

# Give therefore ... to God the things that are God's.

Matthew 22:21, NRSV



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## **Pre-Service Praise Singing**

"Awesome God"

"Father, I Adore You"

## **Announcements**

Notice of Congregational Meeting, November 1, to elect PNC and officers, following worship.

## **Prelude**

Sallie Horner

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

arr. A.K. Organ (Augsburg Fortress)

## **Invocation**

Pastor Jerry

## **Call to Worship**

Exod. 33

L: Lord, you have welcomed us, saying, "I know you by name, and you have found favor with me."

C: **Lord, you have promised us, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."**

L: Lord, you have blessed us, saying, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you."

C: **Lord, you have humbled us, saying, "I will proclaim my holy name in your presence."**

L: Lord, show us your glory! We worship you!

## **Opening Hymn**

"God's Holy Ways Are Just and True," vss 1, 2, & 3

1. God's holy ways are just and true,  
His promises are ever new;  
O praise him, alleluia!  
Let every heart with praises sing  
and make this house with voices ring:  
O praise him, O praise him!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. Bring back to mind his grace and love,  
Our needs provided from above:  
O praise him, alleluia!  
He kept his word and Jesus came  
to make a people for his name:  
O praise him, O praise him!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
3. Tell once again his deeds of old,  
the story of our mighty God:  
O praise him, alleluia!  
For all his glorious works and ways  
we shall rejoice through endless day:  
O praise him, O praise him!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## Faith Sharing with Children

### “Seeing God”

Moses said he wanted to see God’s glory. He wanted to look at God. But God told Moses that was not safe. God’s glory is brighter than the sun, and it is not safe to look directly at the sun. Moses is told that he cannot look directly at God, either. We learn about God in different ways. We learn about God by reading the Bible. We learn about God by the good things people do in God’s name. And we learn about God through the beauty of creation. Everything we see in the world around us tells us exciting things about God!

Pray after me:

**God, even though we cannot see you with our eyes . . . we know you in our minds . . . because of what people say and do . . . when they believe in you . . . Thank you for inspiring us to see you. Amen.**

**Call to Confession**

Pastor Jerry

The Lord says: I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. Let us now confess our sin, placing ourselves at the mercy of a compassionate God.

**Prayer of Confession** (unison)

**God of mercy, we place our trust in tangible things — things we can see and touch— and question whether you are really there. Forgive us, Holy One, when we fail to recognize that you are always nearby, patiently waiting for us to recognize your presence and see your glory. Help us when we lose our way, and forgive us when we forget to whom we truly belong. Open our eyes to see you; open our ears to hear you; open our hearts to love you; and open our hands to serve you.**

*Silent prayer or meditation.*

**Assurance of Pardon**

Pastor Jerry

Receive the assurance that you are indeed a beloved child of God, forgiven through God's grace, and gifted by the Spirit to bear witness to God's redeeming ways. Live as a child of God, forgiven and loved. **Thanks be to God.**

**Congregational Response**

"Grace Greater Than Our Sin"

Grace, grace, God's grace,  
 grace that will pardon and cleanse within;  
 grace, grace, God's grace,  
 grace that is greater than all our sin.

**Prayer for Illumination**

Pastor Jerry

What more, Lord, could we ask than the promise of your presence with us? Send your Spirit to open us to your Word so that we might hear and find rest for our souls Amen.

**Old Testament Reading****Exodus 33:12-13, 17-23** <sup>NRSV</sup>

- 12 Moses said to the LORD,  
"See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people';  
but you have not let me know  
whom you will send with me.  
Yet you have said, 'I know you by name,  
and you have also found favor in my sight.'
- 13 Now if I have found favor in your sight,  
show me your ways,  
so that I may know you and find favor in your sight.  
Consider too that this nation is your people."
- 17 The LORD said to Moses,  
"I will do the very thing that you have asked;  
for you have found favor in my sight,  
and I know you by name."
- 18 Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray."
- 19 And he said,  
"I will make all my goodness pass before you,  
and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD';  
and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious,  
and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.
- 20 But," he said, "you cannot see my face;  
for no one shall see me and live."
- 21 And the LORD continued,  
"See, there is a place by me  
where you shall stand on the rock;

- 22 and while my glory passes by  
I will put you in a cleft of the rock,  
and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by;  
23 then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back;  
but my face shall not be seen."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

## Gospel Lesson

### Matthew 22:15-22 <sup>NRSV</sup>

- 15 Then the Pharisees went  
and plotted to entrap him in what he said.  
16 So they sent their disciples to him,  
along with the Herodians, saying,  
"Teacher, we know that you are sincere,  
and teach the way of God in accordance with truth,  
and show deference to no one;  
for you do not regard people with partiality.  
17 Tell us, then, what you think.  
Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?"  
18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said,  
"Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites?  
19 Show me the coin used for the tax."  
And they brought him a denarius.  
20 Then he said to them,  
"Whose head is this, and whose title?"  
21 They answered, "The emperor's."  
Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor  
the things that are the emperor's,  
and to God the things that are God's."  
22 When they heard this, they were amazed;  
and they left him and went away.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

"Money Talks"

Pastor Jerry

**Affirmation of Faith** (Unison)From *The Barmen Declaration*

We believe that God brings justice to the oppressed  
and gives bread to the hungry.

We believe that God frees the prisoner  
and restores sight to the blind.

We believe that God supports the downtrodden,  
protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows,  
and blocks the path of the ungodly. Amen.

**Sermon Hymn**

"Take My Life and Let it Be"

HWC #379 (mel.)

1. Take my life and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love,  
at the impulse of thy love.
2. Take my feet and let them  
be swift and beautiful for thee;  
Take my voice and let me sing  
always, only, for my King,  
always, only, for my King.
3. Take my lips and let them be  
filled with messages for thee;  
Take my silver and my gold,  
not a mite would I withhold,  
not a mite would I withhold.
4. Take my love, my God, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee,  
ever, only, all for thee.

## **Joys and Concerns**

### **Prayers of the People**

Pastor Jerry

The Lord's Prayer

### **Call for the Offering**

Pastor Jerry

### **Offertory**

"Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty"

arr. T. Keesecker (Augsburg Fortress)

### **Prayer of Dedication** (unison)

**Almighty God, accept these gifts, given in thanksgiving  
and in the hope that you will bless and use them to call  
others to your heavenly banquet. Amen.**

### **Closing Hymn**

"Lord, Whose Love Thru Humble Service"

1. Lord, whose love through humble service  
bore the weight of human need,  
who upon the cross, forsaken,  
offered mercy's perfect deed.  
We, your servants, bring the worship  
not of voice alone, but heart,  
consecrating to your purpose  
every gift that you impart.
3. As we worship, grant us vision,  
till your love's revealing light  
in its height and depth and greatness,  
dawns upon our quickened sight,  
making known the needs and burdens  
your compassion bids us bear,  
stirring us to tireless striving,  
your abundant life to share. →



4. Called by worship to your service,  
forth in your dear name we go,  
to the child, the youth, the aged,  
love in living deeds to show.  
Hope and health, good will and comfort,  
counsel, aid and peace we give.  
That your servants, Lord, in freedom  
may your mercy know and live.

**Benediction**

Pastor Jerry

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Manse Renovations

Donations are needed to continue the Manse renovations. Please consider offering:

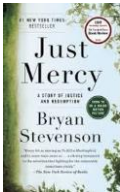
- \$ 0.00 Prayer for successful completion
- \$ 350.00 Master bedroom vanity, mirror
- \$ 600.00 Office floor
- \$ 680.00 Window replacement (11 still needed)
- \$1,125.00 Flooring repair & renovation for one room (8 rooms needed)

### Yard Work

The Buildings and Grounds Committee is calling for light-duty yard work around the church, following this service.

**Book Study**, October 20 for five Thursdays, on Zoom

*Just Mercy*



In October, GPC will be offering a book study on ***Just Mercy***. The acclaimed book, which became a movie in 2019, was written by Bryan Stevenson who is originally from Milton, DE. *Just Mercy* is about Stevenson's experiences with the prison system in the south. "Through his work with the poor and the incarcerated, Stevenson concludes that the opposite of poverty is not wealth; the opposite of poverty is justice" (study guide). The study will be an online (Zoom) format beginning Tuesday, October 27, from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. and will last five weeks. Books will be provided without charge, thanks to grant funding. Please register and arrange to get a book with Linda Wolfe at [kurtsmum@mediacombb.net](mailto:kurtsmum@mediacombb.net). Space is limited to 7 people, but if there is sufficient interest, it will be offered again in the winter.

## **Children and Youth Sunday School**

Children are welcome to join our virtual Sunday School class today at 10:15 via Zoom. The Zoom login is

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71829937873?pwd=RkNuckx5UVQ3M2d5UExNc1BLalFiZz09>

Meeting ID: 718 2993 7873

Passcode: He7G05

Sumbal Gulab will lead the class in October, Beth Illian in November and Sharon Lawrence in December using Matthew 25 passages.

Youth are welcome to join Sharon via Zoom on Monday evenings at 8 pm for a devotional time. Your households have been sent a permanent link. Hope you can join us.

## **First Fruits Cart**

Thanks to everyone who brought donations. We took 11 bags of groceries to the Wesley Methodist Food Pantry.

## **Outdoor Worship Extended through November 1**

Thanks for your participation. Session has authorized worship outdoors every Sunday, weather permitting, through November 1.

## **Call for Congregational Meeting**

Session is calling a congregational meeting November 1, 2020, following worship. The purpose is two-fold:

1. Elect a Pastor Nominating Committee
2. Elect Officers of the Congregation for 2021

## Matthew 25:31–46

### The Judgment of the Nations

<sup>31</sup> “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup> and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup> Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup> And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ <sup>40</sup> And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ <sup>41</sup> Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ <sup>44</sup> Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ <sup>45</sup> Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ <sup>46</sup> And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”



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