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October 4, 2020

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Virtual Service for the Lord's Day



❧ GATHERING ❧

Prelude

"Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices"

O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZUNGEN HATTE-Konig

Setting by Paul Manz

Greeting

Call to Worship (Bold = All)

Let us worship God.

What shall we return to the Lord for all the good things God has done for us?

We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

ST. PETER

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, what e'er your race may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness,
our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know
how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting
your gifts, in forgetting your love.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done
to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in
your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Lord, hear our individual silent prayers of confession ...

Declaration of Forgiveness

God's life-giving Word and Spirit enable us to live in a new obedience,
opening new possibilities of life for society and the world. Thanks be to God for
the Good News:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven

Passing of Christ's Peace

Christ's peace be with you all.

And also with you.

Share Christ's peace with your neighbors.

❧ THE WORD ❧

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Scripture: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 NIV Version

20:1 Then God spoke all these words:

20:2 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery;

20:3 you shall have no other gods before me.

20:4 You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

20:7 You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

20:8 Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy.

20:9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

20:12 Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

20:13 You shall not murder.

20:14 You shall not commit adultery.

20:15 You shall not steal.

20:16 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

20:17 You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

20:18 When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance,

20:19 and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die."

20:20 Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

Gospel: Matthew 21:33–46 NIV Version

21:33 "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country.

21:34 When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce.

21:35 But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another.

21:36 Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way.

21:37 Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'

21:38 But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'

21:39 So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

21:40 Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?"

21:41 They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

21:42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?"

21:43 Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom.

21:44 The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

21:45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them.

21:46 They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds,
because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Word Proclaimed

"Hello"

Dr. Jonathan C. Barker

Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

Let us confess our faith. We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Eucharist

Offering

If you prefer to present your tithes and offering...

By Check:

Check offerings can be mailed to the church office.

Mail your check to: Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church 4900 Kaplan Drive
Raleigh, NC 27606

Give on-line:

Once your profile is set up, just go to <https://wbpresbyterian.com/> and open the pull down menu on the left and click the "GIVE".

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To give via text, send WBPC to the phone number 73256. You'll receive a text message in response with your next steps. After you give one time, your payment method is saved, so you can quickly give again from your phone.

Offertory Response

"We Are an Offering"

by Dwight Liles

Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Great and wonderful are your works, Lord God almighty. Your ways are just and true. Therefore we lift our hearts in joyful praise, joining our voices with choirs of angels, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Now we join our voices in the prayer Jesus taught His disciples:

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

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Communion Hymn

“One Bread, One Body”

by John B. Foley

Prayer After Communion



Sending Hymn

“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”

trad. African American Spiritual, arr. Elizabeth Davis

Blessing and Charge

Go into the world in peace to love and serve the Lord rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord be kind and gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

Joys and Concerns:

- Pray for WBPC, our country and our world.
- Praises for Cris Butcher, who graduated bootcamp with the US Marine Corp (Paris Island, SC)
- Nicolas Melomo is a member of BSA Troop 398 and his family.
- LouGene Hempill is having severe pain in her shoulder. Please pray for her and the doctors who are seeking to identify the issue.
- Please be in prayer for Susan Sternberger who has been recovering from a heart valve replacement surgery done in June.
- Our sympathies extended to Cinderella Sohail and her family upon the death of her brother, Robin Victor.
- Sympathy extended to Elizabeth Davis and her family as her great aunt, Lois Tolar, passed away on Sept. 15. Prayers appreciated for the family, her husband, Ron, and children, Ron and Rhonda, during this time.
- Ed and Kathy Johson's son, Ned, who is slowly recovering from COVID. Prayers for a complete recovery.
- Chedlin Justinvil and his sister, Sherly. Their mother, Loreine Desir, recently passed away after a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease.
- Friends and members, Pansy and Rush Grimes, at Ed Johnson's church whose son, Will Gautier (age 25) was found dead in his apartment. He was a chef at Mitch's Tavern on Hillsborough Street.
- Sympathies extended to Holly Webster and family upon the recent death of her cousin's niece, Marie, from COVID on Thursday, Sept. 10
- Sympathies extended to Jimmy Wade and family upon the recent death of his niece, Melanie Wade Woodwin, on Tuesday, Sept. 1.
- Praises for Lori Grippo as her cancer scan came back free and clear of cancer!
- Sympathies extended to Libby Burton and family upon the recent death of her brother, Javis Arey, on Tuesday, Sept. 1.
- Happiest of birthday wishes goes out to Les Parnell who is turning 97 soon! If you wish to send him a birthday card, his address is 3712 Lail Ct., Raleigh, NC 27606
- For Pat Byers' friend, Gloria, recently diagnosed with breast cancer.
- For Amy Allridge, WBPC administrative assistant, who is having extensive surgery on Oct. 22.

- For the Landon family, Becky and Joe Burmester's daughter, son-in-law and 2 children, as they struggle to deal with Jeff losing his job. Prayers for patience and good attitudes during this difficult time.

Worship Leaders:

Jonathan Barker, Interim Pastor;
Bruce T. Grady, Associate Pastor;
Elizabeth Davis, Director of Music;
Van-Anthoney Hall, Leader of @The Table Worship;
Jeff Cleveland, Videography and Production

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