



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Mission Sunday
18 October 2020 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Ministry Moment

2021 Stewardship Campaign

Dr. Virginia Dolan

Voluntary

Andante Tranquillo

Charles Villiers Stanford

*Ringing of the Bell

The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.

*Call to Worship

Rev. Christian K. Choi

“I know you by name,” says the Lord.

*“My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest,”
our God has promised.*

The glory of the Lord has come near—

Let us give thanks to God together!

Let us humbly and joyfully praise the Lord, whose goodness is ever with us!

Let us take refuge in God, who protects and saves.

-Exodus 33

*Hymn 81

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Austrian Hymn

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God.
God, whose word cannot be broken, formed the for a blest abode.
On the rock of ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna which God gives them when they pray.

See, the streams of living waters springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river ever flows, their thirst to assuage?
Grace, so like the Lord the giver, never fails from age to age.

*Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

A great debt we owe you, O God. You have given us all things in Christ, and yet we have withheld from you the things that are yours. You have given us a world in which we all depend on one another, and yet we have withheld for ourselves the things which you have given us for blessing our neighbors. Our lives do not fully witness to others of the loving invitation of Christ, but often witness instead to self-interest among those who claim to follow him. Forgive us, O God, and by your grace restore in us your image, through Christ Jesus our Lord. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

***Sung Response**

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

***Declaration of Pardon**

Friends, believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. The peace of Christ be with you. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Response of Praise

Gloria Patri

Children's Sermon**First Scripture Reading**

Exodus 33:12-23

¹² Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' ¹³ Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." ¹⁴ The LORD said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." ¹⁵ And he said to the LORD, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. ¹⁶ For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

¹⁷ The LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." ¹⁸ Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." ¹⁹ And the LORD said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD;' and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. ²⁰ But," the LORD said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." ²¹ And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; ²² and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; ²³ then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

Solo

Give Me Jesus

Spiritual, Mark Hayes, arr.

Oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus.
You may have all this world; give me Jesus.
Dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus.

Second Scripture Reading Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶ So 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. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?”

¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” ²¹ They 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.”

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

Sermon Show Me

Rev. Trajan I. McGill

“I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name ‘The LORD’; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.” -Exodus 33:19b

Musical Meditation Violin Sonata: Lento

Edvard Grieg

The Church at Prayer The Lord be with you and with your spirit.

Soloist: Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
 I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
 I can hear the brush of angels’ wings
 I see glory on each face;
 Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

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.

Introduction to the Offering

***Offertory Response** Doxology

***Litany of Dedication**

Gracious God, you have loved us beyond measure.

Holy God, you have called us into your service.

You have given us gifts, and we bring to you the gifts you have given us—our treasure, our talents, and our very selves.

*We trust in you, Lord God, to multiply the blessings in these gifts.
Make gifts of us, too, and guide us in pouring out your love and grace
on those who long to hear your Word, who need to see your power at
work, and who yearn to feel your comfort.*

In the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

***Hymn 307**

God of Grace and God of Glory

Cwm Rhonda

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we mis thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

***Charge and Benediction**

***Voluntary**

Nachspiel

Felix Mendelssohn

(*) The congregation is invited to stand

Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer, Pastor and Head of Staff
Rev. Trajan I. McGill, Associate Pastor for Parish Life
Rev. Christian K. Choi, Associate Pastor for Family Ministry
Dale Rogers, Organist and Director of Music and the Arts
Lyle VanDeventer, Bass
Bob Fox and Elsie Fox, Videographers
Nathaniel Brower, Virginia Dolan, Nancy Huston, Ushers
Mary Ray, Greeter Rich Canady, Safety Team