

Special Music

“Right Here Within Your Heart”

Vocalist: Deanna Golden

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The Prayers of the People and 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.

A Minute for Stewardship

The Church Goes Forth to Serve

The Closing Hymn #686 “God of Our Life” *(Glory to God)*

God of our life, through all the circling years, we trust in thee.
In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, thy hand we see.
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,
we own thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.

God of the past, our times are in thy hand. With us abide.
Lead us by faith to hope’s true promised land. Be thou are guide.
With thee to bless, the darkness shines as light,
and faith’s fair vision changes into sight.

God of the coming years, through paths unknown we follow thee.
When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone. Our refuge be.
Be thou for us in life our daily bread,
our heart’s true home when all our years have sped.

The Benediction

The Postlude

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Remembrance Sunday

10:30 AM

The Church in Preparation

The Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Introit and Time of Centering #799 “I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry”

I love the Lord, who heard my cry and pitied every groan.
Long as I live and troubles rise, I’ll hasten to God’s throne.

I love the Lord, who heard my cry and chased my grief away.
O let my heart no more despair while I have breath to pray.

The Call to Worship

Leader 1: God is our refuge and our strength,
a very present help in trouble.

Leader 2: Therefore, we will not fear,

Leader 1: Though the earth should change,

**Leader 2: Though the mountains shake
in the heart of the sea.**

Leader 1: The Lord of Hosts is with us;

Leader 2: The God of Jacob is our refuge.

(Portions of Psalm 46)

The Opening Prayer *(In Unison)*

Eternal God, you lead your people like a loving shepherd, guiding us through the different seasons of life. Sometimes, our paths lead to pastures of abundant growth and joy. Sometimes, we travel through valleys made desolate by sorrow and loss. But wherever we travel, you are with us—comforting us, leading us, loving us. Speak to us in this time of worship, Lord. Help us to sense your caring presence. Help us to trust in your boundless grace and steadfast love. Amen.

The Opening Hymn #815 “Give to the Winds Thy Fears” *(Glory to God)*

Give to the winds thy fears; hope, and be undismayed.

God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears; God shall lift up thy head.

Through waves and clouds and storms God gently clears the way.
Wait patiently; so shall this night soon end in joyous day.

Leave to God's sovereign sway to choose and to command.
So shalt thou, wondering, own God's way, how wise, how strong God's hand!

Let us in life, in death, thy steadfast truth declare,
and publish with our final breath thy love and guardian care.

The Prayer of Confession *(In Unison)*

Loving God, you see us as we are. You know us better than we know ourselves. You know our joys, our sorrows, our suffering, our sin. We have not lived as your grateful children nor loved as you love us. We have neither sought nor done your will. Forgive us, Lord. Raise us from our sin into the fullness of life that you intend. Open our hearts and our lives to your presence, your grace, your compassion, your peace. Amen.

A Time of Silent Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Musical Response

"Gloria Patri"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

The Church in Proclamation

Scripture Readings

Portions of John 11

Leader: The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

Musical Response #785

"In Deepest Night"

(Glory to God)

In deepest night, in darkest days, when harps are hung, no songs we raise,
when silence must suffice as praise, yet sounding in us quietly there is the song of God.

When friend was lost, when love deceived, dear Jesus wept, God was bereaved;
so with us in our grief God grieves, and round about us mournfully there are the tears of God.

When through the waters winds our path, around us pain, around us death,
deep calls to deep, a saving breath, and found beside us faithfully there is the love of God.

The Sermon

Rev. Merry Meloy

The Hymn #787

"God Weeps with Us Who Weep and Mourn"

(Glory to God)

God weeps with us who weep and mourn; God's tears flow down with ours,
and God's own heart is bruised and worn from all the heavy hours
of watching while the soul's bright fire burned lower day by day,
and pulse and breath and love's desire dimmed down to ash and clay.

Through tears and sorrow, God, we share a sense of your vast grief:
the weight of bearing every prayer for healing and relief,

the burden of our questions why, the doubts that they engage,
and as our friends and loved ones die, our hopelessness and rage.

And yet because, like us, you weep, we trust you will receive
And in your tender heart will keep the ones for whom we grieve,
While with your tears our hearts will taste the deep, dear core of things
From which both life and death are graced by love's renewing springs.

The Church Responds

***The Affirmation of Faith - Apostles' Creed** *(In Unison)*

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.

Recognition of Those Who Have Died

The Litany of Christian Hope:

Leader 1: Listen, I will tell you a mystery!

We will not all die, but we will all be changed,
In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye.

**Leader 2: For this perishable body must put on imperishability,
And this mortal body must put on immortality.**

Leader 1: Then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:
"Death has been swallowed up in victory."

**Leader 2: Where, O Death, is your victory?
Where, O Death, is your sting?**

Leader 1: The sting of death is sin,
And the power of sin is the law.

**Leader 2: But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Leader 1: Jesus says:

**Leader 2: "Do not let your hearts be troubled,
And do not let them be afraid."**

Leader 1: "For I am the resurrection and the life.
Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,

**Leader 2: And everyone who lives and believes in me
Will never die."**

(Portions of 1 Corinthians 15, John 14, & 11)

All in the Family



The sympathy and resurrection faith of the congregation go out to:

Tim and Maggie Mullen. Maggie's mother, Marguerite Rawlings Supler, died on January 6, 2021 in Virginia.

Gladys Beaver's family. Gladys died on January 12, 2021 at Concordia.

Happy Birthday



January 25

Marcia Cornibe

January 28

Dave Pisani

Donations Welcome

The Indoor Yard Sale Team is now accepting certain donations. The list includes:

- Small Furniture such as recliners, desk chairs, children's furniture, twin headboards, small shelves, end-tables, etc.
- Small Appliances such as mixers, air fryers, microwaves, sweepers, waffle makers, etc.
- Clean Area Rugs
- Linens
- Clean Bed Spreads
- Outdoor Furniture
- Home Décor—Steeler items and patriotic items sell well.

They cannot accept clothing right now.

If you have items to donate, please contact Anzie Kelley to coordinate a time to drop them off at the church. Like sales, donations are being made by appointment only. Thanks so much for your contributions and your ongoing support!

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES
WHO DIED IN 2020



David Ball
Ellen Ball
Cleo Baxter
Marcia Bennett



Anne Boben
James "Jimmy" Buzzard
Patrick Golden
Richard Hirsch
David Raking
Roberta "Bobbie" Imbrie
Jim Israel
Lynda Stevens
Mary Steving
Margy Hoffman Tebay

Scripture Readings

John 11: 1 – 45

¹ Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” ⁴ But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” ⁵ Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶ after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” ⁸ The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” ⁹ Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰ But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.” ¹¹ After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” ¹² The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” ¹³ Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵ For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” ¹⁶ Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” ²³ Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

²⁴ Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” ²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” ²⁷ She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

²⁸ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” ²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

⁴⁵ Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.