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WORSHIP PLAN

DATE: Sun., 4 October 2020 SEASON: 18th Sunday after Pentecost

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

PRELUDE:

JOYS, CONCERNS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- No singing of the hymns; Josh & Rusty will sing them.
- Today:
 - 9:⁴⁵ AM — Teacher Appreciation & Sunday School Promotion. All Return to Classes
 - Joy Box Collection & Dedication
 - Communion / Deacons' Offering
 - 6:⁰⁰ PM — Christian Endeavor
- This Week:
 - Thurs @ 7 PM — Session Meeting
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- 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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- In our worship this morning, we are taking a break from the Heidelberg Catechism in order to focus more diligently and intentionally on the meaning of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and what our approach and response to it should be.
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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! Give ear, O

Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock. You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth. Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your might and come to save us!

People: Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, that we may be saved! O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

Pastor: You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure. You make us an object of contention for our neighbors, and our enemies laugh among themselves.

People: Restore us, O God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved! But let Your hand be on the man of Your right hand, the Son of Man whom You have made strong for Yourself!

Unison: Then we shall not turn back from You; give us life, and we will call upon Your name! Restore us, O LORD God of hosts! Let your face shine, that we may be saved!

(Psalm 80:1 - 7 & 17 - 19)

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:

“O for a Thousand Tongues”

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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: Almighty God, creator of all, You marvelously made us in Your image; but we have

corrupted ourselves and damaged Your likeness by rejecting Your love and hurting our neighbors. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and heartily repent of our sins. Cleanse us and forgive us by the sacrifice of Your Son; remake us and lead us by Your Spirit the Comforter and Advocate. We ask this through Jesus Christ our merciful High Priest. Amen. [Adapted from Our Modern Services; the Anglican Church of Kenya; pg 35.]

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:



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:

I Corinthians 11:17 - 34

¹⁷ But in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. ¹⁸ For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you. And I believe it in part, ¹⁹ for there must be factions among you in order that those who are genuine among you may be recognized. ²⁰ When you come together, it is not the Lord's supper that you eat. ²¹ For in eating, each one goes ahead with his own meal. One goes hungry, another gets drunk. ²² What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall

I commend you in this? No, I will not.

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁵ In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

²⁷ Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. ³⁰ That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. ³¹ But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. ³² But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

³³ So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for one another — ³⁴ if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home — so that when you come together it will not be for judgment. About the other things I will give directions when I come.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

SERMON:

Jesus Christ Is Lord.
“What Are We Doing Here, Today?”
The Rev. Albert Rhodes Stuart

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER:

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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER:

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: Grace to you and peace from God, our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: And with you.

THE INVITATION:

THE THANKSGIVING:

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: Therefore we praise ... to the glory of your name:

HYMN: "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God Almighty" Vv. 1 & 2 # 3

THE INSTITUTION:

INVOCATION OF GOD'S BLESSING:

CONSECRATION OF THE ELEMENTS:

PARTAKING OF THE BREAD:

DRINKING OF THE WINE:

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

HYMN: "Let Us Break Bread Together" # 460

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS & TITHES
OF GIFTS FOR DIACONAL WORK &
CHRISTMAS JOY BOXES:

* PRAYERS OF DEDICATION:

* THE DOXOLOGY:

HYMN: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" # 575

* ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE:

Jesus Christ Is Lord,
to the glory of God
†(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 Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

CHARGE & BLESSING:

POSTLUDE: