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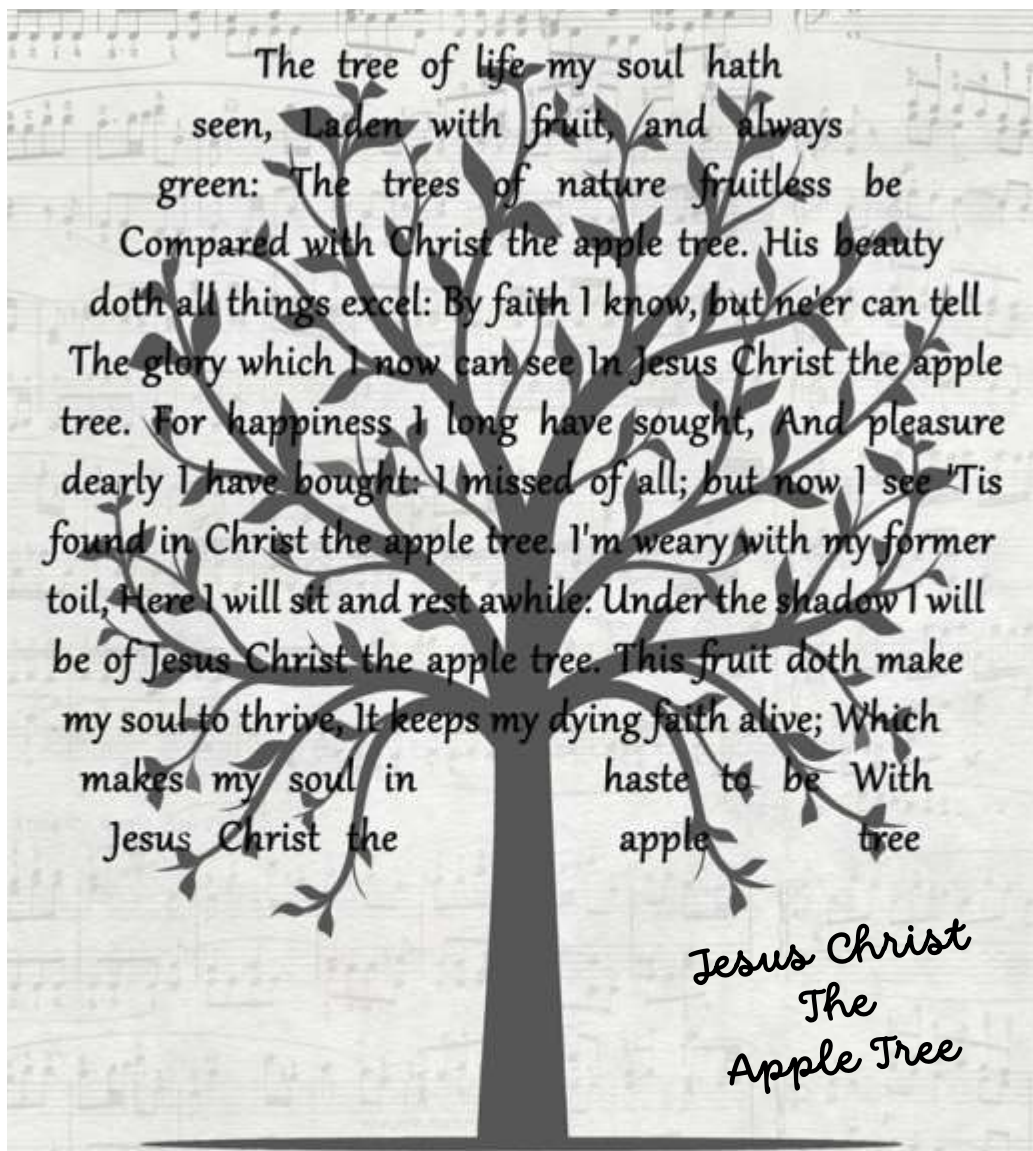
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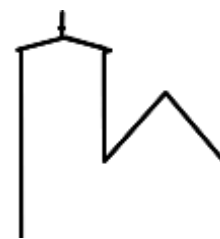


SEASON OF PEACE
9/3/23 - 10/1/23

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24 September 2023

Ten O'clock

PREPARATION

Two Settings of Hyfrydol

Alfred V. Fedak

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Tim Mitchell

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

All: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

One: Let those who are wise give heed to these things,

All: and consider the steadfast love of the Lord.

One: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 482

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe Den Herren

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(praying together)*

Gracious God, forgive us when we grumble and complain against your goodness as the Israelites did in the desert, as the elder brother did to his father, as the workers in the field did to the landowner. We judge and weigh your gifts according to our standards. We often question your fairness instead of receiving your grace with thanksgiving and joy. Help us to see your world through your eyes and with your spirit of generosity and grace, that we may welcome the chance to serve in your kingdom and all who join with us. Forgive us, Lord, in your grace and mercy through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

TIME OF SILENCE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

*KYRIE



*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

For by grace, you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing;

All: it is the gift of God - not the result of works, so that no one may boast.

One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia!

*GLORIA



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

One: The Word of the Lord . . .

Deuteronomy 6:6-9

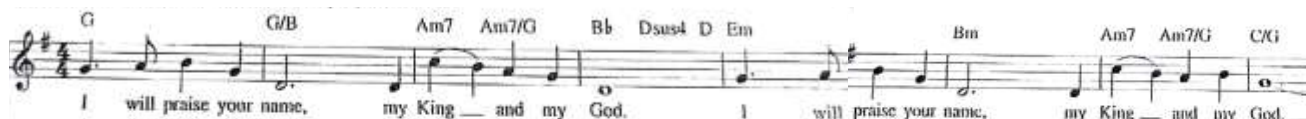
All: Thanks be to God.

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Psalm 145

Refrain



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| <p>1. I will give you glory, my God above, and I will bless your name forever. Every day I will bless and praise your name forever. <i>Refrain</i></p> <p>2. The Lord is full of grace and mercy, who is kind and slow to anger. God is good in every way, and full of compassion. <i>Refrain</i></p> | <p>3. Let all your works give you thanks, O Lord, and let all the faithful bless you. Let them speak of your might, O Lord, the glory of your kingdom. <i>Refrain</i></p> <p>4. The Lord is faithful in word and deed, and always near, his name is holy. Lifting up all those who fall, God raises up the lowly. <i>Refrain</i></p> |
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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Timothy 3:10-17

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GOSPEL

One: The Word of the Lord . . .

John 16:12-15

All: Thanks be to God.

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SERMON

“The Bible Tells Me So”

Rev. Tim Mitchell

HYMN 298

There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy

In Babilone

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(affirming together)*

Book of Common Worship

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the

Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** *The peace of Christ be with you.*

And also with you.

GIFT OF MUSIC ANTHEM

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

*Elizabeth Poston
lyrics Joshua Smith*

1. The tree of life my soul hath seen, Laden with fruit and always green;
The tree of life my soul hath seen, Laden with fruit and always green;
The trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree.

2. His beauty doth all things excel:
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell,
His beauty doth all things excel:
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell,
The glory which I now can see
In Jesus Christ the apple tree.

3. For happiness I long have sought,
and pleasure dearly I have bought:
For happiness I long have sought,
And pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all; but now I see
'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.

4. I'm weary with my former toil,
Here I will sit and rest awhile:
I'm weary with my former toil,
Here I will sit and rest awhile:
Under the shadow I will be of
Jesus Christ the apple tree.

5. The fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;
This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

INTERCESSIONS AND SUPPLICATIONS

... In your mercy

... Lord hear our prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(we pray together)*

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.

***HYMN 146**

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

Vineyard Haven

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Tocatta on Lobe den Herren

Craig Phillips

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OPEN HANDS, OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS