

Sunday, Oct. 18, 2020

20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost



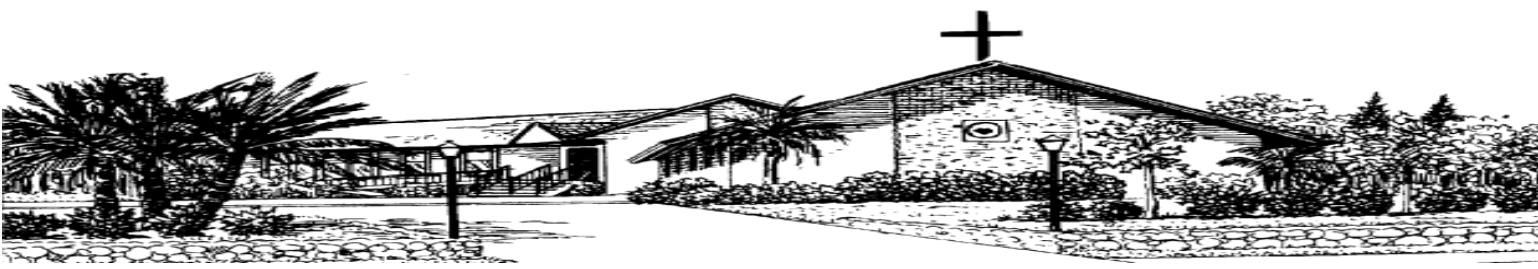
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## WELCOME

When you come through our doors, we consider you as a part of our family. *We really mean that!* Whether you are here for a week, a month or year 'round, we are delighted to have you here, and invite you to partner with us in doing God's work here in this place. If you have any needs that we might be able to meet, please call our church office (463-4251) or speak to someone here today.

**PLEASE MAKE SURE TO FILL OUT THE ATTENDANCE FORM IN YOUR BULLETIN FOR CONTACT TRACING. THIS IS IMPORTANT FOR EVERYONE'S HEALTH.**

**Facing Surgery?** If you know someone hospitalized or facing surgery this week, please jot down their name and a note on the Contact Tracing form.

**The Sacrament of HOLY COMMUNION** is celebrated today. If you are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ is present in the bread and wine, you are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

**Today, we will bring our offerings up and place them in the basket in front of the altar as we receive our Communion elements.**

Please let your usher know if you would like Communion brought to you.

St. Peter is a tithing church. We dedicate a percentage of our offerings to the mission of the wider church through the Florida-Bahamas synod of the ELCA. In addition, St Peter also supports many other mission partners. We are able to support these ministries because of your offerings and tithes.

Prelude

Welcome

## **Confession & Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of  
creation.

**C: Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of  
one another.

Faithful God,

**C: have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace  
and go our own ways.**

**We pass judgment on one another  
before examining ourselves.**

**We place our own needs before those of our  
neighbors.**

**We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.**

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,  
and turn us again to life in you**

**through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,  
and through his death and resurrection,  
Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of ✝ Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness  
to do God's work in the world.

**Amen.**

Create in Me a Clean Heart  
*Offering Song*

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right  
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of  
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

### Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### Call to Worship    Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
whose right hand I have grasped  
to subdue nations before him  
and strip kings of their robes,  
to open doors before him—  
and the gates shall not be closed:

**C: I will go before you**

**and level the mountains,  
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze  
and cut through the bars of iron,**

<sup>3</sup>I will give you the treasures of darkness  
and riches hidden in secret places,  
so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,  
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

**C: For the sake of my servant Jacob,  
and Israel my chosen,  
I call you by your name,  
I surname you, though you do not know me.**

<sup>5</sup>I am the Lord, and there is no other;  
besides me there is no god.

I arm you, though you do not know me,  
**C: so that they may know, from the rising of the sun  
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;  
I am the Lord, and there is no other.**

<sup>7</sup>I form light and create darkness,  
I make weal and create woe;  
I the Lord do all these things.

## A Reading from Thessalonians, the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter **1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

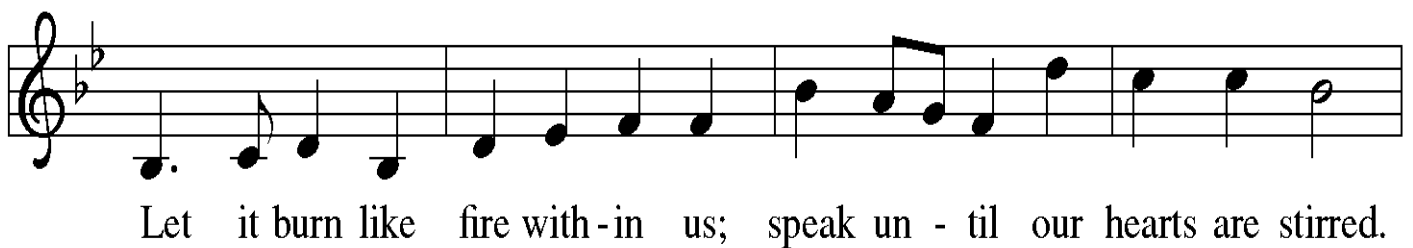
<sup>2</sup>We always give thanks to God for all of you and  
mention you in our prayers, constantly <sup>3</sup>remembering  
before our God and Father your work of faith and labor  
of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus  
Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by  
God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our message of  
the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in  
power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction;  
just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be  
among you for your sake.

<sup>6</sup> And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup> so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup> For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it.

<sup>9</sup> For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, <sup>10</sup> and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

The word of the Lord  
**C: Thanks be to God**

## Gospel Acclamation



The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 22<sup>nd</sup> Chapter  
**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

**Matthew 22:15-22**

<sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. <sup>16</sup> So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. <sup>17</sup> Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?”

<sup>18</sup> But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup> Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup> Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” <sup>21</sup> They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” <sup>22</sup> When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

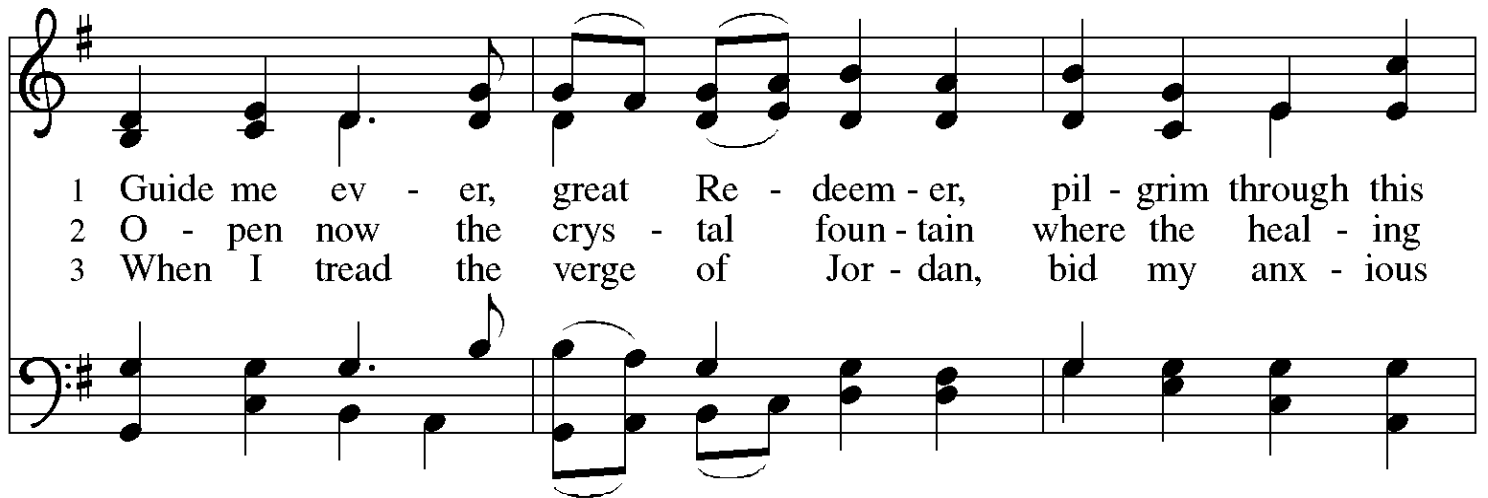
The word of the Lord  
**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

**Sermon**

Serving a Living and True God

Rev. Rick Lund

## Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer



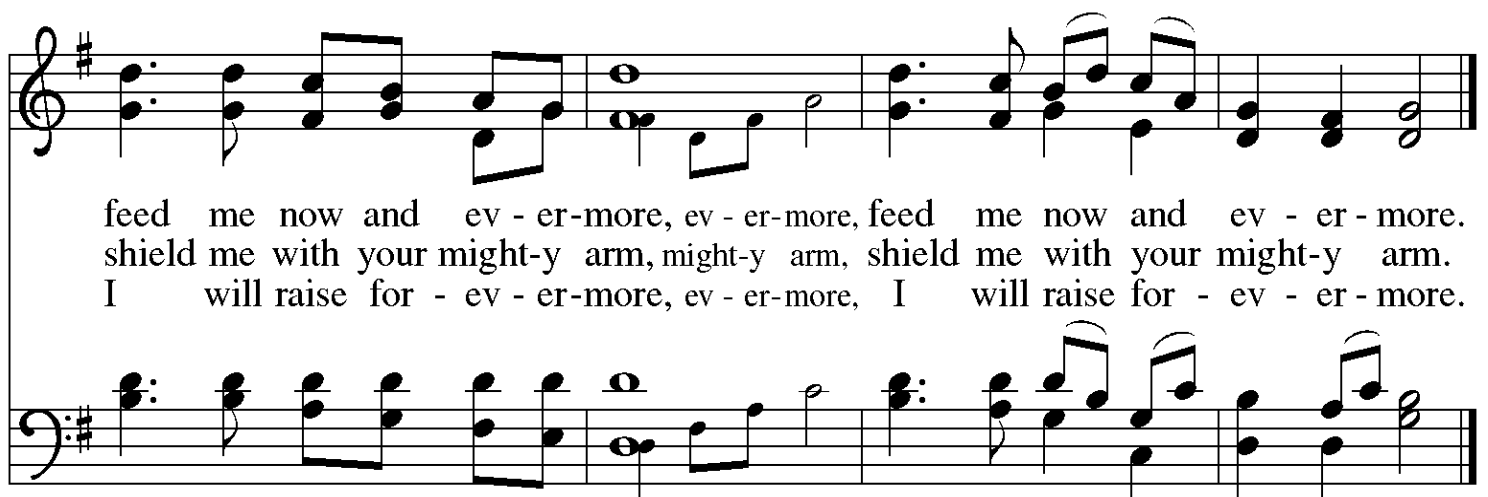
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me  
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,  
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
 shield me with your might - y arm, might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.  
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.



## **Apostle's Creed**

Let us join together in affirming our faith in the Triune God through the words of the Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Gracious God, you call us by name and invite us to share your good news. Send your Holy Spirit among preachers, missionaries, and evangelists. We give thanks for the witness of your servant Luke, the evangelist, whom the church commemorates today.

Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

God of praise, the heavens and all creation declare your salvation. From the rising of the sun to its setting, may the whole universe show forth your goodness. Raise up devoted stewards of all that you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

God of all, may your word of justice sound forth in every place. Restore divided nations and communities with reconciling truth. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

God of light, we pray for those living with pain, illness, isolation, grief, anger, or doubt especially those on our prayer list and those we name aloud or in our hearts. Join their voices in a new song, assuring them that you call them each by name. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

God of truth, you show no partiality. May your spirit guide the work of justices, magistrates, court officials, and all vocations of the law, that your promise of restoration may be known. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

Living God, as you raised Jesus from the dead, so raise up those who have died in you *especially those on our prayer list and those we name aloud or in our hearts* .

We give thanks for their witness, confident of your rescuing welcome for all. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **Offering Prayer**

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.  
You have set before us these gifts of your good  
creation.

Prepare us for your heavenly banquet,  
nourish us with this rich food and drink,  
and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a  
suffering world,  
through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and  
Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **Words of Institution**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord  
Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and  
gave it to his disciples, saying;

*Take and eat; this is my body given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me*

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

*This cup is the new covenant in my blood shed  
for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as  
Jesus taught us

**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, and the power, and the  
glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## **Time of Meditation**

### **Prayer after Communion**

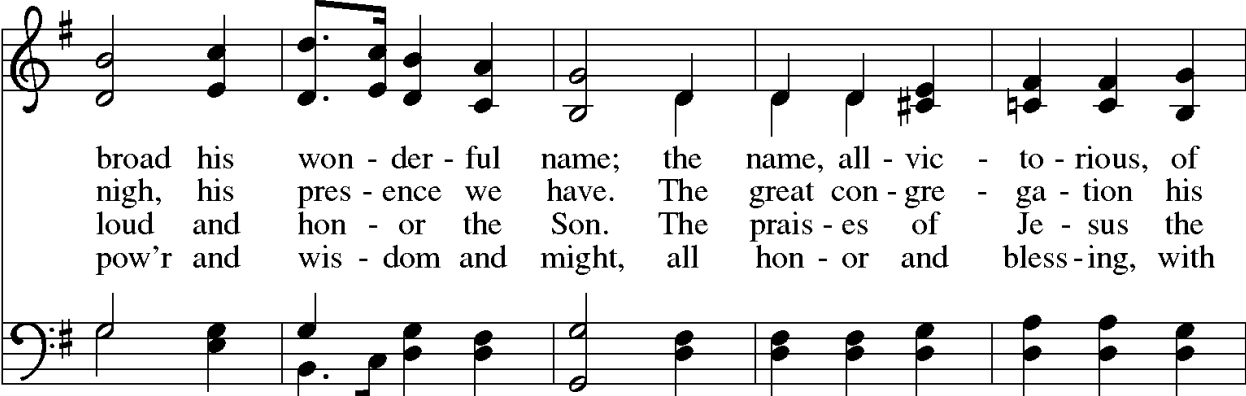
We give you thanks, gracious God,  
that you have once again fed us with food beyond  
compare,  
the body and blood of Christ.  
Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven,  
into your beloved vineyard  
to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst,  
guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ  
and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### **Blessing**


You Servants of God



1 You ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim, and pub - lish a -  
 2 As - cend - ed on high, al - might - y to save, yet still he is  
 3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -  
 4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right, all glo - ry and



broad his won - der - ful name; the name, all - vic - to - rious, of  
 nigh, his pres - ence we have. The great con - gre - ga - tion his  
 loud and hon - or the Son. The prais - es of Je - sus the  
 pow'r and wis - dom and might, all hon - or and bless - ing, with



Je - sus ex - tol; his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all!  
 tri - umph shall sing, as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our king!  
 an - gels pro - claim, fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.  
 an - gels a - bove, and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fin - ite love!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: Thanks be to God.

SERVING TODAY

Pastor

Rev. Rick Lund

Assistant

Jason Kurtz

Music Director/Choir & Organ

Jim Kreger

Ushers

George and Donna Albert

Audio/Visual

Deacon Lisa Miller