

WORSHIP SERVICE
August 16, 2020
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

- * God's Greeting
- * We Greet One Another

Christ be with you.

And also with you!

- * Call to Worship
- * Opening Song: "Give to the Winds Your Fears" *Lift Up Your Hearts #438*
Give to the winds your fears, hope and be undismayed;
God hears your sighs and counts your tears; God will lift up your head.

Why, heart, so heavy still? Why, spirit, so cast down?
Bring every anxious thought to God, bid every fear be gone.

Leave to God's sovereign sway to choose and to command.
though wondering, you will own God's way; how wise, how strong God's hand!

Let us in life and death, Your steadfast love declare,
and publish with our latest breath your love and guardian care.
- * Opening Prayer

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

God's Will for Our Lives (Proverbs 3:1-6)

My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you peace and prosperity. Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man. Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord, at times, we have ignored your vision and your call.
We are distracted and confused by the world.
We are scared by the forces which tear down what we have built.
Yet, your promises are breathed on us by the living Spirit
churning deep within our souls;
When we forget, Lord have mercy on us.

We know that we have true life only because of your love for us.
We have love for others because you gave it to us first.
Give us the strength we need to carry our candle against the wind. Amen.

God's words of Assurance (Jeremiah 29)

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

Song of Response: "Thy Word" *Sing! A New Creation #86*

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
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When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.

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I will not forget Your love for me and yet my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus be my guide, and hold me to your side, I will love you to the end.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Luke 5:1-11

1 One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. **2** He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. **3** He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. **4** When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." **5** Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets." **6** When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. **7** So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. **8** When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" **9** For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, **10** and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." **11** So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

Message: "A Grander Vision"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

- * Song of Response: "Be Thou My Vision" (Vs. 1-3) *Lift Up Your Hearts #859*
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.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father; thine own may I be, thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.

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.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

- * Blessing
- * Closing Song: "Be Thou My Vision" (Vs. 4) *Lift Up Your Hearts #859*
High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.
- * Postlude

- * Please stand if you are able

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