



OLYMPIA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
18th Sunday after Pentecost • October 4, 2020

GATHERING

Like a rock, God is under our feet

Like a roof, God is over our heads

Like the horizon, God is beyond us

Like water in a pitcher, God is within us and pouring out of us

We gather to love and be loved by God, so we can change our world as God has changed us

Prelude

Nick Carlson

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Mark Rambo

Virtual Check-In

GATHERED & ENGAGED

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of our hearts,
be acceptable in Your sight, O God, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen!

Psalm 19:14

Call to Worship

God's wisdom is pure, peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits,
without uncertainty and insincerity...Our wisdom is none of these things.

We cannot know with God's wisdom, nor walk in God's righteousness but we can come together
to share our thoughts, to read scripture, to sing, to pray, and to make peace.

Let us worship together, this day!

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Hymn

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

#111, v 1-4

Rejoice, ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks and sing; Your festal banner wave on high,
The cross of Christ your King. Rejoice, rejoice, Rejoice, give thanks and sing!

Bright youth and snow-crowned age, strong men and maidens fair,
Raise high your free, exulting song, God's wondrous praise declare
Rejoice, rejoice, Rejoice, give thanks and sing!

With all the angel choirs, with all the saints on earth, Pour out the strains of joy and bliss,
True rapture, noblest mirth; Rejoice, rejoice, Rejoice, give thanks and sing!

Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go; From youth to age, by night and day,
In gladness and in woe. Rejoice, rejoice, Rejoice, give thanks and sing!

Invocation

Almighty God, you have created a tabernacle for the sun, the moon, and all the lights of heaven and are present to all things in all times and yet never can be contained. We know that you are not limited by the houses of worship which we build with our hand, but rather that your love shelters our worshipfulness. Bless and consecrate our gathering in this space and the love we share in this time. May your touch of peace be upon our restless hearts, and may we always in greater reverence find you in our midst, even when we find you in the least likely of our sisters and brothers. Amen.

The Written Word

Psalm 22: 25-30

The Message

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.
We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord and the might and the wonders that God has done.
In the sight of their ancestors God worked marvels in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan.
God divided the seas and let them pass through it, and made the waters stand like a heap.
In the daytime the people were led with a cloud and all night long with a fiery light.
God split rocks open in the wilderness, and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep.
God made streams come out of the rock and cause waters to flow down like rivers.

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COMING TO THE TABLE

Invitation

Prayer of Confession

O God, you search us when we have gone far from you, yet we confess that we have become consumed with our own affairs. We seldom pause to listen for the wind in the trees or hear the happy voices of children. Sometimes we feel that the burdens of the world fall entirely on our shoulders, and we have been slow to put our trust in you or to cooperate with others. When we take ourselves too seriously, remind us that we are only human! Make us patient with our mistakes, even as we are willing to forgive others. And remind us that we are also precious, not because we are good but because you have accepted us and called us to be your very own.

Song of Communion

Grace at the Cross

Darrell Born

It doesn't matter what you may have done, the times you have failed and the enemy's won
No matter your secrets, no matter your shame, there is grace.
If joy has vanished and clouds hide the sun, if you get discouraged and all hope is gone
When night closes in and you feel all alone, there is grace.
There is grace...There is grace at the cross, so fall down on your knees.
When pardon is granted and mercy flows free.
There your burdened soul can find liberty, at the cross. There is grace at the cross.
When there is conflict and friends walk away, you have a Savior who always will stay.
He knows your heart and will hear when you pray, there is grace. There is grace.
There is grace at the cross, so fall down on your knees,
where pardon is granted and mercy flows free,
There your burdened soul can find liberty, at the cross. There is grace at the cross.
And at Calvary, Jesus rescued me. Took my sin, and in its place, offered grace.
There is grace at the cross, so fall down on your knees,
Where pardon is granted and mercy flows free, mercy flows free.
There your burdened soul can find liberty, at the cross. There is grace at the cross.

Song of Communion

Bread and Cup

Assurance of Pardon

There is no chasm that cannot be bridged, no loss that cannot be recovered, no mistake that cannot be forgiven, no life that cannot be redeemed – by the grace of God in Christ Jesus!
Know that you are forgiven and that the ability to begin again is yours. Glory be to the Holy One who can make all things new! Alleluia!

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Song of Response

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

#402, v. 1,2,5,6

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,
By Christ's love and pow'r controlling, all I do and say.
May the Word of God dwell richly, in my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph only thru God's power.
May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus, as I onward go.
May Christ's beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel, seeing only Him.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

The Written Word

Colossians 3: 12–17, The Message

Vern Blair

So, chosen by God for this new life of love, dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you: compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline. Be even-tempered, content with second place, quick to forgive an offense. Forgive as quickly and completely as the Master forgave you. And regardless of whatever else you put on, wear love. It's your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it.

Let the peace of Christ keep you in tune with each other, in step with each other. None of this going off and doing your own thing. And cultivate thankfulness. Let the Word of Christ – the Message – have the run of the house. Give it plenty of room in your lives. Instruct and direct one another using good common sense. And sing, sing your hearts out to God! Let every detail in your lives—words, actions, whatever—be done in the name of the Master, Jesus, thanking God every step of the way.

The Spoken Word

Project Runway

Rev. Mark Rambo

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Song of Response

Sanctuary

Lord prepare me, to be a sanctuary, pure and holy; tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living; Sanctuary, for You.

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Prayers of the People

Loving and gracious God of the thunderstorm, God of the sun, we come before you this morning grateful for your love—not understanding it but holding fast to it.
We are awed that you love us when we do not love either ourselves or each other; that you love us not only in our pain, not only in our rejoicing, but even in our stumbling confusion.
As a father's kiss heals a wounded knee or a mother's song heals a frightened heart, so your love reaches through us and heals. We come before you and ask for healing.
We ask that your love comes into our world which is in great need. We pray that it reach the victims of fire or violence, and the victims of loneliness or pain. We pray that your love touch people in all corners of the earth, people whose names we do not know, but whose lives are precious to you.
We pray for those whose names and lives we know so well; parents and children, spouses and friends. Fill them with your love.
God, we pray for ourselves, and ask your forgiveness for our inability to live fully in your loving acceptance. We are a people who fear; grant us the courage to believe in grace.
We pray in the spirit of Jesus. Amen.

Mission Moment



Tithes and Offerings

Hymn

God of Our Life

#614

God of our life, through all the circling years, we trust in Thee;
In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, Thy hand we see.
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil, we own Thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.
God of our past, our times are in Thy hand; with us abide.
Lead us by faith to hope's true promised land; Be Thou our guide.
With Thee to bless, the darkness shines as light, and faith's fair vision changes into sight.
God of the coming years, through paths unknown we follow Thee;
When we are strong, Lord leave us not alone; our refuge be.
Be Thou for us in life our daily bread, our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

Weekly Challenge

Postlude

Nick Carlson

Benediction

Walk Humbly – Love Completely – Live Differently