

***Twentieth Sunday after
Pentecost***

October 18, 2020 10:30 a.m.



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Order of Worship

The Bells of Taizé

Taizé
Music of Unity & Peace

Lift Every Voice and Sing

LBW 562

Lift ev'ry voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the list'ning skies;
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on, till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chast'ning rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet, with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our parents sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
We have come, treading our path
Through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,
 God of our silent tears,
 Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
 Thou who has by thy might
 Led us into the light:
 Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
 Lest our feet stray from the places, our God,
 Where we met thee;
 Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world,
 We forget thee;
 Shadowed beneath Thy hand
 May we forever stand,
 True to our God, true to our native land.

Text: James W. Johnson; **Music:** J. Rosamund Johnson

Greeting & Response

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and
 the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Words of Welcome & Introduction

For the Fruit of All Creation

LBW 563

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
 For his gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God.
 For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
 Silent growth while we are sleeping,
 Future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

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In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.
In our world-wide task of caring
For the hungry and despairing,
In the harvest we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
For the truths that still confound us,
Most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green; **Music:** Emma Lou Diemer

Prayer of Confession

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Gracious God, have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may love and serve you, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God has mercy on you, forgives you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthens you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keeps you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him— and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

I Thessalonians 1:1-10

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

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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.

Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed through you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Sermon

Pr. Kristine

Give Thanks

TFBF 292

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
 Give thanks to the Holy One,
 Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. (2x)

And now let the weak say, *I am strong*,
 Let the poor say, *I am rich*,
 Because of what the Lord has done for us. (2x)

GIVE THANKS!

Text: Henry Smith; **Music:** Henry Smith. © 1978 Integrity's Hosanna! Music

Prayers of the Church

Judith L. Watt,
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Offering/Offertory

*We Give Thee
 But Thine Own*

LBW 410

We give thee but thine own,
 Whate'er the gift may be;
 All that we have is thine alone,
 A trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus
 As stewards true receive,
 And gladly, as thou blessest us,
 To thee our first fruits give.

And we believe thy word,
 Though dim our faith may be:
 Whate'er we do for thine, O Lord,
 We do it unto thee.

Text: William W. How, alt.; **Music:** L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*.

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set your table in the midst of a suffering world, through the Bread of Life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Instruction Concerning the Lord's Supper



HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Come to the banquet table
Where Christ gives himself as food and drink.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

The Meal

O Bread of Life from Heaven

LBW 222

O Bread of Life from heaven,
O Food to pilgrims given,
O Manna from above:
Feed with the blessed sweetness
Of your divine completeness
The souls that want and need your love.

O Fount of grace redeeming,
O River ever streaming
From Jesus' wounded side:
Come now, your love bestowing
On thirsting souls, and flowing
Till all are fully satisfied.

We love you, Jesus, tender
In all your hidden splendor
Within these means of grace,
Oh, let the veil be riven,
And our clear eye in heaven
Behold your glory face to face.

Text: Latin hymn, tr., composite, alt.; **Music:** Heinrich Isaac

Post-Communion Prayer

O God, the giver of all that is true and lovely and gracious:
 We give you thanks for binding us together in these holy
 mysteries of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
 Grant that by your Holy Spirit we may become one in heart
 and soul, live in fidelity and peace, and receive those eternal
 joys prepared for all who love you and all whom you love;
 for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

You Servants of God

LBW 252

You servants of God, your master proclaim,
 And publish abroad his wonderful name;
 The name all-victorious of Jesus extol;
 His kingdom is glorious and rules over all!

Our God rules on high, almighty to save;
 And still he is nigh, his presence we have.
 The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
 Ascribing salvation to Jesus our king!

Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
 Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.
 The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
 Fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore and give him his right,
 All glory and pow'r and wisdom and might,
 All honor and blessing, with angels above,
 And thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!

Thank you and Announcements

**We extend our deepest appreciation to
All Saints Episcopal Church
for their hospitality and assistance in bringing
worship services to our NRC community.**

The worship bulletin for
October 25
will be published on the NRC website

<https://northfieldretirement.org/chapel-services>

on Thursday, October 22.

Blessing

Jesus says, *I am with you always, to the end of the age.*

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Postlude

You Servants of God

Rhonda Reece



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