
THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 27, 2020 | 10:15 AM



CONNECTING FAITH,
FRIENDSHIP, FAMILY

The Worship of God

GATHERING

PRELUDE

*All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night
With High Delight Let Us Unite*

Robert A. Hobby
Walter L. Pelz

GREETING

Beloved of God: Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.
And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Iona Community

O God, you summon the day to dawn,
you teach the morning to waken the earth.

Great is your name, great is your love.

For you the valleys shall sing for joy,
the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Great is your name, great is your love.

To you the monarchs of the earth shall bow,
the poor and the persecuted shall shout for joy.

Great is your name, great is your love.

Your love and justice shall last forever,
fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

Great is your name, great is your love.

♦ HYMN 645

MIT FREUDEN ZART

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.

With healing balm my soul is filled,
and every faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power has made
God's gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning glow or evening shade
God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of God's might,
lo! all is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away,
but, through all grief distressing,
an ever-present help and stay,
our peace and joy and blessing,
as with a mother's tender hand
God gently leads the chosen band:
to God all praise and glory!

Thus all my toilsome way along
I sing aloud thy praises,
that all may hear the grateful song
my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart;
both soul and body, take your part:
to God all praise and glory!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Faithful God,
most merciful judge,
you care for your children
with firmness and compassion,
urging us to grow in love for you.
By your Spirit,
nurture us who are a part of your kingdom,
that we may be rooted ever more deeply
in the way of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORD

MUSICAL OFFERING

Intermezzo sinfonico

Linda Swanson, violinist

Pietro Mascagni

SCRIPTURE READING

The Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Matthew 13:24–30

SERMON

Seeds of Hope

Wallace W. Bubar

◆ HYMN 712

FOREST GREEN

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

As those of old their firstfruits brought
of vineyard, flock, and field
to God, the giver of all good,
the source of bounteous yield,
so we today our firstfruits bring,
the wealth of this good land:
of farm and market, shop and home,
of mind and heart and hand.

A world in need now summons us
to labor, love, and give,
to make our life an offering
that all may truly live.
The church of Christ is calling us
to make the dream come true:
a world redeemed by Christ-like love,
all life in Christ made new.

In gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best today,
to serve your cause and share your love
with all along life's way.
O God who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ your Son,

help us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.

RESPONSE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIVING OUR FAITH

Laura Bandstra
Peace & Global Witness Offering

Todd Mattison
Habitat for Humanity

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us, O God:
Your mercy is great.

LORD'S PRAYER

debts/debtors

SENDING

◆ HYMN 748

TALLIS' CANON

Go with Us, Lord

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true
our lives may be our gift to you.

◆ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Te Deum

Marc-Antoine Charpentier

About Today's Service

Assisting in worship today:

Music Director: Rich Dewein

Organist: Lois Harms

Musical Offering: Linda Swanson

Audio/Video: Kim Coulter

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We strive to be a Christian congregation
dedicated to a strong tradition of worship,
committed to spiritual inquiry and growth,
caring for one another,
and bearing witness to God's love in the world.



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