

Order of Worship for Sunday, October 18, 2020 @ 9:30 a.m.

Liturgist: Joan Forgie.
Linda Pearson

Ushers: Rich &

Organist: Roger LaCross
Santos Perez

Minister: Rev. Wanda

Prelude "Immortal, Invisible" by Carlos
Staszkeski Roger LaCross

Welcome & Announcements

Processional Hymn [All sections in italics have been omitted for abbreviated service during COVID-19 services].

***Gathering Prayer/Prayer of the Day**

God of power and might, help us to recognize the imprint of your love and mercy in our lives. Open our hearts to that love that we may grow in our faith and be strengthened in our witness to you. In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN.

***Call to Worship**
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*Adapted from Ministry Matters.com

Liturgist Joan

Though there are rulers, presidents, kings, queens, God is the Lord of all life.

In God we live and move and have our being.

God requires our faithfulness and our service.

We reach out to others with the same kind of love with which God has touched our lives.

Come, let us worship the Lord who is always with us.

Let us praise God who walks daily by our side. AMEN.

Children's Message

Joanne

Milloy

1st Reading

Isaiah

45:1-7

"This is what the Lord says to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I take hold of to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their armor, to open doors before him so that gates will not be shut: ² I will go before you and will level the mountains; I will break down gates of bronze and cut through bars of iron. ³ I will give you hidden treasures, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the Lord, the God of Israel, who summons you by name. ⁴ For the sake of Jacob my servant, of Israel my chosen, I summon you by name and bestow on you a title of honor, though you do not acknowledge me.

⁵ I am the Lord, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God. I will strengthen you, though you have not acknowledged me, ⁶ so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting people may know there is none besides me. I am the Lord, and there is no other. ⁷ I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the Lord, do all these things.

Hymn/Special Music

**Gospel
Lesson
22**

Matthew 22:15-

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. ¹⁶ They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. ¹⁷ Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?"

¹⁸ But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, ²⁰ and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?"

²¹ "Caesar's," they replied.

Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

²² When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

Anthem

[1-2 Representatives from the Choir]

Sermon

Joys & Concerns

[A time for us to share about the places and situations where we have experienced God's grace and mercy in our lives. Also, where we come to lift up our concerns and the name the prayers entrusted to us by others].

***Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer**

"Lord, we enter these "gates" with thanksgiving and praise. Many of us have come with burdens, seeking your healing; others have come with joys, celebrating the goodness and blessings that abound. Each one is welcome here. We know that there is much work to be done in this world. Injustice, greed, isolation, alienation all exists, when we have forgotten to be your people of peace. As we have spoken the names of people who are dear to us, seeking prayers for their needs, let us also remember to be faithfully working for you in all that we do. Help us give to you our complete faithfulness. Teach us to be good citizens of your kingdom here on earth. Be with us as we go from this place. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN."

***Offertory**

"In gratitude for all God's blessings in our lives, let us receive our morning offering."

Doxology

Prayer or Dedication

“Accept and bless these wonderful gifts that they may be used to serve you by serving others in need. AMEN.”

Hymn

UHM

Suggestions: “O Jesus, I Have Promised” # 396

***Benediction**

Blessed and redeemed, go forth into this world, linked together, in the knowledge and love of God; and the peace of God, which passes our understanding, will go with us, everywhere, now and forever. AMEN.

Postlude

“Praeludium in C”

by Roger

LaCross

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