

September 27, 2020  
17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Preludes

*Knowing You*  
*Impromptu on Penitencia*

Kendrick  
Livingston, Jr.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

L: Whether you carry hopes fulfilled or dreams dashed,

**P: We are invited into God's presence.**

L: Whether you are feeling alone in the world or surrounded by a cloud of witnesses,

**P: God calls us with love and purpose.**

L: Whether today brings delight or uncertainty,

**P: God is drawing us into the truth.**

**All: Come, let us worship the Lord.**

Musical Introit #309 – *Come, Great God of All the Ages, v. 1 & 4*

Abbot's Leigh

(verse one)

Come, great God of all the ages; make your earthly mission known;  
speak through every deed and person; let your way and will be shown.

Guide the church to true commitment; give direction now, we ask;  
fit us for the work of building; dedicate us to the task.

(verse four)

Come, O come, in celebration, household of the one true God;  
in commitment and rejoicing let us go where Christ has trod;  
as we act in faith and reverence, let us, Lord, the future see;  
place us in the church triumphant, now and for eternity.

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Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Loving God, who formed the earth and created us in your image; we confess that we have not mastered the art of loving everyone. Too often, our relationships are built on assumptions. We are not good at listening, or seeking to understand the position of others. We lament the injustice, the divisions, and the inherent inequality of our ways of limited love. We lament the strained connections, missed opportunities, and abused power that often mars our lives. God of mercy, we are sorry for the hurt we have caused to those near us as well as to those we have never met. We ask for your forgiveness and your healing grace. Show us a more excellent way of love for you, for ourselves, and for our neighbor; we ask this in Christ's name:

Time of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Pondering Peace

## **Prayer for Illumination**

### **First Scripture Reading – Genesis 37:2-8**

<sup>2</sup>This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. <sup>3</sup>Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. <sup>4</sup>But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

<sup>5</sup>Once Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more. <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Listen to this dream that I dreamed. <sup>7</sup>There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright; then your sheaves gathered around it, and bowed down to my sheaf." <sup>8</sup>His brothers said to him, "Are you indeed to reign over us? Are you indeed to have dominion over us?" So they hated him even more because of his dreams and his words.

### **Special Music**

#### *Simple Gifts*

Wagner

Bell Duet: Marilyn Rodenhausen and Don Sullivan

Piano: Nancy Sullivan

### **Second Scripture Reading – Genesis 50:15-21**

<sup>15</sup>Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" <sup>16</sup>So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, <sup>17</sup>'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. <sup>21</sup>So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

### **Sermon**

#### **"Good Intentions"**

Rev. John Wahl

### **Prayers of the People**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

#### **Eagle Scout Project Dedication**

#### **Call to Offering**

#### **Offertory**

*All the Way My Savior Leads Me*

Birchwood

#### **Prayer of Dedication**

#### **Benediction**

#### **Postlude**

*The Solid Rock*

Thygeron