

ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 15, 2017

19th Sunday after Pentecost / 28th Sunday Ordinary Time / Proper 23

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book (“pew pad”) where you can also record any prayer requests. Our prayer is that you will experience the presence of the Living God as we worship together.

We invite you to focus your heart and mind in worship.

** indicates please stand as you are able.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

John McCallum

PRELUDE

“An Old Garden”

Organ

*(from “New England Idyls, Op. 62)
Edward MacDowell*

CALL TO WORSHIP:

John McCallum

¹ The Lord reigns,
let the nations tremble;
he sits enthroned between the cherubim,
let the earth shake.

² **Great is the Lord in Zion;
he is exalted over all the nations.**

³ Let them praise your great and awesome name—
he is holy.

⁴ **The King is mighty, he loves justice—
you have established equity;
in Jacob you have done
what is just and right.**

⁵ Exalt the Lord our God
and worship at his footstool;
he is holy.

—Psalm 99:1–5, NIV

*SONGS OF WORSHIP:

“ALL GLORY LAUD AND HONOR”

(Hymn #204)

(REFRAIN)

**All glory, laud and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

(VERSE 1)

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David’s royal Son,

who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One!
All glory, laud and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

(REFRAIN)

**All glory, laud and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

(VERSE 2)

The company of angels are praising thee on high,
and we with all creation in chorus make reply:
All glory, laud and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

(VERSE 3)

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present:
All glory, laud and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

(VERSE 4)

To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise:
All glory, laud and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

TIME OF PRAYER

Sam Palpant

Prayer of Confession

My God, for love of you
I desire to hate and forsake all sins
by which I have ever displease you;
and I resolve, by the help of your grace,
to commit them no more
and to avoid all opportunities of sin.
Help me to do this,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

[Silent Prayer]

Assurance of Pardon

⁶ Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
Samuel was among those who called on his name;
they called on the Lord
and he answered them.

⁷ He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud;
they kept his statutes and the decrees he gave them.

⁸ Lord our God,
you answered them;
you were to Israel a forgiving God,
though you punished their misdeeds.

⁹ Exalt the Lord our God
and worship at his holy mountain,
for the Lord our God is holy.

—Psalm 99:6-9, NIV

SONG OF WORSHIP:

please remain seated

“SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US”

(Hymn #522)

(VERSE 1)

Savior, like a Shepherd lead us
much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
thou hast bought us, thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
thou hast bought us, thine we are.

(VERSE 2)

We are thine, do thou befriend us,
be the guardian of our way;
keep thy flock, from sin defend us,
seek us when we go astray:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear, O hear us when we pray;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear, O hear us when we pray.

(VERSE 3)

Thou hast promised to receive us,
poor and sinful though we be;
thou hast mercy to relieve us,

grace to cleanse, and power to free:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to thee;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to thee.

(VERSE 4)

Early let us seek thy favor,
early let us do thy will;
blessed Lord and only Savior,
with thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
thou hast loved us, love us still.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Don Meekhof

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

Sam Palpant

Invitation to the Offering

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

—Luke 6:38, NIV

***Doxology**

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

You may bring your offering and/or light a candle at the front or back of the sanctuary.

The children are excused at this time to attend Junior Chapel.

Offertory

“Be Thou My Vision”

Organ

Trad. Irish Melody

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Exodus 33:12–23 (NIV)

Kristen Robertson

¹² Moses said to the Lord, “You have been telling me, ‘Lead these people,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, ‘I know you by name and you have found favor with me.’ ¹³ If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people.”

¹⁴ The Lord replied, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”

¹⁵ Then Moses said to him, “If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. ¹⁶ How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?”

¹⁷ And the Lord said to Moses, “I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name.”

¹⁸ Then Moses said, “Now show me your glory.”

¹⁹ And the Lord said, “I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the Lord, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. ²⁰ But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live.”

²¹ Then the Lord said, “There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. ²² When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. ²³ Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen.”

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 (NIV)

Sam Palpant

¹ Paul, Silas and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace and peace to you.

² We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. ³ We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor

prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. ⁶ You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. ⁷ And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. ⁸ The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, ⁹ for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell 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 rescues us from the coming wrath.

Matthew 22:15–22 (NIV)

Nick Robertson

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. ¹⁶ They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. “Teacher,” they said, “we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. ¹⁷ Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?”

¹⁸ But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, “You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for paying the tax.” They brought him a denarius, ²⁰ and he asked them, “Whose image is this? And whose inscription?”

²¹ “Caesar's,” they replied.

Then he said to them, “So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's.”

²² When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

“All In: Fear, Incest, and the Glory of God”

Exodus 33:12-23, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, Psalm 99, and Genesis 19

***SONG OF WORSHIP:**

“TO GOD BE THE GLORY”

(Hymn #72)

(VERSE 1)

To God be the glory, great things he hath done,
so loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life gate that all may go in.

(REFRAIN)

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done.**

(VERSE 2)

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

(REPEAT REFRAIN)

(VERSE 3)

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing in Jesus the Son;

but purer, and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

(REFRAIN)

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done.**

BENEDICTION

Nick Robertson

POSTLUDE

Organ

"God, Who Stretched The Spangled Heavens"

on the tune Holy Mana

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In the pulpit today: Nick Robertson is an elder and long-distance member of Knox Presbyterian Church. He received his bachelor's degree in History from Westmont College in Santa Barbara, CA. He married his zookeeper wife, Becca, in May 2015. They recently moved out of state for her career and own a home in Fountain, CO. Nick works as a service coordinator for people with disabilities, working to empower people's lives and create a lasting culture of social justice and equality. While not working, Nick enjoys reading and playing with his dogs, Tucker and Forrest. Nick's biggest passions in life are music, literature, philosophy, board games, and apples.

Today's Lectionary Readings

Exodus 32:1–14

Philippians 4:1–9

Psalms 106:1–6, 19–23

Matthew 22:1–14

Questions for Reflection

Where has your trust in God wavered or broken down? What would it take for that trust to be restored? When have you experienced the peace of God, which passes understanding?

Household Prayer: Morning

Holy God,
you are light, and in you there is no darkness at all.
Shift my focus today
from whatever is false to that which is true;
from whatever is vulgar to that which is honorable;
from whatever is corrupt to that which is just;
from whatever is inauthentic to that which is pure;
from whatever is detestable to that which is pleasing;
from whatever is insignificant to that which is commendable;
that I may live in the light.
Through Christ Jesus I pray. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

God, your love is steadfast and enduring.
May your peace, which surpasses all understanding,
hem me in, behind and before,
as I lie down to rest. Amen.

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