

Worship RETURNS TO *the Avenue!*



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2020 | 23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sanctuary & Online Worship Services

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

Thus saith the Lord: "Give ear, O my people, incline unto the words of my mouth." (*Psalm 78:1*)

VOLUNTARY

"A Mighty Fortress"
Steven B. Blackmon, organ

Walcha

INVOCATION (*from Psalm 44*)

O God, you have spoken to us in so many ways, through your mighty acts of liberation in history, through prophets and kings and psalmists, through the voices of our ancestors, and in the flesh and blood and Spirit of Jesus Christ. We have promised to attend to your word, that we and our children may live in the strength of the Lord, and lean not to the false powers that tempt us. Speak to us today, as we worship you. AMEN.

HYMN

"I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

TOULON

CONFESSION OF SIN (*unison*)

Barbara Weiser

Lord of mercy: We have doled out your grace like misers in a junk shop. Bartering for some small peace of mind in moments of bad conscience, we have hoarded your forgiveness for ourselves, but have been selfish in the small samples we bestow on others. We have made judgments ourselves regarding who deserves your mercy and who is beyond hope, not realizing as we did that the only hope for any of us is your grace. Make us spendthrifts and wastrels for the sake of your mercy, lavishing our legacy of your love as though it will never run out; for of this we may be certain: your love is from everlasting and the well of your mercy has not bottom. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE

"Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us."

Blackmon

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God has forgiven us in Christ, and even now calls us forth into new life by the power of his Holy Spirit. AMEN.

THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (*Online service only*)

Andrew March Wilson
Peter A. Wilson, Sr.

Presentation
Introduction & Declarations of Intent
Profession of Faith
Thanksgiving Over the Water
Baptism
Welcome

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

"Light Eternal, enlighten us in the hearing of your Word." Amen.

THE GOSPEL LESSON (*response: **Thanks be to God.***)

St. Matthew 16:21-28

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

SERMON

"If It Were Only That Easy"

Michael Jenkins

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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.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE (*Sanctuary service only*)

Presentation

Jessie Bruggers

Profession of Faith: "The Apostles' Creed"

Baptism of William Singer

Welcome

Prayer of Blessing

Chris Hazlaris

You are invited to raise your hands in a gesture of blessing instead of the traditional "laying on of hands"

THE PEOPLE'S PRAYER* AND LORD'S PRAYER

Eternal God,

I stammer at my prayers,

I falter when I call your name.

I confess I too often say what I feel I ought to say, using words learned long ago in childhood and phrases memorized once without commitment.

I am carefully selective as though I could disguise my true feelings from you.

Forgive me that I do not trust you more,

that I so often feel I must maintain a facade between myself and you.

Hear me now as I pray in the silent places of my heart.

I am concerned about my feelings, O Lord;

I am not sure what they really are.

I find myself torn by inner conflicts, tense with divided loyalties.

I know you have called me to love of my brothers and concern for my neighbors,

But love and concern are hard to come by.

I live in a world marked with hatred and stamped with suspicion.

I am afraid of many of my neighbors, and rightly so.

I live in a world of force and violence.

I am afraid of appearing puny.

I call Jesus "Lord," but sometimes I secretly suspect that his way is futile.

I want to be sort of like him but not too much.

How can I be expected to bear crosses, to turn other cheeks?
You know who I am, O Lord.
What will people think of me unless I talk tough and loud?

Deep down within me, O Lord, is the need for your guidance.
I will face situations this week when I will not know what to do.
I will be in circumstances where I will not know what to say.
I will read of events in the world around me and I will not know how to think.
Keep me from the hasty action, the careless word, the unthought-out reaction.
Steady me that I may know your Spirit has not been withdrawn from my world,
and your Presence is still with me.
"Be thou my Guide." Amen.

**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.**

OFFERTORY (*Sanctuary service*) "If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments" Tallis
SCAPC Chamber Singers

OFFERTORY (*Online service*) "God of the Deep" Forrest
Frank Covit, baritone; Steven B. Blackmon, piano

DOXOLOGY (*Online service only*)
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.

SENDING

HYMN "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" HYMN TO JOY

CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE "The Irish Blessing" Blackmon

VOLUNTARY "Dialogue sur les grand jeux" from *Mass for the Convents* Couperin
Steven B. Blackmon, organ


Dismissal by rows will follow the Voluntary.

Offerings may be placed in the usher plates by each set of doors.

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SERVING AS USHERS TODAY are Dave Mize (captain), Laura and Kelly McWhirter, Stephanie November, Mayson Buffington, Martha Beveridge, Michael O'Keefe, and Dave White.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDS: Myles Barnett, Sophia Defraites, Lock Gottsche, Kendall Joseph, Camille McCann, Harper Montgomery, Melissa Morrison, Sam Rice, Anna Schmidt, Ellie Schmidt, William Singer, Molly Talbot, Vincenza Weiser, Nicholas White, Ava Zander, and Charlotte Green (unable to attend).

NEXT SUNDAY, November 15, we will begin holding TWO SERVICES at 8:30 and 10:30 AM. Reservations will open tomorrow at 8:00 AM at www.scapc.org/reservations.