

Paxton Presbyterian Church

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October 4, 2020
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME
(Take time to prepare your heart to worship God.)

PRELUDE

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

MUSIC INTERLUDE

TO GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 150

Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament.

Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness.

Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp.

Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe.

Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him loud clashing cymbals.

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!

* HYMN 321 "The Church's One Foundation"

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

(Time of silent reflection)

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the Good News. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Praise God. Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

291 SPIRIT, SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS

Refrain:
Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters;
you called to the deep;
then you coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons
you called to each thing,
“Awake from your slumbers
and rise on your wings.”

You swept through the desert;
you stung with the sand;
and you goaded your people
with a law and a land.
When they were confounded
with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets
to open their eyes.

You sang in a stable;
you cried from a hill;
then you whispered in silence
when the whole world was still.
And down in the city,
you called once again
when you blew through your people
on the rush of the wind.

You call from tomorrow;
you break ancient schemes;
from the bondage of sorrow
the captives dream dreams.
Our women see visions;
our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions
your people arise.

TO CELEBRATE THE FAMILY OF FAITH

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

MORNING PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Psalm 19

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 21:33-46

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Called to Work”

Pastor John Green

HYMN 749 “Come! Live in the Light! (We are Called)

* APOSTLE'S CREED

TO OFFER OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

* DOXOLOGY

* HYMN 291 “Spirit of Gentleness”

TO GO REJOICING IN GOD'S NAME

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The Church's One Foundation 321

1 The chur-ch's one foun-da-tion is Je-sus Christ her Lord.
 2 E-lect from ev-ery na-tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn-ful won-der this world sees her op-pressed,
 4 Mid toil and trib-u-la-tion, and tu-mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has un-ion with God, the Three in One,

She is his new cre-a-tion by wa-ter and the word.
 her char-ter of sal-va-tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
 by schis-ms rent a-sun-der, by her-e-sies dis-tressed,
 she waits the con-sum-ma-tion of peace for-ev-er-more:
 and mys-tic sweet com-mu-nion with those whose rest is won:

From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho-ly bride.
 One ho-ly name she bless-es, par-takes one ho-ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep-ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi-sion glo-rious her long-ing eyes are blest,
 O hap-py ones and ho-ly! Lord, give us grace that we,

With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press-es, with ev-ery grace en-dued.
 And soon the night of weep-ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic-to-rious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low-ly, may live e-ter-nal-ly.

749 Come! Live in the Light!
WE ARE CALLED

Come! Live in the light!
 Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
 We are called
 to be light for the kingdom,
 to live in the freedom
 of the city of God

Refrain:
 We are called to act with justice;
 we are called to love tenderly;
 we are called to serve one another,
 to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart!
 Show your mercy to all those in fear!
 We are called
 to be hope for the hopeless
 so hatred and violence
 will be no more.

Sing! Sing a new song!
 Sing of that great day when all will be one!
 God will reign,
 And we'll walk with each other
 as sisters and brothers
 united in love.