

ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 19, 2017

24th Sunday after Pentecost / 33rd Sunday Ordinary Time / Proper 28

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

Scott Edminster

PRELUDE

“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

Organ

Dennis Eliot

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Scott Edminster

Clothe yourselves with faith and love;
be confident in your salvation in Christ Jesus.

The Lord is with us!

Let us worship God.

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***SONGS OF WORSHIP:**

“O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING”

(Hymn #130)

(VERSE 1)

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer’s praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace.

(VERSE 2)

Jesus! The name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease,
‘tis music in the sinner’s ears,
‘tis life and health and peace.

(VERSE 3)

He breaks the power of canceled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean;
his blood availed for me.

(VERSE 4)

He speaks, and listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
the humble poor believe.

(VERSE 5)

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.

“GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY”

(Hymn #669)

(VERSE 1)

God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;
crown your ancient Church's story, bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

(VERSE 2)

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn your Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us -- free our hearts to work
and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

(VERSE 3)

Heal your children's warring madness, bend our pride to your
control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage lest we miss your kingdom's
goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

(VERSE 4)

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.

TIME OF PRAYER

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Call to Confession

God has not destined us for wrath,
but for salvation in Jesus, who died for us.
Confident in God's mercies,
let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God,
you have shown us the ways of justice
and nurtured us with love.
Even so, we have not lived according to your will.
When we are oppressed or unjustly accused,
we cling to fear and forget to trust in your
deliverance.
When we are giddy with power and abuse the rights
of others,
we hold tight to our privilege and forget your laws.
Have mercy on us, Lord,
for we are weak and prone to disobedience.
Hear our confession, and respond to us with
kindness,
that we might turn to you again,
walk in the light,
and live in equity and peace;
through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

[Silent Prayer]

Declaration of Forgiveness

Children of light,
because we belong to our Lord Jesus Christ,
we need not fear—
for he lived for us, he died for us,
he was raised for us and prays for us.
Believe the promise of your baptism:
in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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SONG OF WORSHIP:

please remain seated

"THERE IS A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY"

(Hymn #486)

(VERSE 1)

There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice
which is more than liberty.

(VERSE 2)

There is a welcome for the sinner
and more graces for the good;
there is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in his Blood.

(VERSE 3)

For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

(VERSE 4)

If our love were but more simple,
we would take him at his word,
and our lives would be illumined
by the presence of our Lord.

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

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Invitation to the Offering

God has entrusted us with a variety of gifts;
let us return to the Lord a generous measure
of our bounty
with thanksgiving and praise.

***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

For all that you are and all that you do,
we give you thanks,
our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

We wait in hope for the coming of your realm
and offer these gifts to further your kingdom on earth;
in Jesus' name. **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

"Jacob's Vision"

Organ

Steven Scott

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Don Meekhof

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Jenny Edminster

Psalm 90 (NIV)

- ¹ Lord, you have been our dwelling place
throughout all generations.
- ² Before the mountains were born
or you brought forth the whole world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
- ³ You turn people back to dust,
saying, "Return to dust, you mortals."
- ⁴ A thousand years in your sight
are like a day that has just gone by,
or like a watch in the night.
- ⁵ Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death—
they are like the new grass of the morning:
- ⁶ In the morning it springs up new,
but by evening it is dry and withered.
- ⁷ We are consumed by your anger
and terrified by your indignation.
- ⁸ You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your presence.
- ⁹ All our days pass away under your wrath;
we finish our years with a moan.
- ¹⁰ Our days may come to seventy years,
or eighty, if our strength endures;
yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow,
for they quickly pass, and we fly away.
- ¹¹ If only we knew the power of your anger!

Your wrath is as great as the fear that is your due.

- ¹² Teach us to number our days,
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.
- ¹³ Relent, Lord! How long will it be?
Have compassion on your servants.
- ¹⁴ Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.
- ¹⁵ Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,
for as many years as we have seen trouble.
- ¹⁶ May your deeds be shown to your servants,
your splendor to their children.
- ¹⁷ May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us;
establish the work of our hands for us—
yes, establish the work of our hands.

1 Corinthians 16:10-14 (NIV)

- ¹⁰ When Timothy comes, see to it that he has nothing to fear while he is with you, for he is carrying on the work of the Lord, just as I am. ¹¹ No one, then, should treat him with contempt. Send him on his way in peace so that he may return to me. I am expecting him along with the brothers.
- ¹² Now about our brother Apollos: I strongly urged him to go to you with the brothers. He was quite unwilling to go now, but he will go when he has the opportunity.
- ¹³ Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. ¹⁴ Do everything in love.

MESSAGE

Scott Daily

“Standing Strong”

Sermon Text: “ Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love.”

–1 Cor. 10:13-14 (NIV)

***SONG OF WORSHIP:**

“WE ARE CALLED TO BE GOD’S PEOPLE”

(Hymn #710)

(VERSE 1)

We are called to be God’s people,
showing by our lives his grace,
one in heart and one in spirit, sign of hope for all the race.
Let us show how he has changed us,
and remade us as his own,
let us share our life together as we shall around his throne.

(VERSE 2)

We are called to be God’s servants,
working in his world today;
taking his own task upon us, all his sacred words obey.
Let us rise, then, to his summons,
dedicate to him our all,
that we may be faithful servants, quick to answer now his call.

(VERSE 3)

We are called to be God’s prophets,
speaking for the truth and right,
standing firm for godly justice, bringing evil things to light.
Let us seek the courage needed,
our high calling to fulfill,
that the world may know the blessing of the doing of God’s will.

BENEDICTION

Scott Daily

POSTLUDE

"Lord of Life"

Organ

David Paxton

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In the pulpit today: Scott Daily grew up in Indiana. “Since childhood I have had a desire to serve the Lord in Scotland. I have been over many times doing pulpit supply/interim

pastoral work. My wife Karen and I have four boys (Liam, Colin, Declan, Ewan) and are raising support to serve in Scotland with Alongside Ministries.”

Today’s Lectionary Readings

Judges 4:1–7
Psalm 123

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11
Matthew 25:14–30

Question for Reflection

If we believe in the kingdom to come, we need not fear, in life or in death. How does that change the way we live?

Household Prayer: Morning

Good morning, Lord.

I welcome the new day, for it is a gift from you.

My petty fears are nothing in the face of your love;
in the warmth of your wisdom my anxieties melt away.

Make me more faithful than I could be on my own,
and use me to reflect your light,
for there are so many who need to know of your grace.

Walk with me, and show me your way,
for I would follow you. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Good evening, Lord.

Thank you for bringing me through this day,
its trials and its joys.

You surprise me with wonder and overwhelm me with love.

Keep me in your embrace tonight;
inhabit my dreams.

If you choose to grant me another day of life,
awaken me as one who is eager to serve you well. Amen.

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