

Worship Bulletin Materials

October 18, 2020

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING PRAYER

Tim Nolen

PRELUDE

"I Love You, Lord"

Laurie Klein/Wagner

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord, all the earth!

We will declare God's glory to all the nations and proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all people!

The colors of the autumn and the stars in the heavens declare God's creative power and faithfulness.

So may our lives also show God's greatness to all people. May our worship bless our Maker and center our lives in God's ways!

HYMN 610 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Verses 1, 2, 4 and 5

*O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!*

*The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life and health and peace.*

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

*To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Today we are reminded to "sing a new song!" But we are much like the Israelites who, when far from home in Babylon, grieved and asked, "How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?"

*Forgive us, Creator God, when we focus on what we hate about these days rather than rejoicing that we live each one with you.
Forgive us, Christ, when our thoughts are of our own hardships, causing us to forget those who suffer so much greater difficulties.
Forgive us, Holy Spirit, when we are tethered to the tangible things of the world and do not listen for your still, small voice that sings to us of freedom and love.*

May we accept your peaceful mercy and always be ready to sing your songs, old and new, with hearts full of joy!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Do we have a reason to sing? Yes, dear friends in Christ, we do!

For Christ paid the ultimate sacrifice for all sins, and bridged the gap between us and our Heavenly Father! May our lives be a song to the world that blesses our God and blesses our neighbor!

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rachel Lawson

ANTHEM

“Known to You”

David Catherwood

Before I speak, O Lord, you hear. Before I think my thoughts, you know. You have searched my mind, know all I feel; all my ways are known to you. If I rise on the wings of the morning, or descend to the depths of the sea; from the east to the west, from beginning to end, Lord, you are there for me. Everything I speak, you hear; everything I do, you see; everything I think, you know; from afar you understand all of me. Before I speak, O Lord, you hear; before I think my thoughts, you know. You have searched my mind, know all I feel; all my ways are known to you. If I hide in the darkness around me, even there in the night you can see; from the east to the west, from beginning to end, Lord, you are there for me. Everything I speak, you hear; everything I do, you see; everything I think, you know, from afar you understand all of me.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 96

SERMON

“Sing a New Song”

Rev. Collin Adams

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God

the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

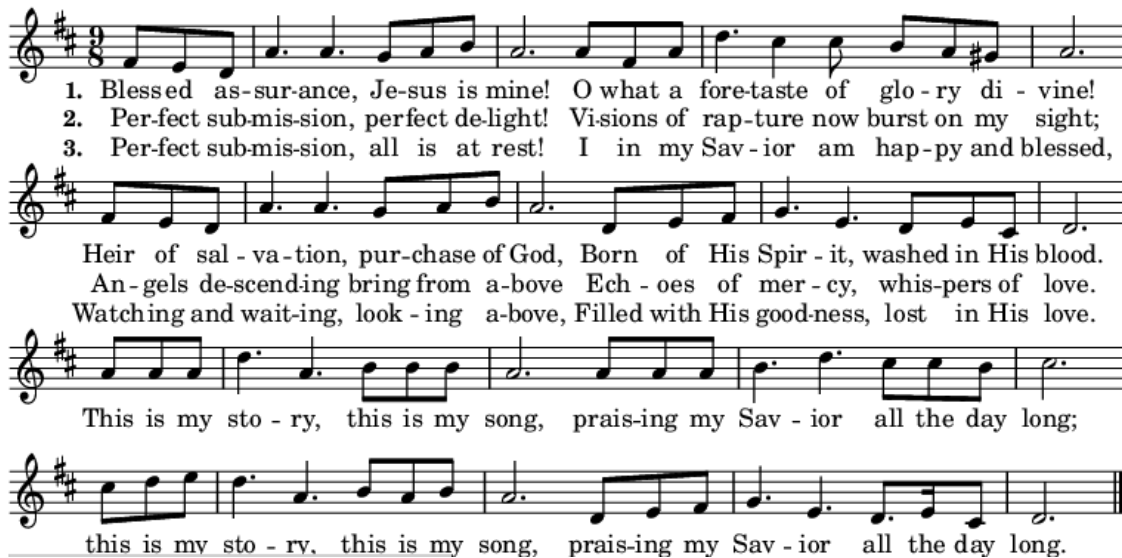
MINUTE FOR MISSION

Martha Triplett

OFFERING and PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, you have given us all we are and all we have. We offer our gifts and lives back to you so that we may serve you fully. In all we do, may we become imitators of you, Gracious Savior, who holds nothing back from us, but is generous and gracious with all that is yours. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

HYMN 839 "Blessed Assurance"



1. Blessed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! O what a fore-taste of glo-ry di - vine!
2. Per-fect sub-mis-sion, perfect de-light! Visions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
3. Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest! I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blessed,

Heir of sal - va - tion, pur-chase of God, Born of His Spir - it, washed in His blood.
An-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove Ech - oes of mer - cy, whis-pers of love.
Watching and wait-ing, look - ing a-bove, Filled with His good-ness, lost in His love.

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long;
this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"A Festal Postlude"

John G. Barr