

In-Person Bulletin for Worship

October 10, 2021

9:00 Service

Prelude “Nettleton”
“American Folk Melody trio”
“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arranged by Charles Callahan
arranged by David S. Harris
arranged by Don Hustad

Announcements

Light of Christ brought in by an usher.

Call to Worship

Carol Wetzel

O Lord, satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands.

Music Meditation “Nettleton”

arranged by J. Bert Carlson

(congregation remains standing during a brief instrumental solo)

Words for mediation

Come, thou Fount of every blessing;
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love!

Glory to God Hymnal #475

TEXT: Robert Robinson, 1758, alt.

MUSIC (NETTLETON 8.7.8.7.D): Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813

Prayer of Adoration

Let us pray: Almighty God, we long to rest in your gentle arms.
We need your compassion as we face the challenges
and disappointments of life. When our hearts are hard,
and our concern is only for ourselves, turn us back to you.
Remind us of your saving love and keep us close to you, Lord.
Love us as only you can love, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, you are the maker of justice

and the source of righteousness,
the one who hears the cries of the suffering
and who fills the hunger of the poor.
Forgive us, O God, when we fail to reflect your just love:
when we have food and food leftover,
yet we do not share with any in need.
When we have power for good and power for change,
yet we use it only for our own self-preservation.
When we have the words of the prophets before us,
yet we cover our ears lest they make us uncomfortable.
Forgive us, O Lord,
and teach us to follow in your way.

Take a few moments for your own silent confession

Assurance of Hope and Forgiveness

There is no wrong
that God cannot make right.
There is no chasm
that can separate us
from God's love.
The Lord is patient and kind,
generous and good.
God will not forsake you
or leave you.
Turn to the Lord with confidence
and put your faith in God's great mercy.
By the power of Jesus Christ,
we are made whole. Amen.

The Presbyterian Hymnal #579 "Gloria Patri"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

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Glory Be to the Father

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text. Composer: Henry W. Greatorex (1851)

Scripture Readings: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

⁶ Seek the Lord and live,
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.
⁷ Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!
¹⁰ They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.
¹¹ Therefore, because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,

you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.
¹² For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.
¹³ Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.
¹⁴ Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.
¹⁵ Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Hebrew 4:12-16

¹² Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³ And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.
¹⁴ Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Mark 10:17-31

¹⁷ As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' ¹⁸ Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother." ' ²⁰ He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' ²² When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³ Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' ²⁴ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' ²⁶ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'

²⁸ Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' ²⁹ Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or

fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.’

Message: “Laid Bare”
Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Daniel Schultz

The Lord’s Prayer

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.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Sending Music: *(assembly dismisses during this instrumental piece)*
“In Dir ist Freude” (In Thee is Gladness)

J.S. Bach