



20th Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 2020
"Faith in Pandemic" Series

Prelude

The Lord's My Shepherd, Martha Main, YouTube

We are Called to Worship - As we gather today, God is with us. The Holy One knows us. The Living God shines through us. Let us come and worship.~

Gathering Prayer - Magnificent and Holy One, we long to know you better. As we make our way in this world, we search for signs that you are with us. Give us a glimpse of your glorious presence, and show us your ways. May our lives ring out the marvelous message of your goodness, your mercy, and your love. Amen.~

Song 1

Gather Us In, 649, YouTube

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

A Time of Prayer: *You are welcome to send prayer requests to Pastor Sarah. Spend a few moments connecting with God and lifting up your prayers.*

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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.

Song 2

Rock of Ages, 384, YouTube

We Hear God's Word

1 Thessalonians 5:11-24

¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

¹²But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labor among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; ¹³esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. ¹⁴And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the faint-hearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. ¹⁵See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. ¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰Do not despise the words of prophets, ²¹but test everything; hold fast to what is good; ²²abstain from every form of evil.

²³May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Virtual Choir

I Love to Tell the Story, verse 2

Meditation

“Faith in Pandemic,” Greg Miller

We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving

Offertory

You're invited to take out your checkbook in these moments. As you write out your offering, be prayerful with each letter and number. In times such as these, when money becomes tight and our economy is under strain, God invites us to be generous and give what we can. These are gifts we freely give, as we are able and as we are called.

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The Doxology (Please sing the version that is most meaningful to you)

Version 1

*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.*

Version 2

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.*

We Give Thanks – All honor and majesty, strength and beauty are yours, Almighty God, maker of heaven and earth. Let these simple offerings we bring be a sign of the great glory that is due to your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.=

Song 3

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms, 496, YouTube

We Are Sent Forth with a Blessing - Go now to serve the living God, whose image we bear. Go knowing that God goes with us. May all our work be done with faith. May all our efforts be filled with love. Go and persevere with the hope that comes through Jesus Christ. Go forth this day to love and serve the LORD. Amen.~

Postlude

To God Be the Glory, Martha Main, YouTube

Worship Notes: ~Abingdon Worship Annual. =Feasting on the Word Worship Companion