

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2020

The Opening Voluntary

Wondrous Love

David N. Johnson

Introit:

Thou hast taught me from youth

Psalm 71

Processional Hymn

Olivet

Hymn 690

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The Christian Life

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;
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,
lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,
land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -
de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, shield, thee, feed me now and ev - er - more,
be thou still my strength and shield,
I will ev - er give to thee.

Words: William Williams (1717-1791); tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796), alt.
Music: *Cum Rhonda*, John Hughes (1873-1932)

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The Christian Life

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1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
3 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,

Sa - vior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my
be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day; wipe sor - row's

guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.
love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire.
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.

Words: Ray Palmer (1808-1887)
Music: *Olivet*, Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

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Officiant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People together:

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all
goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in
eternal life. **Amen.**

Gloria be to God

Old Scottish Chant

Hymnal S 204

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ory be to God *Gloria in excelsis*

Canticle 6

1. Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

2. We praise thee, we bless thee, we wor-ship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly King, God the Father Al - might - y. 4. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,

5. that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy up - on us.

6. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

7. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Fa-ther, have mercy up - on us.

8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; 9. Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting: Old Scottish Chant, from *Chants or Tunes for Particular Hymns*, 1763, alt.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 *Attendite, popule*

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
 incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
 I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known,
 and what our forefathers have told us, *
 we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come
 the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *
 and the wonderful works he has done.
- 12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, *
 in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
- 13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; *
 he made the waters stand up like walls.
- 14 He led them with a cloud by day, *
 and all the night through with a glow of fire.
- 15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
 and gave them drink as from the great deep.
- 16 He brought streams out of the cliff, *
 and the waters gushed out like rivers.

Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

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Jesus Christ our Lord



1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!
2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his Name!
3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his might!
4 Tell out, my soul, the glo-ries of his word!

Un-num-bered bless-ings give my spi-rit voice;
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
Powers and do-min-ions lay their glo-ry by;
Firm is his prom-ise, and his mer-cy sure.

ten-der to me the prom-ise of his word;
his mer-cy sure, from age to age the same;
Proud hearts and stub-born wills are put to flight;
Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord

in his God my Sa-vior shall my heart re-joice.
his ho-ly Name—the Lord, the Might-y One.
the hun-gry fed, the hum-ble lift-ed high.
to chil-dren's chil-dren and for ev-er-more!

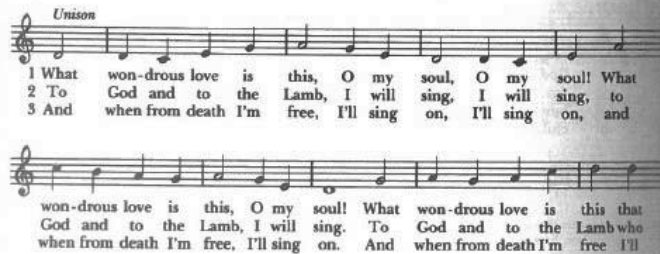
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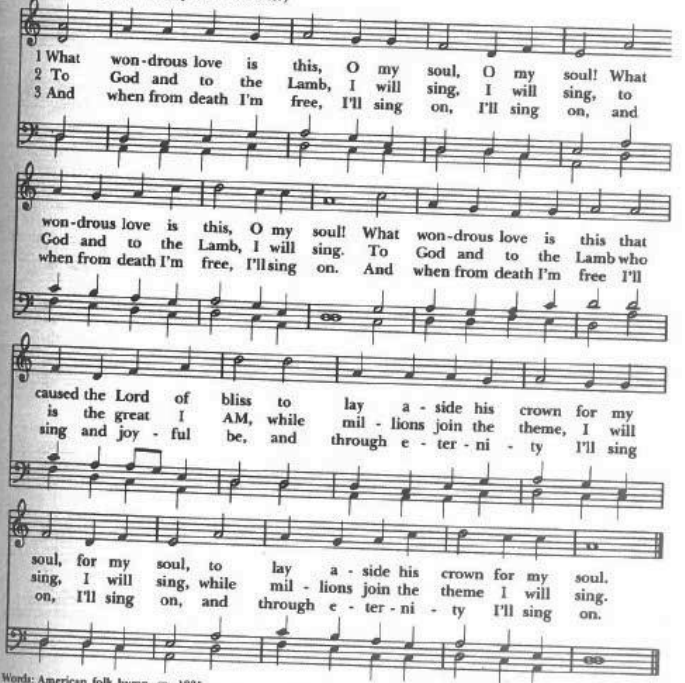
1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

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when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll



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Harmony (the melody is in the tenor)



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Words: American folk hymn, ca. 1835
Music: *Wondrous Love*, from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835

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Matthew 21:23-32

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are

going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon

Rev. Nicholas Hull

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the
giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is
worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

The Prayers of the People

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others especially Lou, Julia, Scott, Marie, Pam, John, Hilda, Mike, Sarah, Jane, Larry, David, Pete, Rusty, Darlene, Sharon, Ulla, Kathy, Ron, Kathy, Kerielea, Pat, Katherine, Linda, Crystal, Tammy, Mallory, James, Rocky, Katherine, Mary Ruth, Melissa, Colette, Linda, Jimmie, Lewis, Linda Bender, Kristin, Jimmy, Pat, Renee David Bullins, Derrick and his family, Phillip, Helen and all teachers, students and parents.

Silence

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Offertory Anthem

Dear Mother Earth

Johann Sebastian Bach

The Lord's Prayer (People and Celebrant)

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 trespasses

as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion (*People and Celebrant*)

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. *Amen.* (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

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Descant

4 Blest in-hab-it-ants of Zi-on, washed in the Re-

1 Glo-rious things of thee are spo-ken, Zi-on, ci-ty
 2 See! the streams of liv-ing wa-ters, spring-ing from e-
 3 Round each ha-bi-ta-tion hov-ering, see the cloud and
 4 Blest in-hab-it-ants of Zi-on, washed in the Re-

deem-er's blood! Whom their souls re-

of our God; he whose word can-not be
 ter-nal love; well sup-ply thy sons and
 fire ap-pear for a glo-ry and a
 deem-er's blood! Je-sus, whom their souls re-

ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.

bro-ken formed thee for his own a-bode;
 daugh-ters and all fear of the Lord is near.
 cov-ering, show-ing that the Lord is near.
 ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.

'Tis his love his peo-ple raise o-ver

on the Rock of A-ges found-ed, what can shake thy
 Who can faint, when such a riv-er ev-er will their
 Thus de-riv-ing from their ban-ner, light by night, and
 'Tis his love his peo-ple rais-es o-ver self to

self to reign: and as priests, his

sure re-pose? With sal-va-tion's walls sur-
 thirst as-suage? Grace which, like the Lord, the
 shade by day, safe they feed up-on the
 reign as kings: and as priests, his sol-emn

sol-emn prais-es each an of-fering brings.

round-ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 giv-er, nev-er fails from age to age.
 man-na which he gives them when they pray.
 prais-es each for a thank-of-fering brings.

Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.

Music: Austria, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809); desc. Michael E. Young (b. 1959)

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Dismissal

My friends, life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us, so be swift to love and make haste to be kind and go forth in the name of Christ.

The Closing Voluntary

"Prelude in Bb"

J. S. Bach

Please inform the Church office at office@christchurchmvl.org if anyone needs to be added or removed from the prayer list.

We remember in our prayers our companion church of All Saints Keighley and its Priest, Jonathan Pritchard. Pray today for the Deacons of the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia and our Archdeacon, The Ven. Bill Bumgarner. The People of the Diocese of Haiti as they search for their new Bishop. The Diocese of Leeds and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Nick Baines.

Grace Network - Our Grace Network Assignments for **September 2020: Spaghetti Sauce (24 oz. jar or can)** For the month of **September: Dish Detergent, Deodorant, Laundry Detergent.** **They are also in need of grocery bags for their food pantry.** Use the Food Lion card for your shopping or give the card to Sue Rosser to shop for Grace Network. "Grace is counting on us to help keep their food pantry balanced. Thank you for supporting this outreach ministry."

Hi, Friends

I pray that you all are faring well though these challenging times.

I wanted to reach out to you for a couple of opportunities for your church. Grace Network is moving forward with our annual Pumpkin Patch and we are very excited to bring that to First Baptist Church as we have done in the past. I believe that more than ever, this year, the bright orange pumpkins in a field will just make you smile!

As in the past, we rely on our community partners to help to man the patch and we still have several shifts that need to be filled. If your church is interested in filling a shift, please contact our pumpkin coordinator, Sandi Teague at 276- 340-6288. She will be able to let you know what shifts still need to be filled. Our pumpkins will arrive on September 25 at 4pm at First Baptist Church, Martinsville and we will be open for business September 26 thru October 31.

Our hours will be:
Monday - Friday 1-7pm
Saturdays 9-5
Sundays 1:30-5

Another opportunity is for the Henry County Food Pantry in Bassett. They are looking for volunteers to help pack food boxes each week at their facility. They need volunteers every Monday and every Wednesday from 9- noon. These boxes are distributed to four sites where they are given to those in need of food. This is a program that is funded by the Harvest Foundation and sponsored by Feeding America during these Covid-19 days. If you are interested in helping with that you may contact Sharon Mills at 276-629-1369.

Thank you so much for your partnership and your prayers as we move forward to better times.

Blessings, Tracy



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