

## PREWORSHIP MUSIC

### PRELUDE

### GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 90)

Pastor: God, we know you are with us.

**Congregation: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.**

Pastor: You have showered your love upon all generations,  
since the beginning of time.

**Congregation: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.**

Pastor: Guide us now through this time of worship, and into the week ahead.  
Feed, nourish, and heal us – mind, body, and spirit.

**Congregation: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.**

**All: Amen.**

### HYMN

*My Faith Looks up to Thee*

Hymnal, #221

### CONFESSION OF SIN<sup>1</sup>

Pastor: God's love for humanity is from everlasting to everlasting and God asks us, those created in God's image, to be loving as well, even when loving is difficult. Let us confess how we fall short in following the commandments of loving.

**All people:** *Merciful God, it is not easy for us to follow the commandments of loving. Jesus said the greatest commandment is to love God and to love our neighbors. But we have allowed misunderstanding, fear, hatred, and prejudice to cloud our spirits, turning them away from those who need our love. We place a test before you, asking that you prove your love to us, or we threaten not to believe in you. Please forgive us for this foolishness and stubbornness. Give us the courage to be people who will care for others. Let us dedicate our lives in your service, always aware of your awesome love for us. We ask in Jesus' Name.*

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Sisters and brothers in Christ, hear the Good News: God's love has been poured over us to heal and nourish our spirits. We have been forgiven.

**All people:** *Thanks be to God who mercies never end. Amen!*

### OLD TESTAMENT READING - Job 42:7-17 (New Living Translation)

### NEW TESTAMENT READING – Mark 10:46-52 (New International Version)

### SERMON

Rev. Laura Baker

### PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All:** *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*

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<sup>1</sup> Townley, Nancy C. Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost: Sunday, October 25, 2020. The Opening Prayer and Prayer of Confession were adapted for our worship service needs. <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/1805/worship-connection-october-25-2020>

*evil for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

### OFFERING INVITATION (Based on 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8)

Liturgist: My friends in Christ, the Lord, has entrusted us with the awe-inspiring task of sharing the message of the Gospel. We know that we cannot simply give money and expect Christ's saving message to be spread. We must consistently give ourselves by offering our time, talents, gifts, and service. Let each of us take a full minute to reflect in silence on what we've been given and what will give in return to share God's Good News. (Full moment of silent reflection on one's stewardship of time, talent, and financial resources)

### OFFERING PRAYER<sup>2</sup>

Liturgist: Please join me now in dedicating our gifts to the work of the Gospel.

*All people: Loving God, your message of love is from everlasting to everlasting. Therefore, stir within us the courage to be Christian stewards through our daily living – in word and action. Accept our gifts as a symbol of our love and commitment to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*He Will Hold Me Fast*

Cathy Rentzel & Faye Schaeffer

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: The Lord is here!

**Congregation: God's Spirit is with us.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**Congregation: We lift them to the Lord!**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Congregation: It is right to give God, our thanks and praise.**

### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Lord of all creation, it is right to give you thanks and praise, for in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away in sin, you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

**Congregation: You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

Pastor: In Christ, you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

**Congregation: He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

Pastor: On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends, Jesus took bread, and gave you thanks, O God. He broke it and gave it to them saying, "Take and eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

**Congregation: Holy God, we do this in remembrance of Christ, whose body is the Bread of Life.**

Pastor: At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, O Lord, and said, "Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

**Congregation: Holy God, we do this in remembrance of Christ, whose blood was shed for all.**

### BLESSING THE ELEMENTS

Pastor: As we proclaim Christ's death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and fruit of the vine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

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<sup>2</sup> Bell, David S. Offertory Prayers: October 25, 2020 (adapted) <http://www.davidbell.org/offertory-prayers/>

As we eat and drink these holy gifts, make us one in Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.

Pastor: With your whole Church throughout the world, we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**All:** *Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might, heaven and earth and full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!*

Pastor: God's holy gifts for God's holy people. Come for all things are now ready.

#### **SHARING OF ELEMENTS by INTINCTION**

*All people are welcome at God's table.*

*Both wine and grape juice are served.*

*Grape juice is CLEAR and is served from the lectern side.*

*Wine is RED and is served from the pulpit side.*

*Please commune as you feel called.*

*Ushers will release you from the pew when it is time to come to the table for communion.*

*Please come down by the center aisle and return by way of the side aisles.*

*If anyone would like Pastor Laura to bring communion to you in your seat,  
please let an usher know when they arrive at your pew.*

*They will inform Pastor Laura and she and an usher will gladly come to you.*

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**All:** *In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy, help us, Creator God, to trust your love, to serve your purpose, and to praise your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

#### **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: May the God of all hope fill you with joy and peace in believing.  
May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All:** *Amen.*

#### **POSTLUDE**