

October 11, 2020
19th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDES

*He Leadeth Me
Thou Art the Way*

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God, you are more precious than gold, more merciful than we can imagine;

P: Help us to worship you.

L: You remember us, even when we forget you.

P: In remembrance, and thanksgiving, let us worship you today

MUSICAL INTROIT #450

Be Thou My Vision (v. 1-3)

Slane

(verse one)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

(verse two)

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower, raise thou me heavenward,

O power of my power.

(verse three)

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, it is hard for us to admit how many idols live in our lives. Our vision is clouded by the false trappings of glitz and ease. We long so much for security that we strive first for money or power. Help us instead focus on compassion, servanthood, Sabbath, and grace as the means to embody your love. And when we slip and fall, encourage us too to look again at the stars in the sky and be assured by the covenant promise: that you will always be our God and we will always be your people. In Christ's name we pray. AMEN.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 106:1, 19-23

¹Praise the LORD! O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. ¹⁹They made a calf at Horeb and worshiped a cast image. ²⁰They exchanged the glory of God for the image of an ox that eats grass. ²¹They forgot God, their Savior, who had done great things in Egypt, ²²wondrous works in the land of Ham, and awesome deeds by the Red Sea.

²³Therefore he said he would destroy them— had not Moses, his chosen one, stood in the breach before him, to turn away his wrath from destroying them.

ANTHEM

I Will Joyfully Sing

McDonald

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING – Exodus 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, “Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.”² Aaron said to them, “Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.”³ So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron.⁴ He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!”⁵ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD.”⁶ They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.⁷ The LORD said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely;⁸ they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’”⁹ The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are.¹⁰ Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.”¹¹ But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand?¹² Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people.¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’”¹⁴ And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

SERMON

“Calling for Change”

Rev. John Wahl

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Pastorale

Roy Danielsen

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Ye Servants of God

Lani Smith