



TO BE HIS LIGHT THAT TRANSFORMS LIVES

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 11, 2020

Order of Service

Prelude

“Nearer My God to Thee”

(Isabella Thoroughman- Flute, Lilyanne Thoroughman- Violin)

Introit

Call to Worship

based on Psalm 135

L: Bless the Lord, O Servants of God!

M: **Praise the name of the Lord, give praise!**

L: Bless the Lord for the Lord is good.

M: **Sing praises to the Lord for the Lord is gracious**

L: The Lord controls the earth and heaven, the seas and the land.

M: **God makes clouds rise and winds blow, the sun and rain God provides.**

L: The Lord is great and mighty, and God’s name endures forever.

M: **Those who serve God will be loved by God.**

God will have compassion on those who serve God.

L: God’s servants are we all, who have come here today to celebrate the Love of God. We are called to give thanks and praise, to be obedient to the will of God, and to serve the Lord, the Church and God’s people. Let us Worship our God!!

Prayer of Adoration & Confession

Creating and sustaining God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we praise you for your boundless mercy. Seeing all our deeds, yet you love us. Knowing even our inmost thoughts, still you forgive us. Open our hearts to praise you, and give us grace to act more like we should.

God and Father of us all, you have called us to be your special children, giving us all that we have, especially Jesus our Savior. And while we are still grateful,

we have often acted ungratefully, particularly in our use and sharing of things we have received from you.

Most merciful God, give us strength to face the truth about ourselves, and help us envision the people we can become. Forgive our insensitivity, our fear, our self-centeredness, and our lack of confidence. Grant us grace and courage to amend our ways. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Anthem

*“Peace I Give to You”
(Lilyanne Thoroughman- Violin)*

(Craig Courtney)

Peace I leave you. My peace I give you.
Not as the world gives, I give to you.
Peace I give to you.
Let not your heart be troubled and fear not.
In this world you shall have tribulations.
Take heart! I have overcome the world!
Peace I give to you. I give My peace to you.

Scripture for the Day

From the Major Prophets:

Isaiah 25:1-9

Praise for Deliverance from Oppression

25 O LORD, you are my God;
I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
2 For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.
3 Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
4 For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,

a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
5 the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

6 On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
7 And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
8 he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
9 It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

From the Letters of Paul:

Philippians 4:1-9

4 ¹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters,^[a] whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Exhortations

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion,^[b] help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice^[c] in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.^[d] ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, beloved,^[e] whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about^[f] these things. ⁹ Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Offertory

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

(John Rutter)

*The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face to shine upon you
And be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you,
And give you peace. Amen.*

From the Gospels

Matthew 22:1-14

The Parable of the Wedding Banquet

22 Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his

Today's Worship Leaders:

Preaching Today: Rev. Marty Westermeyer

Liturgist: Kyle Taylor

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Choral Director: Dobin Park

Thanks to all the musicians and to Michael Sullivan and Dobin Park for assisting with filming and to Kyle Taylor for film editing.

He Leadeth Me

1 He lead - eth me, O bless - ed thought! O words with heaven - ly
 2 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ev - er mur - mur
 3 And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the

com - fort fraught! What - e'er I do, where - e'er I be, still
 nor re - pine; con - tent, what - e'er my lot may be, since
 vic - tory's won, e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since

Refrain
 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.
 'tis my God who lead - eth me. He lead - eth me, he
 God through Jor - dan lead - eth me.

lead - eth me, by his own hand he lead - eth me; his

faith - ful fol - lower I would be, for by his hand he lead - eth me.

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