

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

October 31, 2021

Eleven O'clock

Please allow the Choir to sing our hymns for us, to help limit the spread of disease.

WELCOME INTO GOD'S HOUSE (responsive)

Leader: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: **And also with you.**
Leader: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God now and forever. To this place where God gives us light and welcome, let us bring our cares and joys so that we may be cleansed and nourished.
Congregation: **Amen.**

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE "Day by Day" Lloyd Larson

CHORAL INTROIT "How Great" Tom Fettke

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us praise God.
Let us praise the One who has filled the earth with blessings.
Let us sing to the Creator who has filled our lives with joy.
Sorrows befall us;
Troubles besiege us;
The prophets of God disturb us,
Yet we live supported by God's love. Amen.

HYMN 475 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

PRAYER OF THE DAY (in unison)

God of this new day, we praise you with joy! You take our weary lives and refresh us with your Spirit. Our lives so often seem broken and filled with despair. Heal us this day, God, and make us new. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM "Exaltation" Fettke/George/Chisum

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT PSALM 146 (NIV)
Praise the Lord.
Praise the Lord, my soul.
I will praise the Lord all my life;
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.
Do not put your trust in princes,
in human beings, who cannot save.
When their spirit departs, they return to the ground;
on that very day their plans come to nothing.
Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God.
He is the Maker of heaven and earth,
the sea, and everything in them—
he remains faithful forever.
He upholds the cause of the oppressed
and gives food to the hungry.
The Lord sets prisoners free,
the Lord gives sight to the blind,
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down,
the Lord loves the righteous.
The Lord watches over the foreigner
and sustains the fatherless and the widow,
but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.
The Lord reigns forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the Lord.
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 839 "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

SERMON *What Is Your Song?* The Rev. Betsy Williamson

*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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY "Chanson De Matin" Edward Elgar
Duet; Susan Bandel and Patrick McCarthy

Offerings for God's work through Paw Creek Church are gratefully received in the baskets by the entrance and exits to the sanctuary, or by mail to the church office.

DOXOLOGY "Old Hundredth" *sung by the choir*

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Leader: Thank you, God, for the opportunity to share in your creative and restorative work among people.
Congregation: **Because you have blessed us, we have much to give.**
Leader: These offerings express our gratitude...
Congregation: **... and our aspiration to be more fully your own faithful community.**
All: **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Beginning with Joys and Concerns, and concluding with *The Lord's Prayer, in unison*

HYMN 724 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Theme from Piano Concerto No. 1, first movement" Tchaikovsky

GUEST PREACHER

This morning we are pleased to welcome The Rev. Betsy Williamson back to the pulpit.

Betsy is an Honorably Retired Minister member of the Presbytery of Charlotte. Before retirement, she served as Associate Pastor of Quail Hollow Presbyterian and Pastor of Amity Presbyterian churches. A second career pastor, she is a retired educator, serving as a teacher and in the central office of Charlotte-Mecklenburg, Union and Durham Schools. She is a native Charlottean, who grew up at Westminster Presbyterian.