

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

October 10, 2021

9:00 AM

CONNECTING WITH CHRIST

Prelude

Welcome, Celebration and Concerns

Call to Worship

Invocation and Lord's Prayer

†Hymn 526

The Solid Rock

CLEANSING OUR HEARTS

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We know that You are the great and mighty God who is unchanging in Your essence. Forgive us when we are double minded and we are tossed by every wave of doubt. Forgive us when we seek to please everyone and everything only to find ourselves lost and empty of any good. Forgive us when we step out of the boat and fail to keep our eyes upon Jesus. Instead, we focus on the problems rather than the possibilities of following You. Help us to walk by faith rather than sight. Teach us that Your Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light to our path, so that we will walk in Your light as Jesus did. This we pray in the Name of Your Son who gave Himself for us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Choral Response

Hymn 633

"Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus. To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him. Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus."

RESPONDING TO GRACE

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem

†Doxology

Hymn 815

†Fourth Stanza of America

Pew Hymnal, page 807

Our Father's God to Thee, Author of liberty, to Thee we sing; Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light; Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King. Amen.

†Affirmation of Faith *Adapted from the Barmen Declaration 8.04*

Try the spirits whether they are of God! Prove our words whether they agree with Holy Scripture and with the Confessions of the Fathers. If you find that we are speaking contrary to Scripture, then do not listen to us! But if you find that we are taking our stand upon Scripture, then let no fear or temptation keep you from treading with us the path of faith and obedience to the Word of God, in order that God's people be of one mind upon earth and that we in faith experience what he himself has said: "I will never leave you, nor forsake you." Therefore, "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

†Hymn 712

Be Still, My Soul

RECEIVING GOD'S WORD

Scripture

Mark 6:31-46

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Message *Standing Strong in a Shaken World: God's Power*

Rev. Dr. Jonathan Lovelady

CONNECTING WITH LIFE

†Hymn 128

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

†Benediction

†Postlude

†Worshippers are asked to stand, if able