



September 20, 2020

The Lord is near, to all who call him, to all who call him in truth.

Psalm 145:18

Welcome home! It is good to have you here with us again, gathering as the body of Christ, worshiping His holy name and praising God for all His amazing blessings.

We are eager to return to worship, though we may have feelings of anxiousness. There are guidelines that we would like to ensure remain in place as we return to worship to guarantee everyone's well being and safety. Below you will see some of the protocols that we will be enforcing for the duration of COVID-19.

- We are blessed to have such a large space to worship in, we ask that you maintain a social distance of at least 6 feet from one another. Families may worship together.
- Please wear a face covering at all times while on Campus.
- Around the sanctuary you will see resources that may be useful to you, such as disinfecting wipes, gloves, and hand sanitizing stations. All of these are for you to use!
- We ask that you enter one way, and exit another. Please follow the traffic flow so we can ensure everyone maintains social distancing while moving about the sanctuary.
- Restrooms are available, though we are trying to limit the usage of those facilities in efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19.

For more information regarding the reopening of our campus please take a copy of the full congregational packet, which can be found in the narthex.

Prelude

Alma Redemptoris Mater

Hear My Prayer

Nach Dir, Herr, Verlanget Mich

G. Palestrina

M. Hogan

J. S. Bach

Ringing of the Bell

10:30 AM

Welcome

Please stand

Call to Worship

Gerry Harvey

O give thanks to the Lord! The Lord hears the cries of the people.

Give thanks to the Lord.

The works of the Lord are great. Remember what God has done.

Give thanks to the Lord.

God has done miracles, and the Lord always remembers God's covenant.

Give thanks to the Lord. Glory and praise is due to the Lord!

Please remain standing as we sing the Opening Hymn

Abide With Me

1. A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;
2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
3. I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
4. I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
5. Hold Thou Thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
earth's joys grow dim; its glo - ries pass a - way.
what but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Change and de - cay in all a - round I see.
Who like Thy - self my Guide and Stay can be?
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee.

Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
O Thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.
I tri - umph still, if Thou a - bide with me.
In life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Please be seated

Call to Confession

Rev. Lynn Santulli

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we have sought after things instead of seeking after you. We have expected generosity, but we have not shown generosity. We have failed to remember all that you have done. Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude. Help us to share our gifts and show our faith through our acts of love that we might shine with your light. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Please stand

Passing of Peace

Please remain standing

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

Please be seated

Prayer for Illumination

Gerry Harvey

Let the wisdom of your Word rain down on us like manna and feed us, that we may be strengthened to do the work to which we are called, for the glory and honor of your name.

Amen.

The First Lesson

Philippians 1:21-30

Gerry Harvey

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

This is the word of the LORD

Thanks be to God

Psalm *105:1 - 6, 37 - 45* *Sung by quartet* *Stephen Elvey*

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; make known his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praises to him, and speak of all his marvelous works. Glory in his holy Name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Search for the Lord and his strength; continually seek his face. Remember the marvels he has done, his wonders and the judgments of his mouth, O offspring of Abraham his servant, O children of Jacob his chosen. He led out his people with silver and gold; in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled. Egypt was glad of their going, because they were afraid of them. He spread out a cloud for a covering and fire to give light in the night season. They asked, and quails appeared, and he satisfied them with bread from heaven. He opened the rock, and water flowed, so the river ran in the dry places. For God remembered his holy word and Abraham, his servant. So he led forth his people with gladness, his chosen with shouts of joy. He gave his people the lands of the nations, and they took the fruit of others toil. That they might keep his statutes and observe his laws. Hallelujah!

Children's Message

Stephanie DeGeneste

Are we there yet? How many times have you been on a trip and asked that question? Maybe the reply was we're almost there, no, not yet, or the answer you really didn't want to hear, we still have a long way to go.

Gospel Reading *Matthew 20:1 - 16*

Rev. Lynn Santulli

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

This is the word of the LORD

Thanks be to God

Sermon

Rev. Lynn Santulli

Please stand as we sing the Sermon Hymn

Amazing Grace

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

Chords: F, C7, Dm, Bb, F

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace that brought me
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

Chords: C7, F

now am found, was blind but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Chords: Bb, F, Dm, F, C7, F

Please remain standing as we profess our faith

Apostles' 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; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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.

Please be seated

Announcements

Invitation to the Offering

Darcella Sessomes

Anthem

Verleih Uns Frieden

F. Mendelssohn

Verleih uns frieden gnädiglich, Herr Gott! Zu unsern zeiten. Es ist doch ja kein ander nicht, Der für uns könnte streiten, Denn du unser Gott alleine.

Graciously grant us peace Lord God, in our time; there is no one else who could fight for us except you, our God, alone.

Please stand for the Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Darcella Sessomes

Please be seated

Prayers of the People

Rev. Lynn Santulli

Health Issues: Brian, Anthony, The Beaucasan Family, Leon Edwards, Cynthia, Elaine Duesbury, Frank, Drew Moore, Candyce Norris, Terry, Janie Whiteford, Henry Ward, Jr., Jay and daughter, Bob Newell, Kassi and Family, Juliet Fydrich, Michael R., the Carlson family, Karen West, Lindsey Loftons, Brenda Hopper, Thomas West Jr., Marlotte Troy Williams, Thylene Torres' mother the DeGeneste family, Barbara & Craig Wensberg, Gloria Laube, Tom Logan, Diane, Tom Holleran.

Homebound: Sonnia Cook, Gloria Laube.

World Issues: For justice for all peoples; for healing for our nation; for courage and wisdom for our leaders.

Joy and Thanksgiving: Leslie and Norma Fagan on their 50th wedding anniversary

The 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.

Please stand as we sing the Closing Hymn

The Day Thou Gavest Lord is Ended

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1 The day thou gav - est, Lord, is end - ed; the dark - ness
2 We thank thee that thy church un - sleep - ing, while earth rolls
3 As o'er each con - ti - nent and is - land the dawn leads
4 The sun that bids us rest is wak - ing thy chil - dren
5 So be it, Lord; thy throne shall nev - er, like earth's proud

falls at thy be - hest. To thee our morn - ing
on - ward in - to light, through all the world a
on an - oth - er day, the voice of prayer is
'neath the west - ern sky, and hour by hour fresh
em - pires, pass a - way; thy king - dom stands, and

hymns as - cend - ed; thy praise shall hal - low now our rest.
watch is keep - ing and rests not now by day or night.
nev - er si - lent, nor dies the song of praise a - way.
lips are mak - ing thy won - drous do - ings heard on high.
grows for - ev - er un - til there dawns thy glo - rious day.

Benediction

Rev. Lynn Santulli

Postlude

Carillón de Westminster

L. Vierne

Worship Leaders

Rev. Lynn Santulli, Pastor

Darcella Sessomes, Pastoral Associate

Gerry Harvey, Lector

Stephanie DeGeneste, Director of Children's Ministry

Cameron J. S. Kuzepski, Director of Music

Kathy Mann and Nick Stevens, Counters

BJ Snyder and Kathy West-Aaron, Greeters

Quartet:

Kethrellan Peterson, Soprano

Vivienne Longstreet, Alto

Adam Goldstein, Tenor

TBA, Bass

Next week:

Roz Ealum, Lector

Jacque Archer-Kennedy and Laura Mann, Greeters

Joan Pivnichny and Laura Mann, Counters



The flowers on the chancel this Sunday were given by grandchildren of Norma and Leslie Fagan In celebration of 50 wonderful years of marriage. We love you!

Come celebrate
World Communion Sunday
 October 4, 2020 at 10:15am

Come together as a Church Family to celebrate cultures with Prayer, Worship, and Music

Welkom வரவேற்பு WITAMY Wamukelile Bienvenue
 환영 〰 karibu **Welcome** Bienvenido स्वागत हे
 Willkommen 歡迎 أهلا بك Benvenuto добро пожаловать

We ask that you arrive wearing clothing of your heritage!

God's Love Knows No Bounds

Unfair!

Unfair, Lord! Unfair!
We toiled, we labored, we worked
hard, very hard...
longer than anyone else that day,
and yet, yet those laborers you hired
at the end of the day...
and worked only an hour...
they were paid...paid!
exactly the same as us.
Unfair, Lord! Unfair!

Unfair, you say? Unfair?
Yes, if you think with the mind of a mortal.
Yes, if you measure your life by monetary
worth.
Yes, if you compare yourself to others.
Yes, if you ground yourself with earthly
cares.
Yes, if you don't see with Kingdom eyes...
the first shall be last and the
last shall be first.

Unfair, you say? Unfair?
No, when you realize the laborers I speak of
are laborers in My Kingdom,
not earthly vineyards.
No, when you realize some of the laborers
in My Kingdom have been with Me
from the beginning, some at the last.
No, when you realize all, all in My
Kingdom
are welcomed whenever they come...
First or last. Last or first.

Unfair, you say? Unfair?
Nothing in My Kingdom,
nothing ever is unfair...
or ever will be.
My Kingdom is for both
the first and the last,
the last and the first
where all who ever have come and ever will
come,
shall find the
Peace, Joy, and Love I offer.
Unfair, you say? Unfair?
No. No!

Come. Rejoice with Me. Come.
All who have ever sought and found Me,
all who ever will seek and find Me...
All, all shall dwell together with Me in
My Eternal Vineyard.
The first and the last.
The last and the first.
Come! Rejoice with Me! Come!

Matt.20:1-16

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Zoom Meetings – Staying in Touch!



The Heart of Christian Faith

Wednesday evenings at 7 pm on Zoom we explore our theology guided by Alistair McGrath's series of the same title. No previous experience required, just let Pastor Lynn know you would like to be included. She will let you know what materials are required. Fellowship and laughter, well, those are just a couple of the side benefits.

A deeper understanding of your faith? Well, that could just be the best eternal benefit yet. mlsantulli67@gmail.com



In the News...from the Pews

Thursdays at noon we gather to discuss current events. Grab a drink from the comfort of your own home or office and join in the conversation (or just listen in). Contact Pastor Lynn at mlsantulli67@gmail.com and you will be forwarded the link