

Paxton Presbyterian Church

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November 8, 2020

Twenty-Third 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 98

O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory. The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

HYMN 310 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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

THE TRIUNE GOD

8 Eternal Father, Strong to Save

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who did brood up - on the cha - os
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and power, all trav - elers guard in

rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
wild and rude, and bade its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
calm a - mid its rage did sleep: O hear us when we
gave, for fierce con - fu - sion, peace: O hear us when we
tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.

362 Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

1 Re - joice! Re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
 2 See that your lamps are burn - ing; re - plen-ish them with oil;
 3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing and dark - er night is near.
 look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
 a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this shad - owed sphere!

The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing and soon he will draw nigh.
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

Up, watch with ex - pec - ta - tion; at mid - night comes the cry.
 a - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the Bride-groom is at hand!
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

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

Psalm 78:1-7

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 25:1-13

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"It's a Matter of Time"

Pastor John Green

HYMN 362 "Rejoice! Rejoice Believers"

APOSTLE'S CREED

TO OFFER OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY

RECOGNITION OF VETERANS

HYMN 8 "Eternal Father Strong to Save"

TO GO REJOICING IN GOD'S NAME

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

THE FLORAL ARRANGEMENT in the chancel this morning is placed in loving memory of Michael E. Powers, husband and Michael S. Powers, son, by Donna, Craig, Lisa and Mollie Powers.

NOVEMBER'S COINS FOR CARING will support the Bethesda Mission's Fall Food Drive. Since 1914 Bethesda Mission has been a missionary arm of the local church, reaching out to men, women and children of all races, nationalities, and creeds, providing the poor and homeless with shelter, food, clothing, sharing the good news of Jesus Christ, and discipling them in the Christian life. Thank you for sharing your spare change to support this voluntary mission opportunity.

FALL LEAF RAKING— November 21 from 8:00-12:00. Rain date Saturday, December 5.



PRAYER SQUARE



To keep our prayer square current we are asking you to resubmit requests due to the lapse of time since we last updated. Please keep the following church members in your prayers:

Chuck Cain, Molly Corl, Elsie Williams, Nedra Maxwell, Kathie Zimmerman, Nancy Wion, Wanda Newhouse, Shirley and Murv Gruden, Madeline Palmer

Friends: Denny Hatkevich, Bob Marut, Grant Hanes, David Weiss, Linda Molnar, the Colonello family, Scott & Debra Mann, Marcy & John Hammann, Darlene Bohannon, Garland Turner, Brian Wallace, Sr.

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord 310

1 I love thy king - dom, Lord, the house of thine a - bode,
2 I love thy church, O God. Her walls be - fore thee stand,
3 For her my tears shall fall; for her my prayers as - cend;
4 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize her heaven - ly ways:
5 Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zi - on shall be given

the church our blest Re - deem - er saved with his own pre - cious blood.
dear as the ap - ple of thine eye, and grav - en on thy hand.
to her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.
her sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, her hymns of love and praise.
the bright - est glo - ries earth can yield, and bright - er bliss of heaven.