the sun,
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we first begun.

Offering Our Gifts

Moment for Mission: Stewardship Council on Sharing

Offertory: “Vater unser im Himmelreich” George Böhm

*Doxology: “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” GTG # 606
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Hymn: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" GTG # 275
(Martin Luther, the great reformer, Bible translator, and theologian wrote this hymn. Luther was also a musician who worked during the Reformation to create new music for worship to revive congregational singing. This hymn is based on Psalm 46 and has over 80 translations. It became the rallying cry of the Protestant Reformation.)

Benediction

Postlude: "Scotland the Brave" Traditional Scottish
(Gordon Warburton, Pipes)

(*Please stand in body or spirit.)

Lay Leader for this morning is Karen McDougal
Elder on Call this week is Suzanne Rhinehart

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"Highland Cathedral", traditional Scottish; "All People That on Earth Do Dwell", text William Kethe, music attr. Louis Bourgeois; "Glory Be to the Father", text traditional liturgical text; "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art", text *Psalms*, Strasbourg, 1545; trans. Elizabeth Lee Smith, 1868; music Genevan Psalter; "Amazing Grace"; text by John Newton, music Columbian Harmony; "Vater unser im Himmelreich", music George Böhm; "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow", traditional; "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"; text Martin Luther, trans. Frederick Henry Hedge; music Martin Luther; "Scotland, the Brave", traditional Scottish.

Music selections public domain.

Beadle: Our Beadle for today's Reformation service is Gary McDougal. We thank Gary for being a part of this special service for Reformation Sunday.

Piper: We welcome Gordon Warburton to our service of worship today. Gordon, a Scottish Highland Piper, is the Pipe Major of the Grandfather Mountain Highlanders Pipe Band. Gordon teaches bagpipes to many young persons and has started a special band just for beginners. Please contact Gordon if you have any youngsters who wish to learn the Highland Bagpipe or Scottish Drums. He lives in Marion and has been playing pipes for over 50 years.

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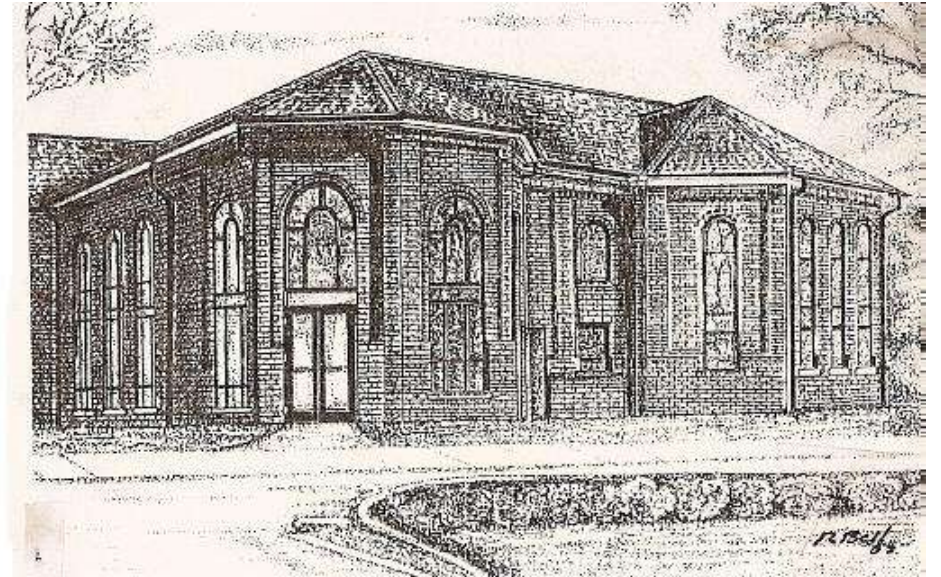
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