

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 18, 2020 10:30 a.m.

“Give therefore to
the EMPEROR the
things that are the
EMPEROR’S,
and to GOD
the things
that are
GOD’S.”



Matthew 22:21, NRSV

*“Touched by the Gospel, we seek to be instruments of God’s Peace,
for the sake of the World.”*



Welcome in the name of Christ! We are glad to have you as part of our community this morning. Your presence makes our celebration even more joyful!

Thank you for joining us for worship today. May God bless you and give you peace this week.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

“The God of Abraham Praise”

arr. Hal Hopson

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Pastor: Faithful God,

All: have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Pastor: God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of ✠ Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness of life, striving for justice and peace in all the world.

All: Amen.

Gathering Song

"The God of Abraham Praise"

No. 831

vs 1-4



1 The God of A - br'ham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
2 The God of A - br'ham praise! At your su - preme com - mand
3 The God of A - br'ham praise! Your all - suf - fi - cient grace
4 Your prom - ise you have sworn; I on your oath de - pend.



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love—
from earth I rise and seek the joys at your right hand.
shall guide me all my pil - grim days in all my ways.
I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, to heav'n as - cend.



"I Am the One I Am"—by earth and heav'n con - fessed;
I all on earth for - sake— its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r—
You deign to call me friend; you call your - self my God!
I shall be - hold your face; I shall your pow'r a - dore,



I bow and bless the sa - cred name for - ev - er blest.
and you my on - ly por - tion make, my shield and tow'r.
And you will save me to the end through Je - sus' blood.
and sing the won - ders of your grace for - ev - er - more.

Prayer of the Day

All: Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Moment

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading

Isaiah 45:1-7

**"I am the
LORD,
and there is no other."**

Isaiah 45:5



Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him – and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]

Reader: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

All: Sing to the Lord, bless the name of the Lord; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.

Reader: Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.

All: For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods.

Reader: As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O Lord, have made the heavens.

All: Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary.

Reader: Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

All: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the Lord.

Reader: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the Lord, all the earth.

All: Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is king! The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity."

Reader: Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

All: Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O Lord, for you come to judge the earth. You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead – Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

“Tembea na Yesu”

Refrain, sung twice

A - men, A - men, A - men Al - le - lu - ia, — A - men.

Text, sung over the refrain by soloist: *Tembea na Yesu* -- Let us walk with Jesus

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:15-22

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 22nd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Rachel Laughlin



1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car - ols raise; the
 3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for - get that,



na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
 This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
 rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.
 Lord is king, let heav - en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

Apostles' Creed

Leader: Joining the saints of every time and place, we confess our faith.

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering Song

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me "

1. I'm gon-na live so God can use me
 2. I'm go-na work so God can use me
 3. I'm go-na pray so God can use me
 4. I'm go-na sing so God can use me

5
 an - y time _____ and an - y - where. _
 an - y time _____ and an - y - where. _
 an - y time _____ and an - y - where. _
 an - y time _____ and an - y - where. _

9
 I'm gon-na live so God can use me
 I'm go-na work so God can use me
 I'm go-na pray so God can use me
 I'm go-na sing so God can use me

13
 an - y time _____ and an - y - where.
 any - y time _____ and wn - y - where.
 an - y time _____ and an - y - where.
 an - y time _____ and an - y - where.

WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE

Announcements

Stay up to date with all the latest community information on our website: www.poppottage.org!

We miss seeing you and talking with you each Sunday in worship. We'd love to hear from you in the comments on the worship video posts on Facebook or YouTube or via e-mail to any of our individual staff members. Share the link with family and friends!

We'd also love to see you at our Sunday Zoom fellowship hour at 11:45 AM after worship on Sundays. Contact Pastor Rachel (pastorrachel@poppottage.org) for instructions on how to join the conversation!

Final Blessing

Leader: Mothering God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

All: Amen.

vs 1, 4



1 You ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim, and pub - lish a -
 2 As - cend - ed on high, al - might - y to save, yet still he is
 3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -
 4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right, all glo - ry and



broad his won - der - ful name; the name, all - vic - to - rious, of
 nigh, his pres - ence we have. The great con - gre - ga - tion his
 loud and hon - or the Son. The prais - es of Je - sus the
 pow'r and wis - dom and might, all hon - or and bless - ing, with



Je - sus ex - tol; his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all!
 tri - umph shall sing, as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our king!
 an - gels pro - claim, fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.
 an - gels a - bove, and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fin - ite love!

Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

"Praise to the Lord"

arr. Calvin Hampton

Today's Participants

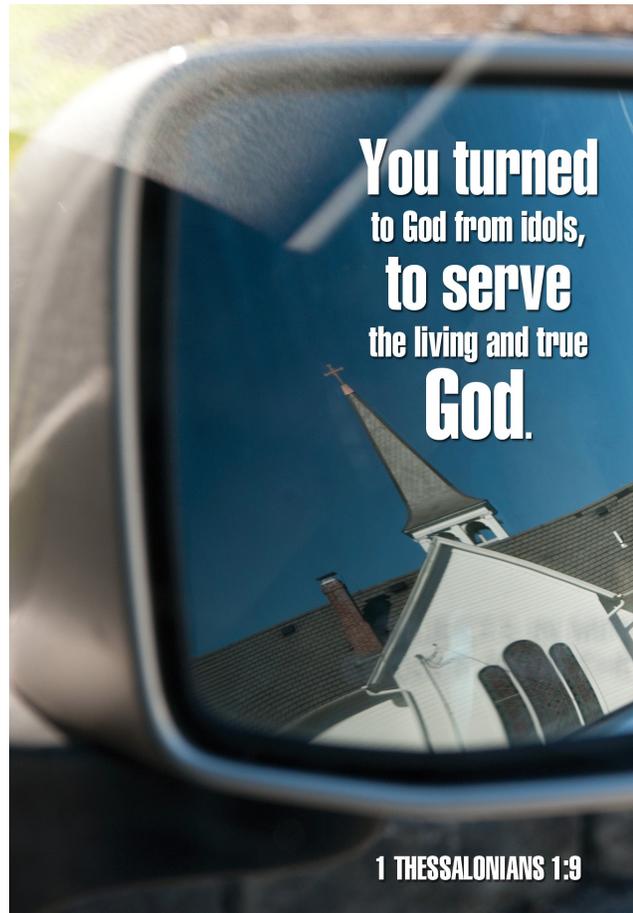
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Prayers: Nancy Pederson



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