

PENTECOST 20 SUNDAY

October 18, 2020

Organ Prelude: "I call to thee Lord Jesus Christ"

J. S. Bach

Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

CALL TO WORSHIP:

"If there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, and sharing of the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love... Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus..."

(Philippians 2: 1-5)

ALL: We gather for worship because we want to develop the same mind and heart that are Christ.

We want to be free from selfish ambition, conceit, and egotism. We want to be free of wanting to please others so we can get them to favour us.

ALL: We want to be free to love from our heart, to serve others because we care for them, to see in others beauty and wonder because we get our egos and self-interest out of the way.

We want God's love to live and grow in us, and to fill us with the joy of finding our created purpose as human beings.

ALL: Come to us and rise up within us, O God, as we worship you this hour!

Hymn: "Lord, you were rich"

No. 134

1. Lord, you were rich beyond all splendour,
yet, for love's sake, became so poor;
leaving your throne in glad surrender,
sapphire-paved courts for stable floor.
Lord, you were rich beyond all splendour,
yet, for love's sake, became so poor.

2. You are our God beyond all praising,
yet, for love's sake, became a man;
stooping so low, but sinners raising

heavenwards by your eternal plan.
You are our God beyond all praising,
yet, for love's sake, became a man.

3. Lord, you are love beyond all telling;
Saviour and King, we worship you.
Emmanuel, within us dwelling,
make us and keep us pure and true.
Lord, you are love beyond all telling;
Saviour and King, we worship you.

Prayer of Approach, Confession & 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, the power and the glory, forever...

The Peace of Christ be with you all;

And also with you.

Children's Theme for Church School

Special Music: "You raise the me up"

from Josh Groban

Soloist Elias Theocharidis with choristers Joanna Nasmith, Radostina Borisova, Jim Nasmith and organist Bruce Nasmith

Scripture Readings: Mark 10 35-45, Philippians 2: 1-11

Mark 10 35-45

35 James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' 36And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' 37And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' 38But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' 39They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; 40but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'

41 When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. 42So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. 43But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, 44and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. 45For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

Philippians 2. 1-11

2If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, 2make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. 4Let each of you look not

to your own interests, but to the interests of others. 5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
6 who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
7 but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
8 he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

9 Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
10 so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
11 and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

We are listening, O God;
Speak to us!

Sermon: THE LOVE GOD IS, THE LOVE WE ARE CREATED TO BECOME Dr. Harris
(Full sermon can be found at the end of the bulletin)

Special Music: “And I saw a new heaven” Malcolm Archer
Soloist Elias Theocharidis with choristers Joanna Nasmith, Radostina Borisova, Jim Nasmith and pianist Bruce Nasmith

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern

Hymn: “The clay-stained hands of love” No. 296

1. The clay-stained hands of love created human form. Praise love that made us from the earth, the love with clay-stained hands.	Praise love that came to touch and heal, the love with healing hands.
2. The healing hands of love gave speech and sight and strength.	3. The wounded hands of love showed life had conquered death. Praise love that came in servant form, the love with wounded hands.

4. The hidden hands of love
are building up the church.
Praise love that works with living stone,
the love with hidden hands.

5. We sing our praise, O Love,
for your lifegiving hands.
O Maker, Saviour, Spirit, God,
We sing our praise to you.

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Organ Postlude: Prelude and Fugue in D minor

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