Sunday, October 15, 2023, 11:15am 20th Sunday after Pentecost Psst, I Got A Secret



Living in the ups and downs of life, in a world opposed to Jesus and His purposes, it may seem like peace is a secret that must be found to be enjoyed.

There is no secret, as it were, but the peace that passes understanding is hidden in Jesus.

This peace is not some relative calm against the upset of the world but knowing Jesus and living in His strength, comfort, forgiveness, joy, and peace amid every circumstance of life.

This is not to be confused with happiness, which is hard to find and even harder to define. No, this gift of peace means knowing with contentment the steadfast love and mercy of God given to us in Jesus, His Son.

Opening Praise Song

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

C: my soul shall be joyful in my God,

P: for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation;

C: He has covered me with the robe of righteousness.

(Silence for meditation and reflection)

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, I confess that I am by nature sinful and unclean. I have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done and by what I have left undone. I have not loved You with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbors as myself. I justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, so that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your Holy name, Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Jesus, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Merciful Father, in Your mercy You have visited us with Your Son that we might know the joy of His salvation. Grant that this joy we know in Jesus may be with us in every circumstance and be fulfilled in us when we are delivered through death into everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

Children's Time

Isaiah 25:6-9

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Philippians 4:4–13 [Sermon Text]

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(MATTHEW 22:1-14)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Praise Song

The Sermon Psst, I Got A Secret

P: Please rise and join me as we profess our faith,

C: Nicene Creed

The Gathering of our Gifts and Tithes

The Prayers of His Children

P: Lord, in Your mercy **C: hear our prayer.**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

The Words of our Lord

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Jesus, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray,

C: LORDS PRAYER

The Distribution of Holy Communion

P: Together, we pray,

C: Blessed Lord, to You we give thanks and praise for having rescued us from sin and death and having raised us up from the pit of despair to the holy joy of Your presence and peace. Keep us in this holy joy all the days of our lives until at last we know You face to face in the marriage feast of the Lamb on high; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

God's Benediction

Sending Praise Song

Ministry Announcements