

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Barbara Papagian, Worship Leader

Online Worship

Sunday, November 1st, 2020

PRELUDE "Joy In My Soul" – Mark Hayes Adam Peithmann

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Barbara Papagian

INTROIT "Rain Down"
Rain down; rain down; rain down your love on your people. Rain down; rain down; rain down your love God of life.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: And now we come to worship

People: And now we are gathered as one.

Leader: And now we turn our hearts

People: And now we bless the God of all who everywhere works great wonders

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Most Gracious God, we seek You and Your Kingdom. We gather to hear Your word so that we may receive strength for our own lives and for all our relationships with others. We want to stand firm, believing that in everything great and small, Your will is being done. In Jesus name we pray. Amen

HYMN # 33 "How Great Thou Art"

PASTORAL PRAYER

TIME OF SILENCE

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

ANTHEM "Lead Me Lord" – Samuel S. Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Peter Perich

Matthew 5:14-16

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

You remember our labor and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was toward you believers. As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, urging and encouraging you and pleading that you lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God’s word, which is also at work in you believers.

SERMON

“Who Are We”

Peter Perich

CLOSING HYMN # 480

“I Love to Tell the Story”

CLOSING WORDS

BENEDICTION

Now go all you who are loved by God.
Hear His call to serve others as He has served you.
May God’s care embrace you and keep you safe. Amen

POSTLUDE

“Toccatina and Fugue in d minor” – Johann Sebastian Bach

Please note: In these difficult times, we are holding you all in our thoughts and prayers. For those who are able, we are grateful for your continuing contributions to the stewardship of our church.

Peter Perich is a long-time, dedicated member at FCC. He and his wife Martha joined in 1979. He has served on church boards and committees, and in numerous volunteer and lay leadership roles. Most recently, he served as Moderator and Chair of the Church Council for 24 years. Peter is also an active and engaged member of the Manchester community, where he serves on the School Board, referees soccer and umpires baseball and softball games for high school and youth sports, and is a retired educator of 41 years (36 at Manchester Memorial High School) to mention a few. Peter and Martha have three adult children and four grandchildren. We are thankful and blessed that Peter is joining us in the pulpit today.

Hymn No. 33 How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;

3. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in ; that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin;

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart. Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

Hymn No. 480 I Love to Tell the Story

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

2. I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet. I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy word. I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

3. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.