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"A Holy, Healthy, and Loving Community Striving to Know Christ and to Make Christ Known"



August 15, 2021
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

WORDS OF WELCOME ----- Pastor Michael Atkinson

PRELUDE ----- "Alles Ist Gottes Segen" (All Depends on God's Blessing)
By J. A. Streicher Organist: Dr. Jessica Scott

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, give thanks to the Lord with all your heart and soul!

People: We come, rejoicing over God's many blessings poured out on us!

Leader: God's works are great!

People: We delight in learning about them.

Leader: Respect for God and all that God offers to us
is the beginning of wisdom.

People: With gratefulness, we shall praise and honor God all our lives. AMEN.

HYMN ----- "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.

I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.

Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee

PASTORAL PRAYER ----- Pastor Atkinson

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME ----- Pastor Atkinson

OFFERTORY ---- "Be Thou My Vision" / arr. Janet Linker & Jane McFadden
Dr. Jessica Scott, piano; Brett Miller, organ

SCRIPTURE LESSON ----- I Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14

Then David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned for seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt-offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.'

And Solomon said, ‘You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?’

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, ‘Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.’

SERMON -----“Equipped to Serve” -----Pastor Atkinson

(You are encouraged to use this space for notes.)

INVITATION

HYMN ----- “Be Thou My Vision”

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE ----- “Joyful Praise” / Eugene Butler ----- *Dr. Scott, organist*



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Live-Stream of Morning Worship

(The Nursery currently is not staffed, so, First Church folks, please help our visitors needing assistance. Thanks!)