

**Twentieth Sunday of Pentecost
Laity Sunday
October 18th, 2020
9:00 AM**

We Gather as the Church

Welcome Cheri Nixon, Lay Leader

Music as We Gather

Opening Prayer Janet Warfield

Oh, Lord we sometimes feel that we are we are alone in our struggles. We question whether you know us. Today we acknowledge our need for you and surrender ourselves and open our hearts. We claim the promise of your love for each one of us, individually, that we are truly seen and known. Bless our worship at this time, in your Holy name, Amen.

Hymn "O Come and Dwell in Me" (verses 1,3,4) *Purple Hymnal* #388

We Hear the Word of God

Scripture Lesson Psalm 40:1-13

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message "You Are Seen And Known by God" Cheri Nixon

Ministry of Music "The God Who Sees"

Elaine Case, soloist

Janet Warfield & Wanda Winnicki, Cornerstone Dance

We Respond to God's Word

Call to Prayer "Beautiful Things"

All this earth, could all that is lost ever be found

Could a garden come up from this ground at all

You make beautiful things

You make beautiful things out of the dust

You make beautiful things

You make beautiful things out of us

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (*in 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Prayer Response "Beautiful Things"

All around, hope is springing up from this old ground

Out of chaos life is being found in You

You make beautiful things

You make beautiful things out of the dust

You make beautiful things

You make beautiful things out of us

Invitation to Give and to Serve God

We Scatter to Serve

Hymn "Jesus Shall Reign" (verses 1,3,5) *Purple Hymnal* #157

A Blessing

Music as We Leave "As We Go" *Green Hymnal* #3183

As we go may your Spirit go before us.

As we go may we follow where you lead.

May we live what we have learned,

Share the message we have heard,

And be a light unto the world as we go.

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O Come and Dwell in Me

(verses 1,3,4)

O come and dwell in me, Spirit of power within,
And bring the glorious liberty from sorrow, fear, and sin.

I want the witness, Lord, that all I do is right,
According to thy mind and word, well-pleasing in thy sight.

I ask no higher state; indulge me but in this,
And soon or later then translate to thine eternal bliss.

Jesus Shall Reign”

(verses 1,3,5)

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom spread from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on his love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

Let every creature rise and bring
honors peculiar to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen!

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Hagar was a single mother

She was abandoned by the family she belonged to

And there in the wilderness with her son alone

With very little provisions

She was wondering

She was questioning

Does anyone care?

She's crying In the desert

She's lost in her despair

She thinks nobody loves her

Hagar thinks nobody's there

But God says

I will be a ring of fire around her

And I will be the glory in her midst

And the power of my presence

Will bring her to her knees

And I will lift her up again

For I'm the God who sees

I'm the God who sees

Then He speaks in gentle whispers

And He softly calls her name

She feels His arms enfold her

As He holds her

And she'll never be the same

'Cause I'm the God who never changes

And my promises are true

And when this world deserts you

This is what I'll do

And then there was another woman named Ruth

She was from the land of Moab

She was met with grief, and heartache

She was a widow

And she lived with her mother in law

Who was also a widow

And now it was time to move on

But Ruth had never been to Bethlehem

She never tasted of the house of bread

But now she had heard an inner invitation to come and taste

and see

And so she vowed herself to her mother in law and said

Where you go, I will go

Where you lie, I will lie

Where you die, I will die

And she begins a journey to the promise land

She's traveling through the desert

And she's leaving her despair

She's hoping for a future

Praying God will lead her there

And He says

I will put a ring around your finger

And I will bless a child within your womb

And the Savior will be born through you

To free the world from sin

And He'll make all things new for you

And love you back to life again, again

And then from Ruth

Who gave birth to a son Obed

Who gave birth to a son Jesse

Who gave birth to a son named David

Now this same once shepherd boy, mighty warrior

Anointed king is alone, terrified in the darkness

He's hiding in the desert

He's battling despair

David thinks his life is over, it's over

And God He doesn't care

But God says

I will be the rock of your salvation

I'll hold you up

By the strength of my right hand

And the power of my Spirit

Will free you from all fear

In the hour of your deepest need

You'll find that I am near

I am here

'Cause I will be a ring of fire around you

And I will be the glory in your midst

And the power of my presence will bring you to your knees

And I will lift you up again

For I'm the God who sees

And then from the line of David finally

Jesus The Messiah

The Anointed One

Yeshua, The Christ

Born in the same house of bread

To be the bread of life

In the town of Bethlehem

And He will grow

And He Will be called the Son of God

He will be called Emmanuel God with us

And He will heal and He will reveal

And then He had an encounter with a woman named Mary of

Magdala

Who was plagued by demons

Tormented by evil spirits, and Jesus set her free

And Mary followed Him she listened at his feet

She served Him, and she loved Him

Oh how she loved Him

But then she watched as they nailed Him to the cross

And as they placed His body in the tomb

In that moment her hope died, it died

She crying in the garden

She's broken in despair

She's searching for her Savior

But His body isn't there

Then He says

Mary

Glory, glory, glory hallelujah

I will be the glory in your midst

And every knee will bow to me

And every tongue confess

Yes, all the world will worship me in all my Holiness

I will be a ring a fire around you

And I will be the glory in your midst

And the power of my presence

Will bring you to your knees

And I will lift you up again

For I'm the God who sees

Who sees

I'm the God who sees

Oh-oh-oh, I'm the God who sees

I see you

I'm the God who sees you in the wilderness

Sees you in your brokenness

When your feeling lonely

I'm the God who sees

In the desert places, in your empty spaces

I'm the God who sees

I'm nearer than you dare believe

Here in the very air you breathe

I'm the God who sees, you