



TO BE HIS LIGHT THAT TRANSFORMS LIVES

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
October 17, 2021

Thoughts of Preparation

THE CHRISTIAN SPIRITUAL PATH is based on a deepening trust in God, It is trust that first allows us to take that initial leap in the dark, to encounter God at deeper levels of ourselves. And it is trust that guides the intricate refashioning of our being, the transformation of our pain, woundedness, and unconscious motivation into the person that God intended us to be.

-- Fr. Thomas Keating, *Intimacy With God*

In contemplative prayer we rest in God, depending on him to initiate communion and communication. We don't ask for things, we simply open ourselves to the Trinity, trusting we will be received into restful arms.

-- Adele Ahlberg Calhoun, *Spiritual Disciplines Handbook: Practices That Transform Us*

Our knowledge of God is perfected by gratitude: we are thankful and rejoice in the experience of the truth that he is love. -- Thomas Merton

Welcome

Prelude “Come Thou Font of Every Blessing & Be Thou My Vision”

(Arr. Sun Ahn)

(Seokgi Hong-Violin, Yohon Kim-Cello, Dobin Park-Piano)

Tower Bell

Unison Call to Worship (John Donne)

Bring us, O Lord God, at our last awakening, into the house and gate of heaven, to enter into that gate and dwell in that house, where there shall be no darkness nor dazzling, but one equal light; no noise nor silence but one equal music; no fears nor hopes but one equal possession; no ends nor beginnings but one equal eternity; in the habitations of thy Majesty and thy Glory, world without end.

Amen.

Responsive Prayer of Adoration & Confession (Hildegard of Bingen)
Holy Spirit, giving life to all life, moving all creatures, root of all things,
washing them clean, wiping out their mistakes, healing their wounds,
**You are our true life, luminous, wonderful, awakening the
heart from its ancient sleep. Lord god, glory be to You
eternally! Amen.**

Gloria Patri

(Greatorex)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson

From the Hebrew Psalter:
Psalm 131--"Song of Quiet Trust"

O Lord, my heart is not lifted up, my eyes are not raised too high;
I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me.
But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its
mother; my soul is like the weaned child that is with me. O Israel, hope
in the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

Anthem *"The Majesty and Glory of Your Name" (Fettke/Johnson)*

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers;
The moon and stars suspended in space.
Oh, what is man, that you are mindful of him?

O Lord, our God the majesty and glory of your name
Transcends the earth and fills the heavens.
O Lord, our God, little children praise You perfectly,
And so would we, and so would we.

Alleluia, Alleluia! The majesty and glory of Your name.
Alleluia!

Scripture Lesson

From the New Testament Epistles:
Colossians 1:3-4, 15-20a

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints...Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven.

Gathering Together in Prayer Silent Prayer -- Pastoral Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Offertory Invitation

A Stewardship Moment

Laura Haas

Offertory

"As the Deer"

(arr. Buryl Red)

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.
For you alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.

Scripture Lesson

From the Hebrew Psalter: Psalm 62:5-12

For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.
He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.
On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is
in God.
Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is
a refuge for us. Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate
are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a
breath. Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery;
if riches increase, do not set your heart on them. Once God has spoken;
twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, and steadfast love
belongs to you, O Lord. For you repay to all according to their work.

Sermon BECOMING WHO YOU ARE -- The Spiritual Disciplines,
Part Five: **CONTEMPLATION, Silence, Solitude**
Rev. Barry Bordenkircher

Hymn #345 *“Jesus Call Us o’er he Tumult”* (Galilee)
(see last page)

Responsive Benediction (St. Augustine of Hippo)
Look upon us, O Lord, and let all the darkness of our souls vanish before
the beams of your brightness.

**Fill us with holy love, and open to us the treasures of your
wisdom. All our desires are known to you. Therefore, perfect
what you have begun, and what your Spirit has awakened us to
ask in prayer.**

We seek your face; turn your face to us, and show us your glory.

**Then shall our longing be satisfied, and our peace shall be
perfect. Amen.**

Postlude Toccata on “Leoni” (Gordon Young)

345 Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult



1 Je - sus calls us o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 4 Je - sus calls us— by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thine o -



sound - eth, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 pleas - ures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

Today's Worship Leaders:

Preaching Today: Rev. Barry Bordenkircher

Liturgist: Laura Haas

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Choral Director: Dobin Park

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