Order of Worship

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, October 18, 2020 – 10:15 a.m.

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

"Forever"

Give thanks to the Lord our God and King,
His love endures forever.
For He is good, He is above all things, His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm, His love endures forever. For the life that's been reborn, His love endures forever. Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise.

Forever God is faithful; Forever God is strong. Forever God is with us; Forever......Forever.

From the rising to the setting sun, His love endures forever. By the grace of God we will carry on, His love endures forever. Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise.

Forever God is faithful; Forever God is strong. Forever God is with us; Forever.

Forever God is faithful; Forever God is strong. Forever God is with us; Forever......Forever, Forever......Forever.

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

All: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father. Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, Who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

THE EPISTLE READING

1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ²We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ³ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁶ For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁶ For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Song

"King Of Glory"

Oh, don't lose heart, O my soul, O my soul. Don't give up; there is hope, there is always hope.

And there is peace in the storm, in the storm. No, don't forget He is Lord, He is Lord of all.

Chorus:

There is a King of glory, there is a God who saves. One who is strong and mighty, freedom is in His name. Open the gates of heaven. Lift up a shout of praise. There is a lion roaring: Jesus, the King of glory.

So lift your eyes, stand in awe, stand in awe. There is one, only one where my help comes from.

Chorus:

There is a King of glory, there is a God who saves.

One who is strong and mighty, freedom is in His name.

Open the gates of heaven. Lift up a shout of praise.

There is a lion roaring: Jesus, the King of glory.

Nations bow, mountains shake at the sound of just one name. Over all Jesus reigns, I know, I know.

Nations bow, mountains shake at the sound of just one name.

Over all Jesus reigns, I know. *Chorus*

There is a Lion roaring: Jesus, the King of glory.

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We stand for the Reading of the Holy Gospel.

MATTHEW 22:15-22

THE GOSPEL READING

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. ¹⁶And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" ²¹They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG

"New Doxology"

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Let earth and heavenly saints proclaim
The pow'r and might of His great Name;
Let us exalt on bended knee; Praise God, the Holy Trinity.

Chorus: Praise God, praise God, praise God, who saved my soul; Praise God, praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise to the King, His throne transcends; His crown and Kingdom never end; Now and throughout eternity. I'll praise the One Who died for me. *Chorus Twice*

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

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THE SERMON REV. GLENN LUCAS

"Where's Your Heart?"

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING ABIDING PRAISE

"New Doxology"

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Drop your offering off at the above address, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace. Amen.

CLOSING SONG

"Our God Saves"

In the Name of the Father, in the Name of the Son, In the Name of the Spirit, Lord, we come; We're gathered together to lift up Your Name, To call on our Savior, to fall on Your grace;

Hear the joyful sound of our offering as Your saints bow down, As Your people sing; We will rise with You, lifted on Your wings, And the world will see that

Our God saves, our God saves; There is hope in Your Name; Mourning turns to songs of praise; Our God saves, our God saves.

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Flowers

The flowers which grace our altar this weekend are dedicated to the glory of the Lord in celebration of **Katie Beniche's** birthday.

We Pray For This Week

June Wheeler & Family, Nathan Wheeler & Family, Shawn Wendt & Family, Ruth Werner, Dennis & Debbie Westergard, Ruth Wetzel, Michael Bivens, Wayne Blanchard, Joseph Douglas

Keep in Your Prayers

Prayers for strength and healing, guidance and blessing for:

Brian Adams Patricia Howard Maggie Winn

Terri Green Jeanne Kelly Alexander Hernandez Jan Morton

We pray for those who are recovering:

Rocky Hewitt Brad Morton