



UNION CHURCH OF POCANTICO HILLS

OCTOBER 18, 2020

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

VIRTUAL WORSHIP AT 9:00 A.M.



Flowers for the loneliest person you know

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*Words spoken or sung by the congregation are noted in **bold** type.*

PRELUDE FOR ORGAN

Chorale-Prelude on “Liebster Jesu”
 (“Blessed Jesus, We Are Here”)

Richard Coffey, *Organist*
Richard Purvis (1913-1994)

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Exalt the Almighty
and worship at God’s holy mountain,
for the Lord our God is holy.
Look! The Lord draws near;
come into the presence of the Holy One.
Let us behold the glory of our God.

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7

William Williams, 1745

Stanza 1 trans. Peter Williams, 1771

Stanzas 2-3 trans. William Williams, 1772

John Hughes, 1907

1. Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, Pil - grim through this
2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, Whence the heal - ing
3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but Thou art might - y; Hold me
stream doth 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 Thy power - ful hand; Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through; Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
safe on Ca - naan's side; Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

Feed me till I want no more, Feed me till I want no more.
Be Thou still my strength and shield, Be Thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to Thee, I will ev - er give to Thee.

CALL TO CONFESSION

The proof of God's amazing love is this:
While we were sinners
Christ died for us.
Because we have faith in him,
we dare to approach God with confidence.
In faith and penitence,
let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Living Lord,
in you we live and move and have our being.
You call us to give all that we are
and all that we have
in service to Christ.
But we hold tightly to our treasure,
afraid we will not have enough for ourselves,
and hold back our talents,
afraid these gifts will not be enough.
God, unclench our fists
and help us to give fully and freely
so that, in all things,
we might serve and glorify you.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The mercy of the Lord
is from everlasting to everlasting.
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ,
we are forgiven.
May the God of mercy,
who forgives you all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit
keep you in eternal life. Amen.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Laud and Honor to the Father”

Regent Square

**Laud and honor to the Father,
Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit,
Ever three and ever one;
One in might and one in glory
While unending ages run.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

In the quiet of this holy hour,
speak to us of eternal things:
of love and of truth,
of faithfulness and trust,
of forgiveness and of grace.
Thus may we find ourselves,
and know ourselves,
and renew ourselves in you. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 96:1-9

- ¹O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.
- ²Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.
- ³Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.
- ⁴For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.
- ⁵For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.
- ⁶Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
- ⁷Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- ⁸Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.
- ⁹Worship the LORD in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.

SOLO

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

Psalm 23 paraphrase by Isaac Watts
Setting: Virgil Thomson (1896-1989)

Marianne Martin-Pagello, soprano

*My Shepherd will supply my need,
Jehovah is his name.
In pastures fresh he makes me feed
Beside the living stream.
He brings my wand'ring spirit back
When I forsake his ways.
He leads me for his mercy's sake
In paths of truth and grace.
When I walk through the shades of death
Thy presence is my stay.
One word of thy supporting breath
Drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes
Doth still my table spread.
My cup with blessings over flows,
Thine oil anoints my head.
The sure provisions of my God
Attend me all my days.
O may thy house be my abode
And all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest,
While others go and come.
No more a stranger or a guest,
But like a child at home.*

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶So 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. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” ²¹They 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.” ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

SERMON

“Sacred Claims”

Dr. DeGarmo

Lord of All Good

TOULON 10.10.10

Albert F. Bayly, 1962; alt.

Genevan Psalter, 1551
Adapt. from Genevan 124

1. Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to You;
2. We give our minds to un - der - stand Your ways,
3. Fa - ther, whose boun - ty all cre - a - tion shows;

Use them Your ho - ly pur - pose to ful - fill;
Hands, eyes, and voice to serve Your great de - sign,
Christ, by whose will - ing sac - ri - fice we live;

To - kens of love and pledg - es brought a - new,
Heart with the flame of Your own love a - blaze,
Spir - it, from whom all life in full - ness flows;

That our whole life is of - fered to Your will.
Till for Your glo - ry all our powers com - bine.
To You with grate - ful hearts our - selves we give.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

LORD'S PRAYER

**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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters,
to present yourselves as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to God.
Let us offer our gifts and our lives to the Lord.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty God,
receive these gifts that we offer with grateful hearts
and use our lives for the ministry of your Son, Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO 11.11.11.11

Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867; alt. 1987

Welsh folk melody
Adapted in *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3. To all, life Thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4. Thou reign - est in glo - ry, Thou rul - est in light,

In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;
In all life Thou liv - est, the true life of all;
Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;

Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
Thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
Then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth Thee.
'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth Thee!

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE FOR ORGAN
Choral Song

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)



NOTES ON THE OFFERING

*Everyone has something to offer. Just your joining with us today is an offering of yourself to our communal worship. If this is your first time with us, we want to hear from you. Please let us know your name and how best to contact you after today's service. You can do this in the Zoom chat room, by commenting on the Facebook or YouTube Live Stream or by emailing Dr. DeGarmo directly at ldegarmo@comcast.net. He or one of our deacons would love to be in touch with you in the coming days. Anyone is able to offer **prayers**. You can offer prayer requests in the chat room or on the Facebook or YouTube Live Stream. Finally, you can offer your **monetary gifts** to support the mission and ministry of our congregation. To give online, you can visit the [giving page on our website](#) to make a one time or recurring gift. If you prefer to give by check, you can send it to 555 Bedford Road, Tarrytown, NY 10591. We thank you for joining us today and offering your voice, prayers and presence to our gathering.*

VOCAL LEADERS

The congregation will be led in singing today by Ruth Tedder DiLorenzo, Marianne Martin-Pagello and Jonathan Mildner.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, October 20

8:30 a.m. Virtual Coffee Hour via Zoom – contact [Dr. DeGarmo](#) for the link

Wednesday, October 21

7:00 p.m. Virtual Bible Study via Zoom – contact [Dr. DeGarmo](#) for the link

Sunday, October 25

9:00 a.m. Virtual Worship and Communion – contact [Dr. DeGarmo](#) for the links

10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary