

OCTOBER 25, 2020

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Welcome and Announcements

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive):

Pastor: We are here to proclaim that the Lord is our God—Him, and Him alone.

People: And we want to know how we can love the Lord with all our heart, all our soul,
all our strength, and all our mind, and love our neighbor as ourselves.

Pastor: We understand what those two simple commandments Jesus taught require.
This morning we pray for the strength and determination to obey them.

People: May the Holy Spirit kindle a flame of love in us that burns up any hostility, dislike
and prejudice that exists and replaces it with kindness, compassion and care.

Pastor: Let us worship the Lord together!

#HYMN #25 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison):

What is the greatest and most important commandment, Lord Jesus? The answer is so simple and easy, even a child can understand. We are to love God and love our neighbor. That is it. That summarizes every law ever written. That is the answer to the world's most troubling problems. It is healing balm for all the pain, sorrow and misery that exists here on earth. If we obeyed that law, we would need no other. If we followed that law, you would smile down on us. If we observed that law, we would bring a slice of heaven into this life. Love is all you want from us, and it is the most we can do. To obey your Great Commandment is to love. And to love is to obey your Great Commandment. Come to us now, we pray, and enable us to be faithful and obedient to your law of love. We ask these things in the name of Jesus our Savior, who taught us to pray like this, saying. . .

#PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR (Unison)

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, for ever. Amen.

#GLORIA PATRI (Unison):

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 22:34-46

Terri Brown

SERMON MESSAGE: *Christianity for Dummies*

Rev. Gagnon

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Prayer Requests

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

BLESSING OF OUR OFFERINGS

#Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

Holy and gracious God, we give you our offerings not because we think we must, but because you have said that we may. It is in loving other people as ourselves that we show our love for you; it is in sharing what we have with others that we gladden your heart; and it is in ministering to those in need that we find ourselves richly blessed. Dear Lord, use these gifts, which are expressions of our love for you and our neighbor, to bring Jesus, the Word of Life, to hungry hearts and searching souls. Amen

#304 Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

BENEDICTION (Responsive):

Pastor: The Lord has given us two commandments which we are to live by. And they are simple and straightforward requirements.

People: We are to love the Lord our God with all our heart, all our soul and all our mind, and love our neighbors as ourselves.

Pastor: God has embraced us with such deep and abiding love that it inspires us to love in response.

People: May God be honored and God's name be praised every day by the loving things we say and do.

Pastor: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Be receptive to encountering God in others, and live in such a way that others may encounter God in you.

DISMISSAL