



Welcome

PINNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, August 23, 2020 | 10:00 am
12th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Credo in Unum Deum (I Believe in One God)
Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, organ

Everett Titcomb

Call to Worship

Wes Avram

Opening Hymn

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

1 All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!

2 Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you
by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all!
Hail him who saves you
by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all!

3 O that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all!

Call to Confession

O Christ, Surround Me
Small Group

Common Confession and Assurance (unison)

Lord, hear; Lord, forgive; Lord, do.
Hear what we speak not; forgive what we speak amiss;
do what we leave undone; that not according to our words, or our deeds,
but according to your mercy and truth, all may work for your glory,
and the good of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ.
Now hear our silent prayers of confession. (silence)

Michael Hegeman

*** Congregational Response**

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Refrain: ALL
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Leaders:
O God, to whom shall we go?
You alone have the words of life.
Let your words be our prayer
and the song we sing:
hallelujah, hallelujah! (Refrain)

* **Passing of the Peace**

Kelly McGinn

Children's Message

Kelly McGinn

Scripture

Matthew 17:14-18:7

Michael Hegeman

Anthem

Blessings

Laura Story

Elizabeth Monroe, soprano • Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, piano

[Refrain] 'Cause what if Your blessings
come through raindrops
What if Your healing comes
through tears
What if a thousand sleepless nights
are what it takes to know You're near
What if trials of this life are Your
mercies in disguise

We pray for blessings,
we pray for peace
Comfort for family, protection
while we sleep
We pray for healing, for prosperity
We pray for Your mighty hand to ease
our suffering
And all the while, You hear each
spoken need
Yet love us way too much to give us
lesser things [Refrain]

We pray for wisdom,
Your voice to hear
We cry in anger when we cannot
feel You near
We doubt Your goodness, we
doubt Your love
As if every promise from Your
word is not enough
And all the while,
You hear each desperate plea
And long that we'd have faith to
believe [Refrain]

When friends betray us
When darkness seems to win
We know the pain reminds this heart
That this is not
This is not our home
It's not our home [Refrain]

What if my greatest disappointments
or the aching
of this life
Is the revealing of a greater thirst this
world can't satisfy
And what if trials of this life;
The rain, the storms,
the hardest nights
Are Your mercies in disguise

Sermon

Thinking Faith-fully 3: On Fingers

Wes Avram

Common Prayer, Lord's Prayer (unison)

Michael Hegeman

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.

Offertory

Musical Offering

When We Are Living

arr. Joel Raney

Marcia Sobek, flute • Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, piano

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* Doxology (unison, *Old Hundredth*)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.**

*** Closing Hymn**

Now Thank We All Our God

1 1 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.

2 O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in God's grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God,
who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son
and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is,
and shall be evermore.

The Charge

Wes Avram

*** Sending Music**

Fugue in D-major BWV 532
Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, organ

J.S. Bach

Weekly Message

Wes Avram

* Please rise, lift your head, lift your arms, or lift your spirit.

Scripture

Matthew 17:14-18:7

Jesus Cures a Boy with a Demon

14 When they came to the crowd, a man came to him, knelt before him, 15 and said, “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; he often falls into the fire and often into the water. 16 And I brought him to your disciples, but they could not cure him.” 17 Jesus answered, “You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you? How much longer must I put up with you? Bring him here to me.” 18 And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. 19 Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?” 20 He said to them, “Because of your little faith. For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.”

Jesus Again Foretells His Death and Resurrection

22 As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into human hands, 23 and they will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised.” And they were greatly distressed.

Jesus and the Temple Tax

24 When they reached Capernaum, the collectors of the temple tax came to Peter and said, “Does your teacher not pay the temple tax?” 25 He said, “Yes, he does.” And when he came home, Jesus spoke of it first, asking, “What do you think, Simon? From whom do kings of the earth take toll or tribute? From their children or from others?” 26 When Peter said, “From others,” Jesus said to him, “Then the children are free. 27 However, so that we do not give offense to them, go to the sea and cast a hook; take the first fish that comes up; and when you open its mouth, you will find a coin; take that and give it to them for you and me.”

True Greatness

18 At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” 2 He called a child, whom he put among them, 3 and said, “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. 5 Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

Temptations to Sin

6 “If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were fastened around your neck and you were drowned in the depth of the sea. 7 Woe to the world because of stumbling blocks! Occasions for stumbling are bound to come, but woe to the one by whom the stumbling block comes!