

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2020

PRELUDE

Intermezzo from Cavalleria Rusticana *Pietro Mascagni*
Cathy Parker: violin; Sarah Tatman: viola; Claudia Fitzpatrick: cello

CALL TO WORSHIP

We all do it:

Tell the "little white lie."

With a wink, a shrug, and the tiniest of smiles.

We think we've gotten away with it.

But, you see it, Lord. You see what we have done.

The words are clear, "Do not lie." Help us to do better

And to remember, we haven't gotten away with anything.

GREETING

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.**

OPENING SONG

We Are An Offering

#692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.

Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: **God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Climb Every Mountain

Rodgers and Hammerstein

Cathy Parker: violin; Sarah Tatman: viola; Claudia Fitzpatrick: cello

FIRST READING:

Exodus 20:12-16

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING:

Colossians 3: 5-11

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

SERMON HYMN

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

#608

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me.

See, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

**REFRAIN: "Come home, (Come home,) come home! (come home!) You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"**

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?

Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me? refrain

Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!

Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me. refrain

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need...Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.

BENEDICTION

May God the Father prepare your journey, Jesus the Son guide your footsteps, and the Spirit of Life strengthen your body. May the + Three in One watch over you, and be with you, on every road on which you journey. **Amen**

SENDING HYMN

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee!

#836

**Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

**All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Stay safe and be safe. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Danny Boy and Garry Owen
Cathy Parker: violin; Sarah Tatman: viola; Claudia Fitzpatrick: cello

Irish Traditional

A special thanks to Cathy Parker, Sarah Tatman, and Claudia Fitzpatrick for providing special music this morning.