

Holy Trinity United Methodist Church

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2020

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: As we gather to worship you, Holy One,

People: show us your presence, O God.

Leader: As we join to pray at your footstool, Exalted One,

People: show us your ways, O God.

Leader: As we unite our voices to praise you, Lover of Justice,

People: show us your glory, O God.

Leader: As we tremble in the cleft of the rock, silently awaiting you,

People: show us your goodness, O God.

Leader: Let the earth shake in your praise, Most High!

People: We extol your great and awesome name, ever-present God!

OPENING PRAYER: Living God, move among us and awaken us to your loving presence. When we lose our way and put our confidence in our possessions and our wisdom, call us back to you. Remind us that our very identity is dependent on your abiding mercy. Show us how to walk with steadfast faithfulness, following the path of justice and goodness in our daily lives. May our days be filled with joy and hope as we share the good news of abundant life that comes from following Jesus Christ. In the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said.

¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?"

²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

MESSAGE:

Rev. Wissell

ANTHEM

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

MISSION MOMENT

OFFERTORY PRAYER: God, source of all that is, lover of justice and source of equity, help us live boldly and truthfully as we seek to follow your ways. Embolden us to share with others the gift of grace that you have so abundantly given us. Receive and bless these gifts that we return to you now. In the name of the One who gives us life, we pray. Amen.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

CHURCH PRAYER LIST: John Ferris, Tuckerman Ferris, Brian Funchion, Bob Gabrielski, Kris Haboran, Barbara Henning, Kim Henning, Dawn Knipple, Marge McClelland, Ron Henderson, Keith Barrowclough.

The Reverend Matthew J. Wissell, *Pastor*
Lisa Higgins-Smith, *Christian Education Director*
Dr. Karl Henning, *Director of Music*
Rev. Barbara Otto, *Organist*
Anne Bennett, *Children's Choir Director*
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