

Order for Worship

September 20, 2020

Prelude

Fairest Lord Jesus

Michael Frank

Silesian Folk Melody/arr. Diane Bish

Welcome

Steve Wilson

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord our God overflows with loving kindness,

People: God is close to all who call on the Holy One's name!

Leader: The Lord our Great God is glorious beyond our imagination,

People: And God hears our cries for help!

Leader: The Lord our God is worthy to be honored by every generation, and by people of every age!

People: We come in worship and praise of God's holy name. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Ministry of Music

Fairest Lord Jesus

Shannon Meyers, Soprano

Jan Sanborn

*Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O Thou of God and man the Son:
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.*

*Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.*

*Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore, forevermore be thine.*

Munster Gesangbuch

Prayer of Confession

Don Ewing

As sabers rattle and disease spreads in lands both close and distant, we confess that we are in pain. Fear has taken root in the souls of our being. Believing that we are insignificant, and at the same time fearful that we might become so, we are timid to use our voices to speak truth to our world.

...a time for silent prayer

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy upon us. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Now the parables of Jesus offer a new vision; now the servants dine and the masters serve; now the last becomes first and the first becomes last; no sheep is unworthy of rescue, no coin too small to be missed; love is stronger than hate and this power is alive within you now and forever. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Exodus 16:11-16

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning

there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat. This is what the Lord has commanded: 'Gather as much of it as each of you needs, an omer to a person according to the number of persons, all providing for those in their own tents.'"

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Scripture Reading

Matthew 20:1-16

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Willing to Work?

Don Ewing

Ministry of Music

Shannon Meyers, Soprano

Spirit of the Living God

words and music: Daniel Iverson

Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me. Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.

Faith Community & Other Concerns and the Pastoral Prayer

Steve Wilson

Benediction

Don Ewing

Postlude

Michael Frank

Processional

Leon Nelson

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