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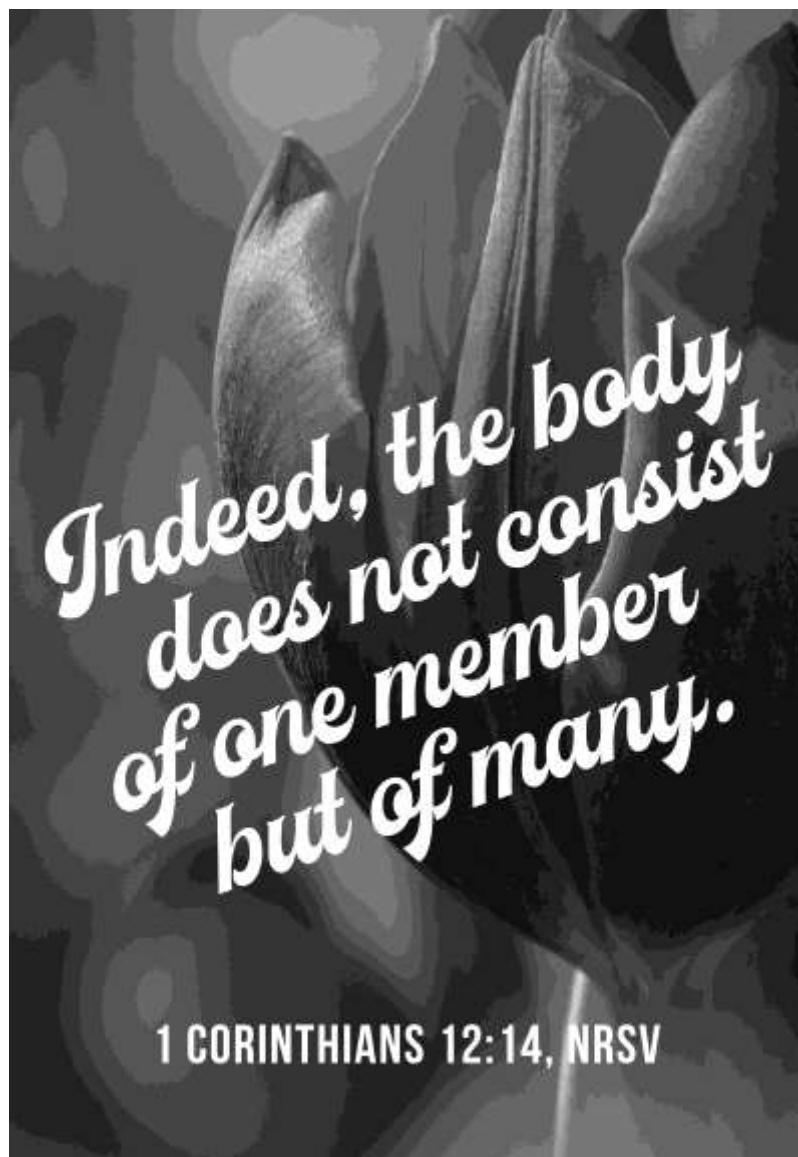
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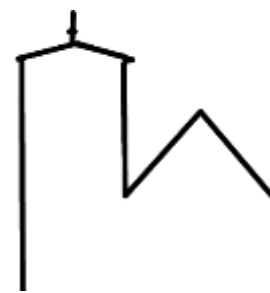
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Ten O'clock

22 October 2023

PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on Lobe den Herren, BWV 650

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Laura Reason

One: In this sacred hour of worship when we name things for what they really are,

All: We give to God what is God's.

One: Between the demands of this last week and the demands of the one ahead,

All: We give to God what is God's.

One: With open hearts and hands and minds, every innate gift from our loving Creator,

All: We give to God what is God's.

*HYMN 263

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

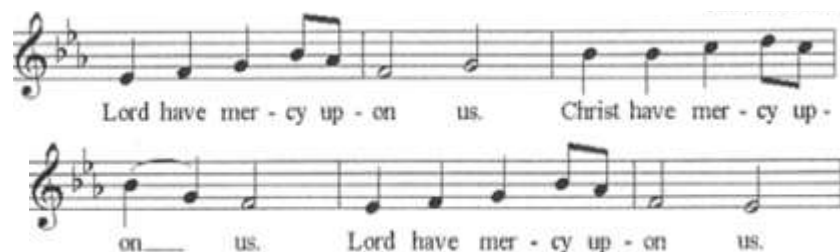
*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(praying together)*

Creator God, we are commanded to give to you what is branded as yours. But since we cannot see your face, we confess to a miserable confusion. Where is your image printed? Not on our coinage or our calendars. Not on any of the things we buy in the store or in the ad-laden videos that stream by us. No, the only place we can see your face, is in our neighbor and in the mirror. We're the ones created in your image. Honestly, we'd rather pay you taxes, God, than give up our whole selves. But if we are what you want, heart, mind, soul, and strength — we'll do our best, God. We'll give our all to you. Amen.

TIME OF SILENCE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

*KYRIE



Thomas Clark-Jones

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(responsive)*

One: Hear the good news! Our God, lover of justice, glories not in punishment but in redemption.

All: Christ has broken the power of sin and rescued us from our shame.

One: Be at peace; you are forgiven, and you are free.

All: To God be the glory! Alleluia! Amen.

***GLORIA**

Glo - ry be to the Fa - - ther.
 and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.
 As it was in the be - gin - ning, is
 now, and ev - er shall be. world with - out
 end. A - men. A - - - - men.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

Lord, in the stories of your Scripture, give us truth to cling to; help us hear your still, small voice. Amen.

PSALTER 99

Tremble, O Tremble
(Psalm 99)

1 Trem - ble, O trem - ble! The God whose throne is
 2 Trem - ble, O trem - ble! The jus - tice done by
 3 Trem - ble, O trem - ble! When Mo - ses, Aar - on,
 4 Trem - ble, O trem - ble! A tow - er made of
 5 Trem - ble, O trem - ble! Our God for - gress, and
 near to us is rul - er of the world. The Ho - ly One!
 God for us will shake and mend the world. O Ho - ly One!
 Sam - u - el cried out, our God re - sponded. The Ho - ly One!
 cloud, a voice that spoke a last - ing law. The Ho - ly One!
 yet our sin must be set right at last. O Ho - ly One!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 33:12-23

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SERMON

“Show Me Your Glory, I Pray”

Rev. Dr. Laura Reason

HYMN 405

What Does the Lord Require

Sharpthorne

MEMBER RECOGNITION

Elder Kim Mitchell

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*responsive*)

A Brief Statement of Faith, God the Father

All: In life and in death we belong to God.

One: 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.

All: We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

One: In sovereign love God created the world good, and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God, we hide from our creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and our selves, and accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

All: We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

One: In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

All: 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

Praise the Lord

G. F. Handel

Praise the Lord! Let songs of joy break forth. Sing Alleluia, Praise His name forevermore. Shout, sing, and dance; come dance and celebrate. Rejoice let all within us praise His name. Sing for joy. Rejoice, O praise His holy name forevermore.

INTERCESSIONS AND SUPPLICATIONS

Christ calls us to pray for our brothers and sisters as passionately as we pray for ourselves. Let us now pray for the whole world saying responsively after each prayer and petition ... In your mercy ...Lord hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER [*unison*]

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 413**

All Who Love and Serve Your City

Charlestown

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Lobe den Herren

Phillip Moore

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