

November 15, 2020
24rd Sunday after Pentecost
Stewardship Dedication Sunday

PRELUDES

*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian
All Things Bright and Beautiful*

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Lord God, as you came to live among us, through Jesus our Savior,

P: Come and be with us now.

L: Help us to hear your voice speaking as you call us to follow you,

P: And let us respond with our entire being.

All: Let us worship God.

MUSICAL INTROIT #69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am

(verse one)

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

(verse two)

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

(verse three)

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

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CALL TO CONFESSION (from Jeremiah 2)

L: "We are broken vessels that hold no water, yet God is gracious to us." Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sins and the sin of this world:

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, we confess in your holy presence that we have not always turned away from sin. We tend to follow the crowd and keep our distance, rather than stand beside you. We ask for your mercy and favor, but begrudge your blessings upon others. We hold tightly to the gifts you give us, rather than offering them freely and fully. Forgive us, God of grace; grant us your presence and your salvation for – without you – we are lost, but in you our lives are found.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from Jeremiah 18)

L: “As a potter holds a piece of clay, God holds and shapes our lives.” In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

P: **Thanks be to God. AMEN.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Faithful God, from generation to generation, you teach your people the way to live. Through words that are ancient, you speak the truth of your living Word. Speak to us now that we may honor you and walk in your way with faith and humility. AMEN.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 29

¹Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. ²Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor. ³The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters. ⁴The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty. ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon. ⁶He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. ⁷The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire. ⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. ⁹The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, “Glory!” ¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever. ¹¹May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

ANTHEM

Amazing Grace / My Chains Are Gone

Giglio & Tomlin

Soloist: Lois Urban

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING – Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.” ⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

⁵And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!” ⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

SERMON

“Answering”

Rev. John Wahl

SONG OF RESPONSE #710

We Lift Our Voices

Offering

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 your voices to you:
we are an offering; we are an offering.

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CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

New Day, New Hope

Steven Scott

PRAYER OF DEDICATION / PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Ye Holy Angels Bright

Franklin Ritter