



Service of Worship

October 18, 2020

20th Sunday after Pentecost



Welcome

- Announcements
- Anniversaries?
- Birthdays
 - Suzette Naugler (10/18)
 - Adam Jackson (10/18)
 - Tom Weldon (10/20)

Call to Worship

One: O come before the Lord with thanksgiving and praise, rejoicing in God always, with all your heart, soul, mind and strength

All: We come, gladly and with deepest humility, ready to receive blessing and to be made a blessing to all those with whom we have contact or relationship

One: Prepare your hearts for what the Lord has for you, forgiving grace, the cleaning out of the old making way for the new, and in being filled up to overflowing with God's Holy Spirit for the days ahead

All: We are ready, and we pray that the Lord will keep us open and eager at all times to receive what we need and to be used to fulfill God's promises for our lives.

One: The Lord bless you and continue to fill you to overflowing.

All: Amen!

Opening Prayer

As morning breaks we look to you: we look to you, O Lord, to be our strength this day. Your love is better than life; our lips will speak your praise. We will bless you all our lives; in your name we will lift up our hands. Our souls shall be filled as with a banquet; our mouths shall praise you with joy. Amen!



Opening Hymn

- **Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty**
 - UMH 64

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty
Though the darkness hide thee
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see
Only thou art holy there is none beside thee
Perfect in power, in love and purity



Joys and Concerns



Special Music

Scripture Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

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- Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.
- We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, 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. 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, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. 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. For the people of those regions 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, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.



Hymn of Preparation

- **God of Grace and God of
Glory**
 - UMH 577

God of grace and God of glory
On thy people pour thy power
Crown thine ancient church's story
Bring her bud to glorious flower
Grant us wisdom
Grant us courage
For the facing of this hour
For the facing of this hour

Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore
Let the search for thy salvation
Be our glory ever more

Grant us wisdom
Grant us courage serving thee who we adore
Serving thee whom we adore

Scripture Reading

Matthew 22:15-22

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Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. 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. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.



Sermon

Turning to God from Idols

The background of the slide is a landscape. The top portion is a clear, bright blue sky. Below the sky is a dark, dense line of trees or a forest. The bottom portion of the image is a bright, white field, possibly snow or a very bright, overexposed area. The text "Pastoral Prayer" is centered in the middle of the image, overlaid on the dark forest area.

Pastoral Prayer



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 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.**

Amen.

Closing Hymn

- **How Firm a Foundation**
- UMH 529

How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say that not you he hath said
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

The sould that on Jesus still leans for repose
I will not I will not desert to its foes
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake



Thank You

Blessing and Benediction

