



Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day



Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost
October 21, 2018



Westminster Peal

Prelude

"Morning Has Broken"

arranged by Mary McDonald/Traditional Gaelic Melody

Welcome and Church Family Life

Elizabeth Small

Choral Call to Worship

"God, Reveal Your Presence"

by Joachim Neander; The Presbyterian Church of Canada

God reveal your presence: gladly we adore you, and with awe appear before you.

Holy is your temple: all within keep silence, humbly bow with deepest reverence.

You alone now we own as our God and Savior: praise your name forever!

† Gathering as the Children of God

Rev. Ricardo Green

One: Shout for joy to God, all the earth:

All: Sing the glory of his name;

One: Give to him glorious praise!

All: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!"

One: All the earth worships you and sings praises to you;

All: We sing praises to your name!"

† Hymn No. 477

"Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"

† Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Joy Carden

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.

† Assurance of Pardon

Elder Carden

One: Friends, believe the Good News.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

† Response

"Seek Ye First"

(Hymn no. 333)

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God And His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!**

† Those who are able, please stand

† Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Please exchange greetings of peace and welcome with your neighbor.



Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Green

Scripture Lesson (p. 493 OT)

Psalm 52:7-9

Elizabeth Small

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Michael Joncas (b. 1951) is a Roman Catholic priest, liturgical theologian, and composer of contemporary music for worship. Fr. Joncas teaches at the University of St. Thomas, the University of Notre Dame, and Saint John's School of Theology.

Anthem/Special Music

"On Eagle's Wings"

by Michael Joncas and Douglas E. Wagner

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,

Make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand.

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in His shadow for life,

Say to the Lord: "My refuge, my Rock in whom I trust..."

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear:

Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield...

You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;

Though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come...

For to His angels He's given a command, to guard you in all of your ways;

Upon their hands they will bear you up lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Sermon

"I Remember"

Elizabeth Small

† Affirmation of Faith

A Brief Statement of Faith

Rev. Green

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"



† Hymn

"By Gracious Powers"

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1944; Trans. Fred Pratt Green, 1972

Joseph Barnaby, 1889

1. By gra-cious powers so won-der - ful - ly shel - tered,
 2. Yet is this heart by its old foe tor - ment - ed,
 3. And when this cup You give is filled to brim - ming
 4. Yet when a - gain in this same world You give us

And con - fi - dent - ly wait - ing, come what may,
 Still e - vil days bring bur - dens hard to bear;
 With bit - ter suf - fring, hard to un - der - stand,
 The joy we had, the bright-ness of Your sun,

We know that God is with us night and morn - ing
 O give our fright - ened souls the sure sal - va - tion
 We take it thank - ful - ly and with-out trem - bling,
 We shall re - mem - ber all the days we lived through,

And nev - er fails to greet us each new day.
 For which, O Lord, You taught us to pre - pare.
 Out of so good and so be - loved a hand.
 And our whole life shall then be Yours a - lone.

Moved by the Spirit

Celebrating the Past - Embracing the Future

MacKenzie Truitt

Prayers of the People

Elizabeth Small



Offering

Offertory

"Nobody Knows The Trouble I Have Seen-All Day, All Night"

arranged by Mark Hayes/Traditional Spiritual

† Response

The Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Christ, all people here below;
 Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
 Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

† Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

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.

† Closing Hymn No. 421

"The Church of Christ in Every Age"

† Benediction

Elizabeth Small

† Congregation Response (*hymn no. 584*)

"Amen"

† Postlude

"Prelude BWV 875 in d minor"

by J. S. Bach

† Those who are able, please stand

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MVPC Mission Statement

Blessed to Be a Blessing

We are a Presbyterian church filled with love and energy – an inclusive congregation committed to spiritual growth through *worship, study, fellowship, and service.*

- As **children of God**, we seek to *praise* God in worship and in all that we say and do
- As **disciples of Jesus Christ**, we *listen* to scripture, tradition, one another, and the world in order to understand God's will for us as individuals and as a community
- As **members of a family of faith**, we strive to *love* one another unconditionally, sharing our joys and standing beside one another in our struggles
- **Moved by the Spirit**, we *serve* our gracious God by taking that with which we have been blessed and turning it into blessings for others.



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