

Prelude

In Quiet Mood Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, organ Florence Beatrice Price

Words of Welcome Wes Avram

Call to Worship Terilyn Lawson

* Opening Hymn

To God Be the Glory

No. 48

1 To God be the glory; great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory: great things he has done!

2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; but purer and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)

Children's Message

Hillary Mackowski

"Virtual Church School" is available to preschool-5th grade students each Sunday 10:15 - 11:00 am via Zoom.

Email Director of Children's Ministry for login instructions: hmackowski@pinnaclepres.org

Choral Response

Go, my children with my blessing, never alone; Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own; In my love's baptismal river, I have made you mine forever, Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

Call to Confession

O Christ, Surround Me Small Group Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

Christ in the eyes of all who see me,
Christ in the ears that hear my voice,
Christ in the hearts of all who know me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

Common Confession and Assurance (unison)

Michael Hegeman

Merciful God, we thank you for all of the instances when you have granted us favor. However, we confess that we often fail to follow you. We too often refuse to be guided by your Spirit. We stubbornly resist correction by choosing to remain in darkness. We humbly ask for your forgiveness, Lord. Please restore us again. Now hear our silent prayers of confession. (Silence.)

* Congregational Response

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea;

Holy, holy! merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

* Passing of the Peace

Michael Hegeman

Scripture Reading

John 3:1-17

Terilyn Lawson

Sermon

Born Again

Terilyn Lawson

Common Prayer, Lord's Prayer (unison)

Wes Avram

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.

Our Common Life
Ministry Moment

Wes Avram George Welu

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Offertory

Musical Offering

My Hope is Built

arr. Tom Trenney

Thomas Strawser, tenor • Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, piano

* Doxology (Old Hundredth, no. 592)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Closing Hymn

O Christ, the Great Foundation

No. 443

1 O Christ, the great foundation on which your people stand to preach your true salvation in every age and land: pour out your Holy Spirit to make us strong and pure, to keep the faith unbroken as long as worlds endure.

2 Baptized in one confession, one church in all the earth, we bear our Lord's impression, the sign of second birth: one holy people gathered in love beyond our own, by grace we were invited; by grace we make you known.

3 This is the moment glorious when he who once was dead shall lead his church victorious, their champion and their head. The Lord of all creation his heavenly kingdom brings: the final consummation, the glory of all things.

The Charge Terilyn Lawson

Sending Music

Fugue from Passacaglia in c-minor BWV 582 Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, organ J.S. Bach

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

Scripture

John 3:1-17

Nicodemus Visits Jesus

3 Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. 2 He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." 3 Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." 4 Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" 5 Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. 6 What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' 8 The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." 9 Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" 10 Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

11 "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. 12 If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 14 And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

17 "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Motes of Interest

Ushers are Robert Armstrong, Lin Ogden, Carrol Svedeen, Christie Slegers, and Eugene Wade; Head Usher is Robert Slegers.

The Flowers are given by Marta Stanton and family to celebrate the 16th anniversary of the dedication of the Chapel Garden in memory of Captain Herb Stanton, USN, and for all the men and women who have served, and are serving, in the military of our country.

The Sympathy of the Congregation is extended to the family of Allan Everist as they mourn his loss.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following members & friends:

- For Lillian M., beginning chemo for ovarian cancer;
- For our men and women in the military.

Contact Lisa Boswell at prayer@pinnaclepres.org or call 480.585.9448 to add your request to the Pinnacle prayer list.