



We seek to share the good news of Jesus Christ and his call to the realm of God: the practice of justice, mercy and faith. Our mission is represented by the Celtic cross, a shepherd's crook, the extension of the right arm of fellowship into the world and the church's hospitality toward the world.

October 18, 2020
20th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* Gregory Hamilton

GREETING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

FOCUS ON MINISTRY

CALL TO WORSHIP

Exalt the Almighty
and worship at God's holy mountain,
for the Lord our God is holy.
Look! The Lord draws near;
come into the presence of the Holy One.
Let us behold the glory of our God.

GATHERING HYMN 438 *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*
Stanzas 1 and 2

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We have been buried with Christ in baptism,
in order that we might be raised to new life with him
through faith in the power of God.
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Almighty God,
in you we live and move and have our being.
You call us to give all that we are
and all that we have in service to Christ.
But we hold tightly to our treasure,
afraid we will not have enough for ourselves,
and hold back our talents, afraid these gifts will not be enough.
God, unclench our fists and help us to give fully and freely
so that, in all things, we might serve and glorify you.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news!
Hope does not disappoint us,
for God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit give to us in baptism.
Believe this good news and give thanks:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. **Amen**

GLORIA: HYMN 413 *Come into God's Presence*
Stanzas 1 and 4

THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
You may comment a message of peace
in the comment section below the live stream if you wish.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Speak to us, living God, as you have spoken to our ancestors:
through the voices of your prophets,
the breath of your Spirit, and the life of your Son,
so that we may live according to your word;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen**

THE FIRST LESSON Exodus 33:12-23

RESPONSE

Holy wisdom, holy Word.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE ANTHEM *Giver of Every Perfect Gift*

THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 22:15-22

RESPONSE

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON "Whose Face Is This?" Rev. Paul Akin

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us confess the faith of our Baptism.
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

(Affirmation continued)

**was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. *Amen***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SELF OFFERING

We are invited in silent prayer,
to offer our lives and our world to God.

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Faithful God,
you put your gifts in our hands
for such a time as this.
Bless the gifts we commit to your work today
for the relief and deliverance of your people in need.
We pray in Jesus' name. *Amen*

SENDING HYMN 12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*
Stanzas 1, 2, and 4

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* John Carter

PLEASE HELP

CRC Winter Clothing Distribution Volunteers are Needed to: set-up; receive, sort, and organize clothing; escort family representatives selecting clothing; and clean up during this event, using four **two-hour shifts** (generally from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.). Safety precautions are being taken in light of COVID-19. **For questions, contact:** John Barr at barrjohno@sau.edu or Carolyn Otis at carolyn.otis@gmail.com

The sign-up for days / times is to be done via Sign-Up Genius at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B49A9AE2FA20-winter>



CELEBRATE THE SAINTS
IN WORSHIP ONLINE AND AT HOME

With worship looking a little different this year, you are invited to celebrate the saints in your life by having a candle or candles ready to light at home. There will be a time during the online worship service where the names of those in our congregation who have died this year will be read and candles lit, then you will be encouraged to light a candle at home and pray over those saints who have watched over your life.

If you have a loved one whose name you would like read aloud in the worship service, please contact the church office or Leah Bergman at leah.bergman@firstpresioiwacity.org.