

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 22, 2017

20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time / Proper 24

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*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.*

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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Dave Colvin**

**PRELUDE**

**“Andante Religioso”**

**Organ**

*Theodore Dubois*

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

**Dave Colvin**

You have been called to the banquet.

**This is the feast.**

You have been summoned to the wedding.

**This is the feast of life and light.**

From the streets and the byways, God has invited us.

**We have come to the banquet that has no end.**

**Alleluia! Amen!**

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**\*SONGS OF WORSHIP:**

**“JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE”**

*(Hymn #20)*

**(VERSE 1)**

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive the dark of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day!

**(VERSE 2)**

All thy works with joy surround thee,  
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain  
call us to rejoice in thee.

**(VERSE 3)**

Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
well-spring of the joy of living,  
ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother—  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.

**“PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN”**

*(Hymn #26)*

**(VERSE 1)**

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,  
to his feet your tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore his praises sing.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!!  
Praise the everlasting King!

**(VERSE 2)**

Praise Him for his grace and favor  
to all people in distress.  
Praise him, still the same forever,  
slow to chide and swift to bless.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!!  
Glorious in his faithfulness!

**(VERSE 3)**

Father-like, he tends and spares us;  
all our hopes and fears he knows.  
In his hands he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!!  
Widely as his mercy flows!

**(VERSE 4)**

Angels, help us to adore him,  
you behold him face to face.  
Sun and moon bow down before him;  
all who dwell in time and space.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!!  
Praise with us the God of grace!

**TIME OF PRAYER**

**Dawn Troxel**

*Taken from Psalm 106:1-3,6.47-48 NRSV*

**Prayer of Confession**

Both we and our ancestors have sinned;  
we have committed iniquity, have done wickedly.  
**Save us, O Lord our God,  
and gather us from among the nations,  
that we may give thanks to your holy name  
and glory in your praise.**

*[Silent Prayer]*

**Assurance of Pardon**

Praise the Lord!  
O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever.  
Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord,  
or declare all his praise?  
Happy are those who observe justice,  
who do righteousness at all times.  
Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,  
from everlasting to everlasting.  
And let all the people say, "Amen."  
**Amen! Praise the Lord!**

**SONG OF WORSHIP:**

*please remain seated*

**"O THE DEEP, DEEP LOVE OF JESUS"**

*(Hymn #477)*

**(VERSE 1)**

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
vast, unmeasured, boundless, free.

Rolling as a mighty ocean  
in its fullness over me!  
Underneath me, all around me,  
is the current of his love,  
leading onward, leading homeward  
to that glorious rest above.

**(VERSE 2)**

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
spread his praise from shore to shore!  
He who loves us, ever loves us,  
changes never, nevermore.  
He, who died to save his loved ones,  
intercedes for them above;  
he, who called them his own people,  
watches over them in love.

**(VERSE 3)**

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
love of every love the best,  
vast the ocean of his blessing,  
sweet the haven of his rest!  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus—  
for my heaven of heavens is he;  
this my everlasting glory—  
Jesus' mighty love for me!

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Rev. Don Meekhof**

**ANTHEM**

**“O Gentle Savior”**

**Choir**

*Lyrics by Fanny Crosby, Tune by William Doane  
Arr. by Charles McCartha*

**OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS**

**Lois Robertson**

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**Invitation to the Offering**

Because God has given you a great banquet,  
let your thanksgiving overflow  
with joyous giving for the sake of others.

**\*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.**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving / Dedication/**

God of compassion and generous love,  
we give you thanks for the riches of Earth,  
which sustain our lives and  
which you have created for our joy.  
We thank you for Jesus,  
whose life, death, resurrection, and ascension  
renews our strength and revives our hope.  
We give you thanks for the Holy Spirit, who comes  
among us,  
invites us to dine with each other and with you,  
and keeps us in faith.  
Bless these gifts for the sake of those in need  
and the work of your church.  
In peace, we pray our thanksgiving. **Amen**

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*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**

**"Prelude in G Minor"**  
*BWV 558 (Little) by J.S. Bach*

**Organ**

**READING OF THE SCRIPTURES**

**Exodus 32:1–14** (NIV)

**Patrick Striker**

<sup>1</sup> When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, "Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him."

<sup>2</sup> Aaron answered them, "Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me." <sup>3</sup> So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. <sup>4</sup> He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf,

fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, “These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.”

<sup>5</sup> When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, “Tomorrow there will be a festival to the Lord.” <sup>6</sup> So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterward they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.

<sup>7</sup> Then the Lord said to Moses, “Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. <sup>8</sup> They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, ‘These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.’

<sup>9</sup> “I have seen these people,” the Lord said to Moses, “and they are a stiff-necked people. <sup>10</sup> Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation.”

<sup>11</sup> But Moses sought the favor of the Lord his God. “Lord,” he said, “why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup> Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people. <sup>13</sup> Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: ‘I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.’” <sup>14</sup> Then the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

### **Philippians 4:1-9** (NIV)

**Lois Robertson**

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

<sup>2</sup> I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup> Yes, and I ask you, my true

companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

<sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

<sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. <sup>9</sup> Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

**Matthew 22:1–14** (NIV)

**Nick Robertson**

<sup>1</sup> Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup> “The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup> He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

<sup>4</sup> “Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’

<sup>5</sup> “But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. <sup>6</sup> The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. <sup>7</sup> The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

<sup>8</sup> “Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. <sup>9</sup> So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ <sup>10</sup> So the servants went out into the streets and

gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

<sup>11</sup> “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. <sup>12</sup> He asked, ‘How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?’ The man was speechless.

<sup>13</sup> “Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

<sup>14</sup> “For many are invited, but few are chosen.”

**MESSAGE**

**Nick Robertson**

**“All In: Formal Wear, Embezzlement,  
and the Price of Election”**

*Matthew 22:1-22; Philippians 4:1-9, Acts 4:32-5:10,  
Acts 6:8-10; Acts 7:51-60*

**\*SONG OF WORSHIP:**

**“SING PRAISE TO GOD WHO REIGNS ABOVE”**

*(Hymn #50)*

**(VERSE 1)**

Sing praise to God who reigns above,  
the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love,  
the God of our salvation.  
My soul with comfort rich he fills,  
and every grief he gently stills:  
to God all praise and glory!

**(VERSE 2)**



What God's almighty power has made,  
in mercy he is keeping;  
by morning glow or evening shade  
his eye is never sleeping.  
And where he rules in kingly might,  
there all is just and all is right:  
to God all praise and glory!

**(VERSE 3)**

We sought the Lord in our distress;  
O God, in mercy hear us.  
Our Savior saw our helplessness  
and came with peace to cheer us.  
For this we thank and praise the Lord,  
who is by one and all adored:  
to God all praise and glory!

**(VERSE 4)**

Let all who name Christ's holy name  
give God the praise and glory.  
Let all who know his power proclaim  
aloud the wondrous story.  
Cast every idol from its throne;  
the Lord is God, and he alone:  
to God all praise and glory!

**BENEDICTION**

**Nick Robertson**

**POSTLUDE**

**Organ**

**"Sound the Trumpet, Praise the Lord"**

*Mark L. Williams*

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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 33:12–23**

**1 Thessalonians 1:1–10**

**Psalms 99:1–6**

**Matthew 22:15–22**

### ***Questions for Reflection***

What does it mean to be an “imitator of Christ” (1 Thess. 1:6)? Who has influenced your life by the way that person “imitates” Christ, and how? What needs to happen within you to help you become an imitator of Christ?

### ***Household Prayer: Morning***

*[silence]*

I listen quietly, Lord,  
and the morning sounds of creation draw me to you.

It is then that I hear your voice,  
“I am pleased with you and I know you by name.”  
Sometimes it is difficult to fully receive your pleasure in me,  
to grasp that you are fond of me,  
even when I have nothing to show for myself.  
May I remember that I am yours today. Amen.

### ***Household Prayer: Evening***

I fold up this day with gratitude,  
holding close to my heart  
those whose faith helped carry me through this day. Amen.

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