

SEASON OF PENTECOST
OCTOBER 18, 2020

This week's service will be a LIVESTREAM Worship!!
Simply click the link below just before 9:45am Sunday, morning!

OR watch the zoom worship live through our Facebook page.

PRELUDE

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Psalm 99

The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!

Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.

He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.

O Lord our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord Our God is holy.

HYMN

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Robert Robinson

INVOCATION and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: How shall we know that we have found favor in your sight, O God?

All: How do children know that they are created in your image?

Leader: How do we raise up youth to always know your presence goes with them?

All: How do we find this faith within ourselves, O God?

Leader: With Moses, we implore, "Show us your glory."

All: With the children, we seek your graciousness now.

Leader: God of forever and right now, by your Spirit open our ears to hear your Word to us in scripture, in sermon, in song.

All: Open our eyes to see your Word to us in children's faces, in troubling statistics, in our action together.

Leader: Open our hearts to feel your Word to us in the warmth of love, in the ache of sadness, in the energy of commitment.

All: Strengthen our desire for justice for all children, and our wills to listen and learn, so that all children may grow up safe, and thrive in community. We pray to the one that gave His Kingdom to the children saying, 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE

Joanne Dickey

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake.

And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why

are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

ANTHEM	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	arr. Jay Althouse
SERMON	<i>Of Value</i>	Rev. Cheryl Kerr
POSTLUDE		Handel