

24th Week after Pentecost
November 15, 2020



“*Well done,*
good and faithful servant.

...*Enter*
into the joy of your master.”

MATTHEW 25:21, ESV

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

John A. Behnke

LINSTEAD

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

C: **Amen.**

L: 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.**

L: 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.**

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

C: **Amen.**

O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

THE GREETING

L: 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

L: You are the treasured people of the Lord,

C: A people holy to the Lord our God.

L: 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.

L: 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.



† 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?



C 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.



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray. Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

A READING FROM ZEPHANIAH 1:7,12-18

R: A reading from Zephaniah the 1st chapter:

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests.

¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm."

¹³Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there.

¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung.

¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God!

A READING FROM 1 THESSALONIANS

5:1-11

R: A reading from 1 Thessalonians the 5th chapter:

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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 25:14-30

L: A reading from the Gospel of Saint Matthew the 25th chapter.

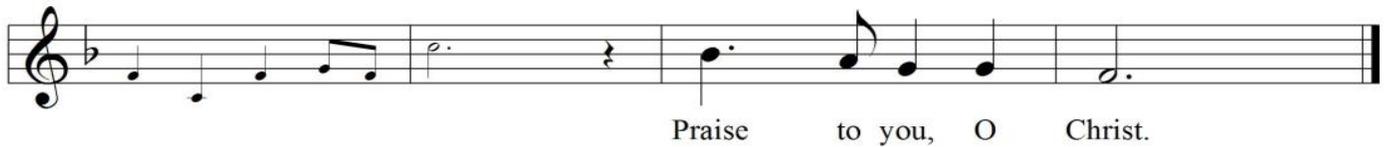


Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to

all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

L: The gospel of our Lord!



SERMON

Vicar Mike Porter

LET US TALENTS AND TONGUES EMPLOY



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980

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# ***THE CREED***

L: 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***

*Paul Manz*

*LOBT GOTT IHR CHRISTEN, Opus 17, No.3*

*Let All Together Praise Our God*

## ***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE***

### ***LORD'S PRAYER***

**L:** 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***

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

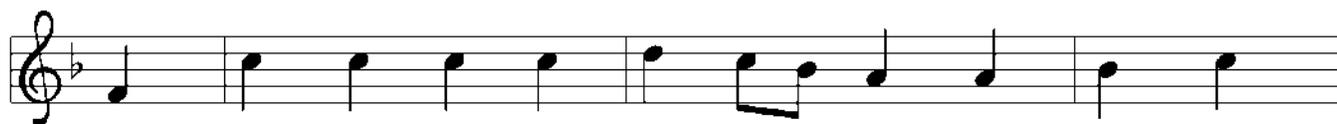
May the God of faithfulness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another in accordance with Christ Jesus.

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.

# OH, HAPPY DAY WHEN WE SHALL STAND



1 Oh, hap - py day when we shall stand a - mid the  
2 Oh, bless - ed day when Christ shall come and show him -  
3 Oh, what a might - y rush - ing flood of joy and  
4 O Lord, your grace is ev - 'ry - thing; your love has



heav'n-ly throng; and sing with hosts from ev - 'ry land the  
self as Lord, and thou - sands meet in their new home which  
love and peace will roll down o - ver us with good and  
made us free to stand a - mong the saints and sing the



new ce - les - tial song, the new ce - les - tial song.  
Je - sus has pre - pared, which Je - sus has pre - pared.  
bless - ed - ness and grace, and bless - ed - ness and grace.  
glo - ry that we see, the glo - ry that we see.

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Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561  
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## DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, Christ is with us!

C: Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

Paul Manz

*Partita on ST. ANNE, Opus 6*

*Oh God Our Help in Ages Past*

*I. Introduction*

*III. Adagio*

*II. Theme*

Thank you, Mike Porter, for serving as today's  
worship leader.  
Pastor Bailey is out of the office this week. Pastor  
Katie Treadway will cover any emergencies.

**THANK YOU** to Jamie Lodermeier-Fay for serving as today's Lector and the  
Nominee Family for serving as today's Hosts. Thanks also to Shelley Ross for  
providing the Livestream and Janet Zirger and Deb Hohman  
for operating the slide show.

**A HUGE THANK YOU** to Deb Nominee and her entire crew for preparing,  
serving, and distributing 150 mobile Bountiful Feast meals!  
You all did an awesome job.



### **WEST OHIO FOOD BANK DISTRIBUTION**

Will take place on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>.

The line starts forming around 10AM. Volunteers are needed to help register cars  
as they arrive, then to help put items in cars when distribution begins at 1:00.

Volunteers can arrive any time after noon.

Many, many thanks to all of our faithful volunteers who come out to help each  
month, regardless of the weather. Thank you so much for giving generously of  
your time to help other Seneca County residents in need of extra support.

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.

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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."