

ORDER OF WORSHIP
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 8, 2017

10:00 a.m.

*The beginning of the opening voluntary is a call to silent, personal meditation.
Please silence all electronic devices as we prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.*

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Variations on a theme of
Clément Jannequin*

Jehan Alain
(1911-1940)

INTROIT

Richard Farrant
(1530-1580)

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake,
lay not our sins to our charge,
but forgive that is past,
and give us grace to amend our sinful lives.
To decline from sin and incline to virtue,
that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee,
now and evermore.
Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: The heavens declare the glory of God;
People: the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.
Minister: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
People: the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes.
Minister: Let us worship God!

***HYMN**

The Spacious Firmament on High

CREATION

1 The spa-cious fir-ma-ment on high, With all the
2. Soon as the eve-ning shades pre-vail, The moon takes
3. What though in sol-emn si-lence all-Move round this

blue e-the-real sky, And span-gled heavens, a shin-ing frame,
up the won-drous tale, And night-ly to the lis-tening earth
dark ter-res-trial ball? What though no re-al voice nor sound

Their great O-rig-i-nal pro-claim: Th'un-wea-ried sun, from
Re-peats the sto-ry of her birth; Whilst all the stars that
A-midst the ra-diant orbs be found? In rea-son's ear they

day to day, Does his Cre-a-tor's power dis-play, And pub-lish-
round her burn, And all the plan-ets in their turn, Con-firm the
all re-joice, And ut-ter forth a glo-rious voice; For-ev-er

es to ev-ery land The work of an al-might-y hand.
ti-dings as they roll, And spread the truth from pole to pole.
sing-ing, as they shine, "The hand that made us is di-vine." A-MEN.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
 You pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.
 We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.
 We have not loved you with a pure heart,
 nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.
 We have not done justice or loved kindness
 or walked humbly with you, our God.
 Have mercy on us in your loving kindness.
 In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.
 Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

KYRIE ELEISON

Kile Smith
 (b. 1956)

Cantor/Choir: Lord, have mer - cy, *Congregation:* Lord, have mer - cy.

Cantor/Choir: Christ, have mer - cy, *Congregation:* Christ, have mer - cy.

Cantor/Choir: Lord, have mer - cy, *Congregation:* Lord, have mer - cy.

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

***GLORIA PATRI**

Smith

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and
 to the Ho - ly Spir - it, as it was in the be - gin - ning, is
 now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

***THE PEACE**

Minister: As a forgiven people, let us share Christ’s peace with one another.
 The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 20:1-21 (p. 66)

PSALTER

Psalm 19:1-4

PLAINSONG

HYMN (*seated*)

TALLIS' CANON

Choir: Antiphon

The heavens de - clare the glo - ry of God, and the fir - ma - ment shows
his hand - i - work. †

Congregation: Antiphon

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Congregation: Antiphon

Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,

Their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the world.

Congregation: Antiphon

*During the organ introduction, children through fifth grade
may process to the Chapel to meet for the Gathering.*

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way,
Through this and every coming day,
That in your Spirit strong and true,
Our lives may be our gift to you.

SERMON

Standing at a Distance

Austin Crenshaw Shelley

“Then the people stood at a distance, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness, where God was.”

Exodus 20:21

“Finally, he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’”

Matthew 21:37

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 21:33-41 (p. 24)

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

***HYMN**

O God Beyond All Praising

THAXTED



1. O God be-yond all prais-ing, We wor-ship you to - day
2. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav - ior, Ac - cept the love we bring,



And sing the love a - maz-ing That songs can - not re - pay;
That we who know your fa - vor May serve you as our king;



For we can on - ly won - der At ev - 'ry gift you send,
And wheth - er our to - mor - rows Be filled with good or ill,



At bless - ings with - out num - ber And mer - cies with - out end:
We'll tri - umph through our sor - rows And rise to bless you still:



We lift our hearts be - fore you And wait up - on your word,
To mar - vel at your beau - ty And glo - ry in your ways,



We hon - or and a - dore you, Our great and might - y Lord.
And make a joy - ful du - ty Our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Michael Perry, b.1942, © 1982, Hope Publishing Co.
Tune: THAXTED, 13 13 13 13 13 13; Gustave Holst, 1874-1934

PRAYERS

Minister: The Lord be with you,
People: And with your spirit.
Minister: Let us pray. O Lord show thy mercy upon us,
People: And grant us thy salvation.
Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us,
People: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Prayers concluding with the 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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Thomas Tallis
(1505-1585)

If ye love me, keep my commandments.
And I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may 'bide with you forever;
e'en the spirit of truth.

***DOXOLOGY**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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 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.

LEADING WORSHIP: Cynthia A. Jarvis, Brian D. Russo, Austin Crenshaw Shelley and Cassie Paulk; **MUSIC:** Gallery Choir; Daniel Spratlan, Conductor and Ken Lovett, Organist

GREETERS: Elders: Emily Camp-Landis and Bradley K. Kern; Deacons: Allison DeCaro and Sarah Allison-Kern

USHERS: William Chambers, Team #1 Leader; Richard Brown, Carolyn Manwaring, Kevin Raphael and Harry Spaeth

FLOWER GUILD: Barbara Frazier and Mary Anne Van Blarcom

***HYMN 262**

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

NATIONAL HYMN

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Litanies

Alain

*Congregation standing

In Memoriam

Dorothy Semler Albert
May 18, 1918—October 2, 2017

*Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
Frank Camp
By Elsie, Jamie and Steve Camp.*