Order for the Worship of God
September 6, 2020
14th Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)
Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.
People: We will praise you, O Lord, among the nations; we will sing of you among the peoples.
Leader: For great is your love, higher than the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.
People: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, and let your glory be over all the earth.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #816
“If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee” WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT
If thou but trust in God to guide thee,
with hopeful heart through all thy ways,
God will give strength, whate’er betide thee,
to bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God’s unchanging love
builds on the rock that nought can move.

Only be still, and wait God’s leisure
in cheerful hope, with heart content
to take whate’er thy Keepers pleasure
and all discerning love hath sent.
No doubt our inmost wants are clear
to One who holds us always dear.

Sing, pray, and swerve not from God’s ways,
but do thine own part faithfully.
Trust the rich promises of grace; so shall they be fulfilled in thee.
God never yet forsook at need the soul secured by trust indeed.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)
Almighty God, you have supremely spoken love and grace to our hearts through your Son, Jesus Christ. You have spoken to us about making our temporal lives count toward your eternal purposes. Forgive us when we are preoccupied with the competing voices of culture which promote consuming self-interest over generous self-sacrifice, and champions personal comfort rather than godly character. In Jesus’ name, we praise you and give you thanks for your redeeming love and forgiving grace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

APOSTLES’ CREED (Together)
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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.
SOLO
Michele White, Soloist

“For Those Who Serve”
Joseph M. Martin

Lord, thank you for the hands, the hands that calm our fear;
tender hands that hold the sick and catch the falling tear.
Lord, thank you for the lips that speak the words,
all those who break the bread of life and wake the world to praise.

(refrain) Thank you God, for those who serve, for the ones who share your love,
Lord, the ones who give their lives away and lift our eyes above.

Thank you for their song. Thank you for their light.
Thank you for the ones who serve the body of Christ.
Thank you for the feet of those who lead us into peace.
Leaving in the sands of time a path for all to see.

Thank you for thee arms of those who reach in to the night,
arms that carry those who fall and lift the cross of Christ. (refrain)

Thank you for their song. Thank you for their light.
Thank you for the ones who serve the body of Christ. Thank you.

CALL TO OFFERING

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING
(selected verses) 1 Kings 18 (NRSV)

SERMON
“Can You Hear Me Now?”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

HYMN #511
“Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven”
(stanzas 1, 2, 4)
LLANFAIR

Come, behold! the feast of heaven. Alleluia!
Has to mortal flesh been given. Alleluia!
Hear the Word of God declared: Alleluia!
“Come! the banquet is prepared.” Alleluia!

All is ready, come attend. Alleluia!
As the Lord’s invited friend; Alleluia!
Come from north, west, south, and east; Alleluia!
Celebrate the joyful feast. Alleluia!

As the Lord our God has willed, Alleluia!
Here the hungry soul is filled; Alleluia!
Here the weary are refreshed. Alleluia!
All who share God’s feast are blessed. Alleluia!

WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (Together)

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 debts, as we forgive
our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE SHARING OF
THE CUP; THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND CUP
(Please plan to celebrate communion during this livestream service by preparing a
small portion of juice—or something to drink—and bread for your use at home.)
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #410  “God Is Calling Through the Whisper”  W ZLOBIE LEZY

(see front cover)

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY  “Now Thank We All Our God”  arr. Michael Burkhardt

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director
If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

1. If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hopeful heart through all thy ways, God will give strength, what-e'er be hope, with heart content to take what-e'er thy Keep-er's own part faith-ful-ly. Trust the rich prom-ises of tide thee, to bear thee through the evil days. Who trusts in plea-sure and all-dis-cern-ing love hath sent. No doubt our grace; so shall they be ful-filled in thee. God nev-er

2. Only be still, and wait God's lei-sure in cheer-ful God's un-chang-ing love builds on the rock that nought can move.

3. Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, but do thine in-most wants are clear to One who holds us al-ways dear. yet for-sook at need the soul se- cured by trust in-deed.

This hymn is a testimony of experience. The original seven-stanza German text (based on Psalm 55:22) and its tune were created by the author/composer at the age of twenty in thanksgiving for finding employment many weeks after being left almost penniless following a robbery.
Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven

1 Come, behold! the feast of heaven
2 All is ready, come attend
3 All who trust in God belong
4 As the Lord our God has willed,

has to mortal flesh been given.
as the Lord’s invited friend;
at this banquet with this throng.
here the hungry soul is filled;

Hear the Word of God declared:
come from north, west, south, and east;
Share the mystic holy food;
here the weary are refreshed.

“Come! the banquet is prepared.”
cel ebrate the joyful feast.
taste and see: the Lord is good.
All who share God’s feast are blessed.

Though rightly viewed as a meal of remembrance, the Lord’s Supper is also an occasion of anticipation. This text draws on abundant biblical imagery to evoke the fulfillment of Jesus’ promise to share the feast anew “in the kingdom of God” (Matthew 26:29/Mark 14:25/Luke 22:16).

TEXT: John F. Underwood, 1993
MUSIC: Robert Williams, 1817; harm. David Evans, 1927
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GATHERING

410 God Is Calling through the Whisper

1 God is calling through the whisper of the Spirit’s deepest sighs,
through the thrill of sudden beauties that can catch us by surprise.
Flash of lightning, crash of thunder; hush of stillness, rush of wonder:
God is calling—can you hear? God is calling—can you hear?

2 God is calling through the voices of our neighbors’ urgent prayers,
through their longing for redemption and for rescue from despair.
Place of hurt or face of needling; strident cry or silent pleading:
God is calling—can you hear? God is calling—can you hear?

3 God is calling through the music of sublime and human arts,
through the hymns of earth and angels, and the carols of our hearts.
Lift of joy and gift of singing; days and nights our praises bringing:
God is calling—and we hear! God is calling—and we hear!

This wide-ranging text reminds us of the many surprising and urgent ways God calls to us, both to draw us near and to send us forth. In the third line of music it is especially effective at harnessing the momentum of the phrases that are each a note higher than the one before.

TEXT: Mary Louise Bringle, 2003
MUSIC: Polish carol; harm. Willbur Lee, 1958
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