



TO BE HIS LIGHT THAT TRANSFORMS LIVES

*Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*  
October 18, 2020

# Order of Service

## **Prelude**

*“How Great Thou Art”*  
*(Dobin Park-piano)*

*(Jeff Nelson)*

## **Tower Bell**

## **Introit**

### **Call to Worship – based on Psalm 99**

L: Mighty God, lover of justice, you establish equality among your people.

M: **We praise your awesome name.**

L: Holy God, you spoke to your people in the pillar of cloud.

M: **Speak to us now: shape our lives by your Spirit.**

L: You alone are holy.

M: **You alone are God.**

L: Let us Worship our God!!

## **Prayer of Adoration & Confession**

**O God of the past and present and future. O God of our working and of our resting, we give you praise for your vigilance over us. We offer our prayers in the assurance of your love. Speak to us this day in these moments of Worship through our hymns of praise, through your Holy Word, through the message of the church, through the silent moments of meditation. Come, and be with us this day.**

**As we approach you, O God, it is with a heavy heart;**

- **We have not been imitators of Christ as you have called us to be.**
- **We have not been the models you expect us to be.**
- **Our behavior has not always been above reproach.**

- **Things have become more attractive than people.**
- **Success continues to govern our life.**
- **Power becomes the driving force behind our being.**
- **Status is more appealing than servanthood.**
- **Opinions are more interesting than truth.**
- **We need our lives to make an about-face.**

**Therefore, we turn to you, o God, who welcomes the prodigal son and hugged him to your breast, and seek the release that comes from forgiveness and the joy of sharing in that amazing grace which only you can give. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## **Anthem**

### *"Look at the World"*

*(John Rutter)*

Look at the world, everything all around us;  
 Look at the world, and marvel every day.  
 Look at the world: so many joys and wonders,  
 So many miracles along our way.

*Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation,  
 Give us thankful hearts, that we may see:  
 All the gifts we share, and every blessing,  
 All things come of thee.*

Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower;  
 Look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain;  
 Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains,  
 Valley and flowing river, field and plain;

Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer  
 Bringing the harvest before the winter's cold.  
 Everything grows, everything has a season,  
 Till it is gathered to the Father's fold:

Every good gift, all that we need and cherish  
 Comes from the Lord in token of his love;  
 We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty;  
 His is the earth, and his the heavens above.

## Scripture for the Day

From the Books of the Law: Exodus 33:12-23

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### Moses' Intercession

<sup>12</sup> 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.' <sup>13</sup> 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." <sup>14</sup> He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." <sup>15</sup> And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. <sup>16</sup> For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

<sup>17</sup> 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." <sup>18</sup> Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." <sup>19</sup> And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD';<sup>[a]</sup> and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. <sup>20</sup> But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." <sup>21</sup> And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; <sup>22</sup> 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; <sup>23</sup> then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

**Scripture for the Day:** From the Letters of Paul: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

## **1 Thessalonians 1**

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### **Salutation**

**1** Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

### **The Thessalonians' Faith and Example**

<sup>2</sup> We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly <sup>3</sup> remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> For we know, brothers and sisters<sup>[a]</sup> beloved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup> because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup> And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup> so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup> For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. <sup>9</sup> For the people of those regions<sup>[b]</sup> report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and

true God, <sup>10</sup> and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

## Stewardship Moment

Carolyn Reisinger

## Offertory

*“As Long As I Have Breath”*

*(Sue Farrar)*

As long as I have breath, I will praise You, Lord.  
As long as I have life, let my soul rejoice.  
In times of sore distress; in times of loneliness;

As long as I have breath, I will bless You, Lord.  
As long as life is mine, I will sing your song.  
Your joy brings forth my praise; Your peace fills all my days,

Let me know Your loving kindness every day,  
As you walk beside me pointing out the way.  
As long as I have being, I will trust in You;  
You are my God; I lift my soul to You.

As long as I have breath, I will serve You, Lord.  
As long as life is mine, I'll exalt Your word.  
And when this life shall pass, And I'm at home at last;  
Thru all eternity, I will praise You, Lord.

## Scripture for the Day

From the Gospels: Matthew 22:15-22

### **Matthew 22:15-22**

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#### **The Question about Paying Taxes**

<sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the



# Hymn

## O Jesus, I Have Promised 458

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end; re -  
2 O let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still, a -  
3 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you that

main for - ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my Friend: I  
bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will. O  
where you are in glo - ry, your ser - vant shall be too; and,

shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side, nor  
speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol; now  
Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end; O

wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.  
speak, and make me lis - ten, O guard - ian of my soul.  
give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my Friend.

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