

September 20, 2020
16th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

Dr. Brenda Clark

‘Sheep May Safely Graze from Cantata 208’

JS BACH

WELCOME

Rev. Rachel Vione

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Psalm 105:1-6

**O give thanks to the Lord, call on God’s name,
make known God’s deeds among the peoples.**

Sing to the Lord, sing praises to God;
tell of all the Lord’s wonderful works.
Glory in God’s holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Seek the Lord and God’s strength; seek the Lord’s presence continually.

Remember the wonderful works God has done, the miracles and the judgments God uttered,

O offspring of God’s servant Abraham, children of Jacob, the Lord’s chosen ones.

Let us worship the Lord!

HYMN NO. 37

“Let All Things Now Living”

ASH GROVE

Let all things now

living a song of thanksgiving

To God the creator triumphantly raise.

Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,

Who still guides us on to the end of our days.

God’s banners are o’er us, His light goes before us,

A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.

Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished

As forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces, the stars in their courses
And sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration a Song let us raise
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, Hosanna and praise!"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Lord God, you hear our cries of pain and our murmured complaining. Your relentless compassion for your people defies any human logic or understanding. You provide manna in the wilderness, bread from heaven and the assurance that you will not abandon us in our need. Despite your over owing goodness, we grumble. Rather than rejoice in your grace to us, we resent that you extend kindness to others. Instead of gratitude for your mercy, we question why you would embrace those we think undeserving — forgetting that none of us are righteous, all of us saved by grace. Forgive us for judging others and begrudging your generosity. We thank you for yet again hearing our cries and responding with love.

Silent prayers of confession

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

BLESSINGS OF THE BACKPACKS AND PRAYER FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 20:1-16

20 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴ and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷ They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You

also go into the vineyard.’⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’⁹ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage.¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage.¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner,¹² saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?’¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you.¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

MEDITATION

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ANTHEM

“Love Ye the Lord”

GF HANDEL

Dana Warren

DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDRETH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! 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.***

BENEDICTON

POSTLUDE

“Onward Christian Soldiers”

A. SULLIVAN arr. C. Kohlmann

Thank you to Joe & Nancy Winkler, and Kevin McKerr for making this online worship service possible.

Please pray for members and friends of our congregation

For those who are suffering as a result of the fires burning in the West, all those who are suffering as a result of the coronavirus, essential employees who go to work so we can be safe and healthy, those who are persecuted for their faith, those who protest peacefully, Rose Marie Doty (Leah Fink's sister), Howard Heckman Jr. (Diane Lobaugh's cousin), Justin Schottler (Marlena Dentrone's cousin's son), Chris Landi (Kathy Landi's son), Alex Martin (Mary Blondrage's nephew), Paul Schrader, Betsy Staulcup (David Dickman's cousin), Donald Sheetz (Bob Van Deusen's cousin), Rusty Feld (Leah Fink's nephew), Justin Yoskowitz, the Pastor Nominating Committee, Aaron Thomas, Bob White, Brian Brewer (Faustine White's son), Charlene Cosman, the family of: Wayne Kaifler (Barbara Kaifler's brother-in-law), those in Healthcare facilities- Atria: Ann Deery, our partner congregations: Nueva Paz, Cuba and Iglesia Evangelica Presbiteriana Nueva Vida, Malverne; the Presbytery of Long Island and its staff; the Synod of the Northeast, the Presbyterian Church (USA), its Louisville staff, its missionaries worldwide.