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WORSHIP PLAN

DATE: Sun., 11 October 2020 SEASON: 19th Sunday after Pentecost

✠ ✠ ✠ PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD ✠ ✠ ✠

PRELUDE:

JOYS, CONCERNS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- No singing of the hymns; Josiah & Rusty will sing them.
- Today:
 - 10⁰⁰ AM — Sunday School. No Opening Exercises.
- This Week:
 - Mon @ 7 PM — Deacons' Meeting
 - Thurs @ 4 PM — Christian Ed. mtg
- The Church Website has been and is being updated. Remember to check: <http://northlibertypc.org>
- The Worship Service videos are being loaded weekly to Pastor Rusty's YouTube channel (Albert Stuart), the Church's channel (North Liberty) and to the Church website (<http://www.northlibertypc.org>) Under the "Worship" tab at the top.
- The print copy of the newsletter is printed and ready to be picked up. Additionally, the current newsletter is available on the church web site at: <http://northlibertypc.org/2020/09/october-2020-church-newsletter/>
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TIME OF MEDITATION:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: Glory to the Father in Whom all things began!

People: Glory to the Son Who became the Son of Man!

Pastor: Glory to the Spirit Who inspires and renews, the Lord our God forever! O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is Your Name in all the earth! You have set Your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouths of babes and infants You have founded a bulwark because of Your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

People: When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars that You have established; what are human beings that You are mindful of them, mortals that You care for them?

Pastor: Yet You have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all

things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

Unison: O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

(Psalm 8:1 -9)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

Pastor: O Lord of Life and King of the Universe: We appeal to You as the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ — the Father of glory — that through Him You would bestow upon us the Holy Spirit of wisdom and revelation that we might have true knowledge of Him. And, that having the eyes of our hearts enlightened, we may know that True Hope to which He calls us.

As we seek You, we beg Your Triune presence among us, the immeasurable greatness of Your power toward us who believe, according to the working of Your great might that You accomplished in Christ when You raised Him from the dead and seated Him at Your right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, in this age and in the one to come. In our worship, we seek always to know You, Who put all things under His feet and gave Him as head over all the church, His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all. Lord, All this we seek by that eternal name of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

HYMN:

“Shine, Jesus Shine”

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CALL TO CONFESSION:

Pastor: Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

[Hebrews 4:12-16]

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Unison: O Most Merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; You who pardons all people who honestly, sincerely and truly repent from their sins and evils and turn to You; we humbly and earnestly confess to You our many sins and shortcomings and implore You to shine on us the great light of Your eternal mercy. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves; we have neither done justice and loved mercy, nor walked humbly with You, Almighty God.

Have mercy on us, O God, and according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, we solemnly appeal to you to blot out our iniquities. Create in us clean hearts and renew right spirits within us. Lord, do not cast us away from Your presence or take away Your Holy Spirit from us. Rather, we beg You to restore to us the joy of Your salvation and give us the free desire to love and serve You in thanksgiving and gratitude. Amen.

[Adapted from the Book of Common Worship, 1946]

MOMENT OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION:

DECLARATION OF PARDON:

Pastor: Hear the Good News! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ! And yet, Christ died for us; He rose for us; He reigns in power for us; and He prays for us. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, that one is a new creation. The old life is Gone and a new life has begun. Let us give glory to God for the forgiveness He has given us through His Son. [I Tim. 1:15 & I Pet. 2:25]

* GLORIA PATRI:

✠ ✠ ✠ HEARING THE WORD OF GOD ✠ ✠ ✠

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

Almighty God, As we open ourselves to the reading and exposition of Your Word this day, we ask that you would calm and center our hearts, minds, and spirits. Remove from us the blinds upon our eyes, the stoppers within our ears, the daily diversions and discords that fog our minds and poison our souls and divert us from our serious attendance to the deep things of the Gospel and the simple. Touch us in such a way, we pray, Lord, that we daily mourn and grieve our sin and see anew the Image of God You have placed within us and each other, that we may spread Your Word and do the work You assign to us. We ask in the name and for the sake of Your only-begotten Son, Christ Jesus. Amen.

CHILDRENS' MESSAGE:

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Hebrews 1:1 - 2:18

¹ Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ² but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, Whom He appointed the heir of all things, through Whom also He created the world. ³ He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the word of His power. After making purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name He has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

⁵ For to which of the angels did God ever say,
"You are my Son, today I have begotten You"?

Or again,

"I will be to Him a Father, and He shall be to Me a Son"?

⁶ And again, when He brings the Firstborn into the world, He says,
"Let all God's angels worship Him."

⁷ Of the angels He says,

"He makes His angels winds, and His ministers a flame of

fire.”

⁸ But of the Son He says,

“Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Your kingdom.

⁹ You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness beyond Your companions.”

¹⁰ And,

“You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of Your hands; ¹¹ they will perish, but You remain; they will all wear out like a garment, ¹² like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed.

But You are the same, and Your years will have no end.”

¹³ And to which of the angels has He ever said,

“Sit at My right hand until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet”?

¹⁴ Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

^{2:1} Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. ² For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, ³ how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, ⁴ while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

⁵ Now it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. ⁶ It has been testified somewhere,

“What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him?

⁷ You made Him for a little while lower than the angels; You have crowned Him with glory and honor, ⁸ putting everything in subjection under His feet.”

Now in putting everything in subjection to Him, He left nothing outside His control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to Him. ⁹ But we see Him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰ For it was fitting that He, for Whom and by Whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. ¹¹ For He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why He

is not ashamed to call them brothers, ¹² saying,
“I will tell of Your name to my brothers; in the midst of the
congregation I will sing Your praise.”

¹³ And again,
“I will put my trust in Him.”

And again,
“Behold, I and the children God has given Me.”

¹⁴ Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, He
Himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death
He might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the
devil, ¹⁵ and deliver all those who through fear of death were
subject to lifelong slavery. ¹⁶ For surely it is not angels that He
helps, but He helps the offspring of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore He
had to be made like His brothers in every respect, so that He might
become a merciful and faithful High Priest in the service of God,
to make propitiation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ For because He
Himself has suffered when tempted, He is able to help those who
are being tempted.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

SERMON: “Brother’s and Sisters of God’s Only Son”
The Rev. Albert Rhodes Stuart

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER:

✠ ✠ ✠ RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD ✠ ✠ ✠

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles’ Creed

HYMN: “And Can It Be?” # 347

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS & TITHES

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

* THE DOXOLOGY:

HYMN: “I Cannot Tell” # 354

* ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE:

(Jude 24-25)

Pastor: Now unto Him who is able to keep you from falling, and to make you stand without
blemish in the presence of His glory with rejoicing, to the only God our Savior, through
Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all time and now
and forever. Amen.

CHARGE & BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE:

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM QUESTION FOR LORD'S DAY 13:

Q33] Why is He called God's "only Son" when we also are God's children?

A33] Because Christ alone is the eternal, natural Son of God. We, however, are adopted children of God adopted by grace through Christ.

Q34] Why do you call Him "our Lord"?

A34] Because not with gold or silver, but with His precious blood He has set us free from sin and from the tyranny of the devil, and has bought us, body and soul, to be His very own.



Jesus Christ Is Lord,
to the glory of God
the Father