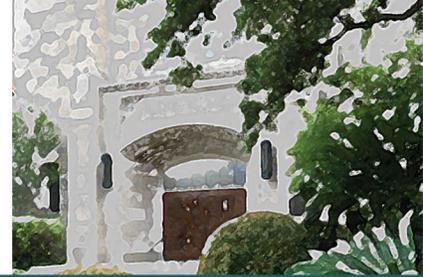


Worship RETURNS TO *the Avenue!*



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2020 | 24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 and 10:30 Morning Sanctuary Services / Online Worship Service

GATHERING

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sarah Chancellor-Watson

"Unto thee I lift up my eyes, O Thou who dwells in the heavens." (Ps. 123:1)

VOLUNTARY

"Tierce en taille" from *Mass for the Convents*
Steven B. Blackmon, organ

Couperin

INVOCATION (*from Psalm 123*)

We lift our eyes unto the heavens, knowing, as we do, that even the farthest reaches of the universe hardly touch the hem of your garments. Your throne lies in realms incomprehensible. Our prayers stammer along, limp along, stumble along; our tongues are unable to express the wonder we feel. Even wonder unleashed is inadequate. We cannot take in what we cannot conceive. Our eyes search in vain the heavens beyond our imaginations. In reverence we find our true vocation. For to be human is to know ourselves as humus, the rich, dark matter of earth, as humble as any lowly creatures, but endowed with just enough spirit to search forever for you. Amen.

HYMN (*choir members only*)

"The Lord Is God"

AZMON

The Lord is God, the Lord alone! Give honor, thanks, and praise
to God, the maker of all things and giver of our days.

With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and might,
O people, love the Lord your God, the source of truth and light.

At night or day, at home, away, together and apart,
O children, take these holy words and keep them in your heart.

The Lord is God, the Lord alone! Give honor, thanks, and praise
To God, the maker of all things and giver of our days.

CONFESSION OF SIN (*unison, from Psalm 123*)

"Have mercy upon us, O Lord, for we are filled exceedingly with contempt. Our souls are full of scorn at those who take their ease and are proud," while others strive to find just enough to fill their bellies and cover their backs, who scrounge for a crumb of justice. Lighten our hearts, we pray; set us free from the compulsion to judge. All we can see is the outer person. We have no capacity to look within. Teach us compassion large enough to comprehend the victimizer and the victim. Teach us to leave judgement to you. Make us gracious enough to give thanks for your mercy, even when it encompasses for whom we show slight mercy. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE (*choir members only*)

Blackmon

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

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Michael Jinkins

Spirit of Wisdom Divine, share your wisdom with us, through the hearing of your Word. Amen.

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Thessalonians 5:1-5

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.

SERMON

"What We Don't Know"

Michael Jinkins

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(from Philippians 2:5-11)*

"Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen."

GLORIA PATRI *(choir members only)*

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

**Give me peace, O God, a central peace.
Let me know that at the heart of turbulence
there is the final calm that comes from faith in you,
that at the core of life
there is the great confidence whence come courage and gladness.
When I leave my private place of prayer,
let me go with the assurance that I carry within that central peace
that no agitation can shake.
Give me a standing place in life wherefrom I may be able to look steadily
upon my world without panic.
I see the divisions among human beings
and hear the shouts of hatred and anger.
Keep me from giving into the mad idea
that peace among your children is impossible.
Keep me from being content with things as they are.
Out of my central peace, let there ripple forth concern and compassion,
indignation at injustice,
and a willingness to give of myself in the spirit of Christ.**

**I come, O Lord God, out of my own need and my own hope.
May I attain the feeling that I have touched that central peace
which abides amid the confusion of life. 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 (8:30 Sanctuary and online services only)

"The King of Love" Forrest
Kameron Loppreore, tenor

ANTHEM (10:30 Sanctuary service only)

"Ubi caritas" Duruflé
*Where charity and love are, there God is also. Love of Christ has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice in Him and be glad. Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love one.*
The St. Charles Singers

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 (choir members only)

"There Is a Balm in Gilead" BALM IN GILEAD

Refrain:

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

Refrain

Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend, and if you lack for knowledge, he'll not refuse to lend.

Refrain

If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all!"

Refrain

CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE

"The Irish Blessing" Blackmon

VOLUNTARY

"Sanctus 2" from *Mass for the Convents* Couperin
Steven B. Blackmon

Dismissal by rows will follow the Voluntary.

Offerings may be placed in the plates that the ushers hold at the end of each pew.

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THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harvey Bolton and Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Edward Hassinger, by the Robert Conery Hassinger family.

SINGING IN THE SCAPC CHORAL ENSEMBLE are Betsy Uschkrat, Haley Whitney, Rebecca Cáliz, Meg Frazier, Peggy Crain, Kameron Lopreore, Will Alber, Tyler Smith, Rob Frazier, Taylor Miller, Frank Convit, and Horace English.

SERVING AS USHERS TODAY are Michael O'Keefe, Mayson Buffington, and Martha Beveridge for the 8:30 service; and Dave Mize, Kelly and Laura McWhirter, Laurie Young, Jackie Derks, Dave White, and Jeff Stricklin for the 10:30 service.

USHERS NEEDED FOR 8:30 SERVICE: Now that our 8:30 service has returned, we need ushers to help make everything run smoothly! If you would be willing to guide people to their reserved seats and help ensure that health protocols are being followed, please contact Bonnie Shoemaker at bonnie@scapc.org. Training materials will be provided.

YAF FRIENDSGIVING DINNER: All Young Adults & Families are invited to join us Saturday, Nov. 21 on the lawn of the Land Building from 5-6:30 PM for our annual YAF Friendsgiving Feast! We will dine outdoors on the lawn of the Land Building with crafts and games available to keep little ones busy. Masks must be worn (aside from eating or drinking) and hand sanitizer will be plentiful. Masked and gloved servers will be plating all food. Please RSVP with your Thanksgiving dish to bria@scapc.org by Thursday, Nov. 19. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to ask.

PW THANKSGIVING DINNER FOR EDEN HOUSE: In past years, Presbyterian Women have joyfully hosted a meal on the Sunday following Thanksgiving for the residents of Eden House. This event is always much-appreciated by the ladies at Eden House. We have always had a great response from our volunteers who prepare and serve dishes. This year, due to Covid restrictions, we have decided that the best approach is to have the meal catered. Therefore, we are reaching out for donations to support this effort. Please send in your checks, payable to Presbyterian Women, by November 20 to: Presbyterian Women, SCAPC, 1545 State Street, NOLA 70118.