

October 11, 2020

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Relief, Clock, Jean Arp, 1914

We are filled with joy at your presence and hope you experience God's Spirit as you worship and meet with those around you. If you would like more information about RPC, please talk with any Session member or the Pastor.

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Bold Letters -- Indicate congregational response

GATHERING

Prelude

Prelude in Bb major

Clara Schumann

Welcome

Call to Worship

The Lord will make a feast for all people

and destroy the power of death forever

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead

This is the good news we proclaim

Gathering Hymn

Morning Has Broken

#664

1 Morning has broken

like the first morning;

blackbird has spoken

like the first bird.

Praise for the singing!

Praise for the morning!

Praise for them, springing

fresh from the Word!

2 Sweet the rain's new fall

sunlit from heaven,

like the first dewfall

on the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness

of the wet garden,

sprung in completeness

where God's feet pass.

3 Mine is the sunlight!

Mine is the morning,

born of the one light

Eden saw play!

Praise with elation;

praise every morning,

God's re-creation

of the new day!

Opening Prayer

Merciful God,
in Jesus Christ you do not call the righteous,
but sinners to repentance.
Draw us away from the easy road
that leads to destruction,
and guide us into paths
that lead to life abundant,
that in seeking your truth,
and obeying your will,
we may know the joy of being a disciple
of Jesus Christ our Savior,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Call to Confession

When we pass through deep waters or go
through times of fiery trial, the Lord our God is
with us. With confidence in God, our creator
and redeemer, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide,
and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us
a consuming fire of judgment.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace
to grow more and more in your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.**

Silence is kept for personal confession

Assurance of Pardon

Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine.

God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth! By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Amen.

Response in Praise

Glory Be to the Father

#581

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.

THE WORD

A Time with the Children

Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Lay Leader: Amy Macomber

¹ For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

² a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

³ a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

⁴ a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

⁵ a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

⁶ a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

⁷ a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

⁸ a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

A Season of Change: Fall Is Here

1 Jesus, light of joy, surround us;
 let your splendid glory shine:
 source of every earthly blessing,
 heaven's everlasting sign.
 Alleluia, alleluia,
 we adore you, light divine.

2 Now the shadows fall around us;
 now the evening has begun:
 still your gracious light is with us,
 brighter than the morning sun.
 Alleluia, alleluia,
 God of glory, Three-in-One.

3 With the saints we lift our voices,
 God of power, God of might.
 All creation shines with glory,
 singing praises day and night:
 alleluia, alleluia,
 holy, holy, holy light.

Together, We Confess Our Faith**The Apostle's Creed (Traditional)**

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

RESPONDING**Invitation to Present Our Tithes and Offerings****Offertory***Meditation***Jules Massenet****Doxology***Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

#606

Prayer of Dedication

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
Through your goodness
you have blessed us with these gifts:
our selves, our time, and our possessions.
Use us, and what we have gathered,
in feeding the world with your love;
through the one who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Prayers of the People

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead
us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SENDING

Opportunities for Service and Fellowship

Sending Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

#39

**1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.**

Refrain:

**Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

**2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.**

(Refrain)

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

(Refrain)

Charge and Blessing

May the God of hope
fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Whatever you do, in word or deed,
do everything in the name of Jesus,
giving thanks to God through him.

**Thanks be to God,
Amen.**

Response

Spirit of the Living God

#288

Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me;
fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.

Postlude

Lyric piece

Edvard Grieg



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