

Welcome All
to
Sunday Worship Service



OCTOBER 18, 2020

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First Presbyterian Church
October 18, 2020
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Proper 24

Prelude: Faith

Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Sing to the Lord and bless God's name.
All: **Tell of God's saving power from day to day.**
One: Worship the Lord in holy splendor.
All: **Tremble before God, all the earth.**

Opening Hymn: "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

No. 288

Prayer of the Day (*unison*)

Holy God,
you have made us in your image,
and we belong to you alone.
Therefore we offer ourselves to you,
in service, love, and praise.
Use us for the glory of your realm
and the good of your people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Invitation to Confession

Because we do not always live our lives
in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ,
we confess before God and one another
our sins and shortcomings.
In repentance,
let us turn toward God's grace and mercy.



Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**What a debt we owe to you, O God.
You have given us all things in Christ
and yet we withhold from you
the honor and glory that are yours.
Instead, we pay tribute to empire,
plot to entrap the innocent,
mock your truth with empty praise,
and put your patience to the test.**

**Forgive us, O God, and by your grace
restore in us the image of your face;
through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison (*singing in unison*)

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Pardon

Let the heavens be glad,
and let the earth rejoice!
Let the sea roar with laughter,
the fields shout in celebration,
and the forests sing with joy:

Believe in God, Friends!
Believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Gloria Patri (*singing in unison*)

**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.**

Prayer of Illumination

Holy One, true and living God,
through the message of the gospel
and the power of your Spirit
make us imitators of the Lord:

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 96:1-9

P.P. 550-551 in the Old Testament

O sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples.
For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be revered above all gods.
For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.
Honor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts.
Worship the LORD in holy splendor;
tremble before him, all the earth.

Organ Anthem: There Once Was a Man

Gustave Tritant, 1837-1907

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 22:15-22

P.P. 24-25 in the New Testament

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him 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.

Sermon: Dual Allegiances

Rev. Jim DeMent

Matthew 22:21: 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."

Silence and stillness

Congregational Hymn: "When in Our Music God Is Glorified"

No. 264

Prayer of Thanksgiving: (*unison*)

All honor and majesty, strength and beauty
are yours, Almighty God,
maker of heaven and earth.
Let these simple offerings we bring
be a sign of the great glory
that is due to your holy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen .**

Doxology (*singing in unison*)

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

Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Genevan Psalter, 1551

The Creed of the United Church of Canada

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

No. 422

Charge and Benediction

Postlude: Postlude in A Flat

Gustave Tritant



We have reproduced below the lyrics of the hymns that Robert Wyatt will be playing for this "Virtual Worship Service." All the hymns below are either in the public domain or have been reproduced, under license, from *The Presbyterian Hymnal* (Westminster/John Knox Press, Louisville: 1990). We encourage you to read and sing along at home, as Robert plays the hymns he has selected with comfort, hope, strength, and courage in, now, the Season after Pentecost. Follow the verses in this order:

Verse 1

Verse 3

Verse 2

Verse 4

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

I sing the mighty power of God,
That made the mountains rise;
That spread the flowing seas abroad,
And built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God's command,
And all the stars obey.

There's not a plant or flower below
But makes Thy glories known;
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
By order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee
Is ever in Thy care,
And everywhere that we can be,
Thou, God, art present there.

I sing the goodness of the Lord,
That filled the earth with food;
God formed the creatures with a Word,
And then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed,
Where'er I turn my eyes;
If I survey the ground I tread,
Or gaze upon the skies!

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

When in our music God is glorified,
And adoration leaves no room for pride,
It is as though the whole creation cried:
Hallelujah!

How often, making music, we have found
A new dimension in the world of sound,
As worship moved us to a more profound
Hallelujah!

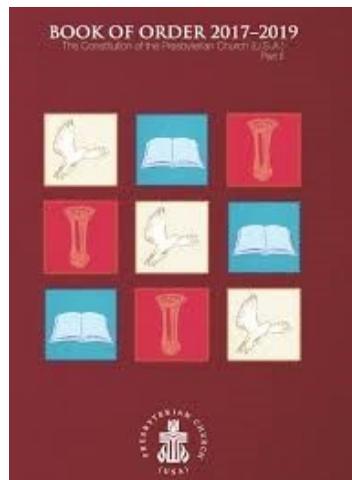
God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

God, whose giving knows no ending,
From Your rich and endless store:
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
Costly cross, grave's shattered door.
Gifted by You, we turn to You,
Offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever,
Gracious donor of our days.

So has the church, in liturgy and song,
In faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
Borne witness to the truth in every tongue:
Hallelujah!

Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always:
Hallelujah!

Skills and time are ours for pressing
Toward the goals of Christ, Your Son:
All at peace in health and freedom,
Races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
Lest we strive for self alone:
Born with talents, make us servants
Fit to answer at Your throne.



The Session has called a Special Meeting of the Congregation to be held at the conclusion of the worship service on Sunday, October 25, 2020.

During this brief meeting, the Congregation will elect an Elder Nominating Committee for the purposes of recommending individuals to serve on the Session as Ruling Elders in the Class of 2023.

Caregiving Concerns and Prayer Requests

Kathryn Amsler

Gloria Aouelle

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McCameron**

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(Son of Leila Galvan)

Samantha Skaggs
(Niece of Roxanna and
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FPC Opportunities for Worship & Service

**All activities suspended,
pending further notice,
due to public health concerns.**

FPC Victoria Servant Leadership

Session Members

Jim DeMent, Moderator
Jack Kleinecke, Clerk of Session
Billy Leske, Building & Grounds
Dawn Neel, Christian Education
Linda Patterson, Worship
Marsha Ricottilli, Asst. Clerk, Mission & Outreach
Susan Salinas, Caregiving & Fellowship
Jim Stokes, Finance
Gayla Whitaker, Caregiving & Fellowship
Bill Wilkinson, Personnel

Other

Paula Leske, Presbyterian Women
Melissa Samudio, Presbyterian Day School
Shelley Hartman, Dawn Neel, and Helen Resendez,
Kids for Christ, Vacation Bible School

Bulletin Cover

Based on historical sources outside the Bible, the coin (the *denarius*) shown to Jesus by the Pharisees and Herodians might likely have been the one that appears on our Bulletin cover. Minted from silver, on its front the coin bears the image of Tiberius Caesar Augustus (42 BC - 37 AD). On the back of the coin is the image of Ceres, the mythological (pagan) goddess of agriculture, fertility, and motherly relationships.

The period of Tiberius' rule (14-37 AD) serves as backdrop for most of the events related by Christian and Muslim holy books as occurrences in the life of Jesus.

Roughly translated, the inscription on the front of the coin reads, “Tiberius Caesar divine and august son of Augustus” and on the back, “High Priest.” The attribution of “divine” to anyone other than God himself was the highest blasphemy conceivable to the Jewish occupants of Roman-occupied Palestine.

Clergy, Music, and Administration

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