

19<sup>th</sup> Week after Pentecost  
October 11, 2020

WHATEVER IS *true,*

WHATEVER IS *honorable,*

WHATEVER IS *just,*

WHATEVER IS *pure...*

IF THERE IS ANYTHING

*worthy of praise,*

THINK ABOUT THESE THINGS.

PHILIPPIANS 4:8, NRSV

## **WELCOME**

*Please tune into 93.3 FM, to our Facebook Live account or join us in-person\*. (\*unless Seneca County drops to red/purple designation and we have to worship virtually).*

## **PRELUDE**

Albert L. Travis

*Toccata on MARION*

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

**P:** We are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

**P:** Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.**

**P:** We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

**C:** **Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

**P:** To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

# REJOICE, YE PURE IN HEART!

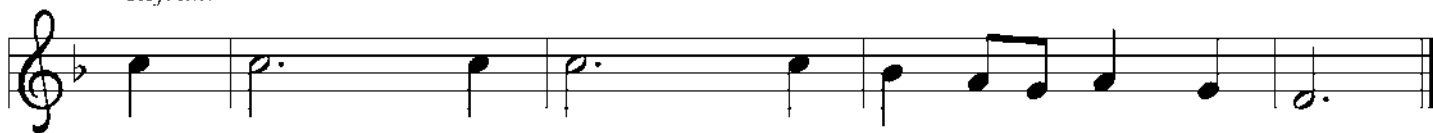


1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing;  
2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,  
3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth  
4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray,



your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.  
send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.  
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.  
as pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.

*Refrain*



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

5 At last the march shall end;  
the wearied ones shall rest;  
the pilgrims find their home at last,  
Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

6 Praise God who reigns on high,  
the Lord whom we adore:  
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,  
one God forevermore. *Refrain*

Text: Edward H. Plumptre. 1821–1891, alt.  
Music: MARION, Arthur H. Messiter, 1834–1916

~~~Thank you to Victor Welsch, Cantor~~~

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## ***THE GREETING***

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**C:** And also with you.

## ***LITANY FOR SEASON AFTER PENTECOST***

**P:** You are the treasured people of the Lord,

**C:** A people holy to the Lord our God.

**P:** Keep the words of the Lord in your heart;  
teach them to your children.

**C:** Talk about them when you are at home and when you are  
away, when you lie down and when you rise.

**P:** One does not live by bread alone,

**C:** But by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

## ***HYMN OF PRAISE***



**☩** Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.



**I.** Great and won-der-ful are your deeds, O God of the u-ni-verse;



just and true are your ways, O Rul - er of all the na-tions.



Who can fail to hon-or you, Lord, and sing the glo-ry of your name?



☩ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.



II For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One. All



na - tions will draw near and wor - ship be - fore you,



for your just and ho - ly works have been re - vealed.



☩ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.

## ***PRAYER OF THE DAY***

**P:** Let us pray. Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C:** Amen.

# *A READING FROM ISAIAH 25:1-9*

R: A reading from Isaiah the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter:

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

<sup>2</sup>For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt.

<sup>3</sup>Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

<sup>4</sup>For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,

<sup>5</sup>the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

<sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations;

<sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,

and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. <sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

# *A READING FROM PHILIPPIANS 4:1-9*

R: A reading from Philippians the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter:

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

<sup>2</sup>I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.<sup>3</sup>Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.<sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.<sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.<sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup>Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.<sup>9</sup>Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

R: Word of God, Word of Life:

**C: Thanks be to God!**

# ***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION***



☐ Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!



Our hearts burn with - in us while you o - pen to us the Scrip- tures.



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!

## ***THE GOSPEL***

## ***MATTHEW 22:1-14***

P: A reading from the Gospel of Saint Matthew the 22<sup>nd</sup> chapter.



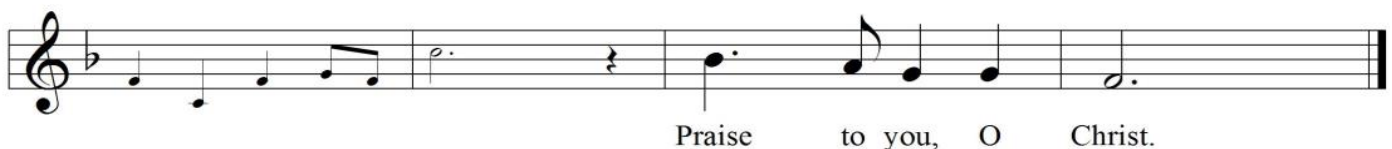
Glo - ry to you, O Lord.



<sup>1</sup>Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup>“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup>He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup>Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ <sup>5</sup>But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup>while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ <sup>10</sup>Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

<sup>11</sup>“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, <sup>12</sup>and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ <sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few are chosen.”

P: The gospel of our Lord!



# SERMON

## LET US GO NOW TO THE BANQUET

*Refrain / Estribillo*



Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la  
Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the



me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -  
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is



re - te tie - ne un pues - to y u - na mi - sión.  
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.



1 Hoy me le - van - to muy tem - pra - no; ya me es -  
1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -  
2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the  
3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all



pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad; voy su - bien - do a - le - gre la  
mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm  
ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be  
peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -

*Refrain / Estribillo*



cues - ta, voy en bus - ca de tu a - mis - tad.  
walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.  
hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.  
geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

2 Dios invita a todos los pobres  
a esta mesa común por la fe,  
donde no hay acaparadores  
y a nadie le falta el conqué. Estribillo

3 Dios nos manda a hacer de este mundo  
una mesa donde haya igualdad,  
trabajando y luchando juntos,  
compartiendo la propiedad. Estribillo

# ***THE CREED***

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith expressed through the words of the Nicene Creed:

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light,**

**true God from true God, begotten, not made,**

**of one Being with the Father;**

**through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary**

**and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again**

**in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,**

**and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,**

**who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

# ORGAN MEDITATION

Michael Burkhardt

Praise and Thanksgiving  
Hymn Improvisations, Set V

## III. MARION

### *PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE*

#### *LORD'S PRAYER*

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in  
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our  
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For  
thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever  
and ever. Amen.**

#### *BLESSING*

P: May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ fill you with every spiritual blessing.

May the God of faithfulness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another in accordance with Christ Jesus.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

A - men, A - men, A - men.

The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'A - men, A - men, A - men.' are written below the staff, with vertical lines connecting the notes to the syllables.

# WE ARE CALLED



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the  
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in  
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to  
fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so  
one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.  
sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

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## DISMISSAL

**P:** Go in peace, Christ is with us!

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

Gordon Young

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given by  
Judy & Don May in honor of their  
60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

THANK YOU to Linda Ellinger for serving as today's Lector and Linda and Richard Ellinger for serving as today's Host Family



We are still looking for volunteers to help pass out treats for our annual Halloween Hospitality night on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Wendy Bailey or Deb Nominee if you are willing to help. If you can not donate your time, would you be willing to donate a bag of candy? Collection baskets can be found outside the Church Office and the Nave.

The Monday night Women's Bible Study will be meeting each Monday evening in the Dietz Room from 6-8 PM. If you would like further information, please contact Beth Myers.

### **SHARING KITCHEN**

Our last two 2020 dates to lend a hand at the Sharing Kitchen are October 12<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

If you are able to help on either of those dates, please contact Deb Nominee or the Church Office.

### **ALL SAINTS BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**

If you have names you would like to have recorded in the Book of Remembrance, please note that All Saint's Day will be celebrated November 1<sup>st</sup>.

You may email us or call the Church Office if you have names to be remembered.



We are in need of volunteers to help during worship.

Each week we need the following people:

Lector  
Host Family  
Videographer  
Slide Show Operator

None of these jobs are difficult, but we do need to have people to man each of these stations. Without help, we cannot continue to worship in ways that have become familiar to us in these past six months.

Lectors are e-mailed readings on Wednesday, prior to the date of service.

Host Families are asked to greet worshippers, sign them in and assist with securing seating, if necessary.

Videographer duties entail being in charge of having the camera (on a tripod) pointed in the direction of the service action. Wendy Bailey would be happy to train anyone who could fill in for days when he is not available.

Slide Show Operator duties have been handled by John Bailey for months. She would LOVE to have someone who could handle the job in her absence.

The Bailey family will be absent from worship for two Sundays in November. Without other people trained to take over in their absence, the Livestream and Slideshow portion of worship would be unavailable.

Please consider trying a new way to contribute to life at First!

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"God is among us!"  
"We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel, forgive,  
reconcile and trust God for all that we need."