

09/20/2020

Sunday: Proper 20, Year A

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Give thanks to God who spread a cloud for a covering and gave fire to light the night!

Who opened the rock and water gushed forth and flowed through the desert sands.

Seek the Lord and the strength only God can give, a presence that continually abides.

We will remember the wonderful works God has done, the miracles, and the judgments God made.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF ADORATION:

O Lord, it would take forever to tell of your deeds, an eternity of boasting how great you are. The heavens could not contain our bountiful expression of your grace and mercy. The seas would flood ashore with the expanse of your love. Yet, we are bold to bring you our praise and thanksgiving. We delight to remember how you care for us all. Be pleased with our offerings of unbridled devotion and accept our attempts to give you the worship you are due. Amen.

HYMN: O Jesus, I Have Promised (725)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Like our ancestors before us, we complain when things do not go our own way. We want abundance of everything rather than what is sufficient to sustain us. We would rather be elsewhere than where we are at the moment. When things do not go our way we ask, "Where are you?" We would rather you serve us than be accountable ourselves. You gave manna and quail to those before us, yet we still doubt you will be there for us. Forgive our lack of trust in your goodness and grant us forgiveness, we humbly pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

As Paul reminds us, let us live our lives in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel. As we focus our minds on the goodness of God we will have the assurance that in Christ Jesus we are forgiven. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE (*honking horns, waving*)

GLORIA PATRI

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 20:1-16

PRE-SERMON PRAYER

SERMON: Full Benefits

POST-SERMON PRAYER

HYMN: Come, Labor On (719)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

Apostle's Creed

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, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into Hell. On 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.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

MISSION STATEMENT: Our mission is to proclaim and demonstrate the inclusiveness of God's Love to the people of the Ozarks and the needy of the world.

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

O God, you give us tasks to perform. You equip us with strengths and abilities beyond what we deserve. In Christ, you call us to faithfulness, to exercise obedience, to be deliberate in our discipline. We come now offering you the results of our labors. Use them as a means to further your work in Christ's name. Amen.

HYMN: All Who Love and Serve Your City (351)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE