

Mount Vernon United Methodist Church

October 3, 2021

Greeting and Welcome of Visitors

PRELUDE

“Here I Am, Lord” (Arr. Jack Schrader)

Juliet Cho

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the great congregation, let us bless the Holy One.

With songs of thanksgiving, we retell God’s wondrous deeds.

We love the house in which God dwells

and the place where God’s glory shines forth.

Proclaim God’s name to all the world!

In the midst of the congregation, we praise God’s holy name.

*HYMN 708

“Rejoice in God’s Saints”

1. Rejoice in God’s saints, today and all days; a world without saints forgets how to praise. Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer, their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.
2. Some march with events to turn them God’s ways; some need to withdraw, the better to pray. Some carry the gospel through fire and through flood; our world is their parish; their purpose is God.
3. Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown, who bear someone’s cross or shoulder their own. They shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares; what patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!
4. Rejoice in God’s saints, today and all days; a world without saints forgets to praise. In loving, in living, they prove it is true: the way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

*MORNING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Holy Mystery, Protector of the faithful, glorious Spirit of wonder, Bread of heaven, you have made us a little lower than the angels and crowned us with glory and honor. You have called us to be your witnesses, to proclaim the good news in good times and in bad. Sanctify us and help us see ourselves in you, the living body of the risen Christ, broken and poured out to feed a hungry world. Amen.

ANTHEM

“Keep Your Lamp”

Aldersgate Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Numbers 16:1-11

Catherine Bendall

¹ Now Korah son of Izhar son of Kohath son of Levi, along with Dathan and Abiram sons of Eliab, and On son of Peleth—descendants of Reuben—took ² two hundred fifty Israelite men, leaders of the congregation, chosen from the assembly, well-known men, and they confronted Moses. ³ They assembled against Moses and against Aaron, and said

to them, “You have gone too far! All the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the Lord is among them. So why then do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of the Lord?”⁴ When Moses heard it, he fell on his face.⁵ Then he said to Korah and all his company, “In the morning the Lord will make known who is his, and who is holy, and who will be allowed to approach him; the one whom he will choose he will allow to approach him.⁶ Do this: take censers, Korah and all your company,⁷ and tomorrow put fire in them, and lay incense on them before the Lord; and the man whom the Lord chooses shall be the holy one. You Levites have gone too far!”⁸ Then Moses said to Korah, “Hear now, you Levites!⁹ Is it too little for you that the God of Israel has separated you from the congregation of Israel, to allow you to approach him in order to perform the duties of the Lord’s tabernacle, and to stand before the congregation and serve them?¹⁰ He has allowed you to approach him, and all your brother Levites with you; yet you seek the priesthood as well!¹¹ Therefore you and all your company have gathered together against the Lord. What is Aaron that you rail against him?”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Be Thankful”

Jae Cho

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881

The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;*
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.**

*Traditional use of this creed includes these words: “He descended into hell.”

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*GLORIA 71

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

MISSION MOMENT

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY SONG "Verso in G Minor" (Domenico Zipoli)

Juliet Cho

*DOXOLOGY 95 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation (red hymnal, page 7)

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
Who earnestly repent of their sin
And seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession and Pardon (p. 8)

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will, we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving (p. 9)

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.
You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,
and spoke to us through the prophets.
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in
the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come
when you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water
and the Spirit.

When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your
Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.

When the supper was over, he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body
of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the
world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory
is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Receiving the Holy Elements

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

Prayer After Holy Communion:

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CROP WALK LITANY

God calls us to walk in God's ways. Today we prepare to walk for hungry people around the world in our CROP Hunger Walk. We give thanks for the commitment of those who are walking today and the generosity of those who have contributed financially to our efforts.

ALL: **May our efforts help bring food to the hungry and hope to the despairing.**

Walkers: **We Will!**

ALL: **Let us remember and pray for those who struggle to meet their basic human needs: families displaced by conflict or disasters, women and girls who must walk for miles for water, children who hunger for food, education, or opportunities.**

We give thanks for the effective work of Church World Service and God's Storehouse; may their work flourish!

ALL: **Amen!**

Walkers, we ask our loving God to bless you and keep you safe. May your steps lead you to greater compassion for a hurting world. And may you, along with thousands of other walkers around the country, bring us all closer to the day when no one of God's children is hungry.

ALL: **Amen!**

*CLOSING HYMN 617

"I Come with Joy"

1. **I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved and free, in awe and
wonder to recall his life laid down for me,
his life laid down for me.**

2. **I come with Christians far and near to
find, as all are fed, the new community
of love in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.**

3. **As Christ breaks and bids us share,
each proud division ends. The love that
made us makes us one, and strangers
now are friends, and strangers now are
friends.**

4. **And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
His presence, always near, is in such
friendship better known; we see and
praise him here, we see and praise him
here.**

**5. Together met, together bound, we'll
go our different ways, and as his people**

**in the world, we'll live and speak his
praise, we'll live and speak his praise.**

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"I've Got Peace Like a River" (Arr. Mark Hayes)

Juliet Cho