PENTECOST 14 SUNDAY

August 29, 2021

Organ Prelude: Fantasia in G minor J. S. Bach

Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

CALL TO WORSHIP:

'Now Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and went up on the mountain to pray.' (Luke 9:28)

We come to church to pray and to learn how to pray.

We come to find God and listen for a special word from God to us and our situation.

We come to find our purpose and to measure our life purpose.

We come to find faith and hope, and inspiration to love.

ALL: Let us worship God Together!

Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

No. 321

- 1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation: my soul, praise God, who alone is your health and salvation. Come, all who hear, sisters and brother draw near, joining in glad adoration.
- 2. Praise to the Lord, who in all things so wondrously reigning hides you with sheltering wings, ever gently sustaining. Have you not seen how your heart's wishes have been granted through God's kind ordaining?
- 3. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work, who defends you; surely God's merciful goodness here daily attends you; ponder anew what the Almighty can do, When in great love God befriends you.
- 4. Praise to the Lord, and with all that is in me adoring, all who have life and breath, come with glad praises outpouring! Let the Amen sound from God's people again, now and forever adoring!

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. Amen.

The Peace of Christ be with you all; And also with you.

Special Music: "Lead me, Lord" S. Wesley

Scripture Readings: Exodus 34:29-35; Luke 9:28-36

Exodus 34:29-35

29 Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³²Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Luke 9:28-36

28 Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' ³⁶When

the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

We are listening, O God;

Speak to us!

Sermon: DOES GOD HAVE A PLAN FOR YOU?

Dr. Harris

Special Music: "I will carry you"

Wendy Porter

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern

Hymn: This is my Father's world

No. 328

- 1. This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought; of rocks and trees, of skies and seas God's hand the wonders wrought.
- 3. This is my Father's world; oh let me not forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet. This is my Father's world; the battle is not done; Jesus, who died, shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.
- 2. This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise; the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
 This is my Father's world;
 God shines in all that's fair; in the rustling grass, God's footsteps pass, God speaks to me everywhere.

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Organ Postlude: Fugue in G minor

J. S. Bach

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