

²¹ His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

Matthew 25:21



Abington Presbyterian Church

November 15, 2020

10:00 A.M. Celebration Worship

24th Sunday after Pentecost

ORDER OF WORSHIP
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GATHERING

The people gather wherever they may in response to God's call, offering praise in words of scripture, prayer, and song. The people acknowledge their sinfulness and receive the good news of God's forgiveness.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

A time for quiet preparation before worship

O Lord our God, we thank you for not hiding yourself from us. Instead, you promise to be found by us when we seek you with all of our hearts. In these times, we long for your presence from the time we wake up to the moment we lie down. Wherever we find ourselves, in whatever strife or predicament, we know your Spirit abides in us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE

Precatus est Moyses
(L'Orgue Mystique 1870–1939)

Charles Tournemire

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come together to worship God who gives freely to all who call upon God's name.

Let our voices rise to the courts of heaven with shouts of praise and hymns of glory.

Be mindful of all of God's blessings and forget not his benefits.

Let our spirits be free to acknowledge our salvation in the Risen Christ.

Join with all of Creation as we seek first the Kingdom of God on earth.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

*** HYMN 4**

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

GROSSER GOTT

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O King of mercy, we find ourselves once again in need of your grace and mercy. We have been lazy, quick to anger, and harsh with our neighbors. Our words escape us before we think of the consequences. Our thoughts pollute and distort our relationships, even with our loved ones. Lord, forgive us. Help us to put our faith into action, and to reflect the light of your love into our fractured world.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Freely you have received so that you can now freely give, without the burden of the sins you once carried.
Sisters and brothers, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*** HYMN 643**

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

WORD

God's Word is read and its message is proclaimed in scripture, music and interpretation.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:14-30

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Judges 4:1-10

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Not Without a Torch

The Rev. Aaron Twitchell

* 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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**

THANKSGIVING & SENDING

*After the proclamation of God's Word, we respond with gratitude prepared to go
into the world where we are called to live according to God's will.*

4 Holy God, We Praise Your Name



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
 3 All a - pos - tles join the strain as your sa - cred
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it:



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim;
 bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name they hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 three we name you, while in es - sence on - ly one;



all in heaven a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heavens with
 and the bless - ed mar - tyrs fol - low, and from morn to
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you, and a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
 set of sun, through the church the song goes on.
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.



687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)

1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are

hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that

storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 be thou our guard while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.