

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 6, 2020

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Liturgist: Caitlin Vera

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The earth is the Lord's, for he made it:

People: Come, let us adore him.

Leader: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

People: Come, let us adore him.

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

People: Come, let us adore him.

Leader: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise!

*OPENING HYMN #517

1 My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;

***OPENING PRAYER**

*Hymn #271

1 Christ is coming! Let creation bid her groans and travail cease; let the glorious proclamation hope restore and faith increase: Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Come, O blessed Prince of Peace! Come, O blessed Prince of Peace!

2 We can now but tell the story of thy bitter cross and pain; we shall yet behold your glory, in your coming back to reign: The Solid Rock

in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]

3 His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood; when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found, dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. [Refrain]

Christ is Coming

Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Let each heart repeat the strain. Let each heart repeat the strain.

4 With that "blessed hope" before us, let no harp remain unstrung; let the mighty advent chorus onward roll from tongue to tongue: "Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Come, Lord Jesus, quickly come! Come, Lord Jesus, quickly come!"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

{A time for private, personal prayers of confession}

Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - Westminster Confession 33.3

We believe that Christ wants us to be completely convinced that there is going to be a day of judgment, as a deterrent to sin for everyone and as an added consolation for the godly in their suffering. He has also made sure that no one knows when that day will be, so that we may never rest secure in our worldly surroundings, but, not knowing what hour the Lord will come, we must always be alert and may always be ready to say, "Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly." Amen.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Marjorie Mills

ANTHEM "Just As I Am" Charlotte Elliott

WORSHIPING GOD WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

*Doxology- Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him all creatures here below:

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

SCRIPTURE: Daniel 7:13-14; Matthew 24:32-44

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: "Any Minute Now"

SERIES: DID JESUS DRINK COFFEE?

Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. — Matthew 24:44

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Introduction, Invitation, Institution Partaking of the Communion Elements Closing

*CLOSING HYMN #674

1 On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye to Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.

Refrain:

I am bound for the Promised Land, I am bound for the Promised Land; O who will come and go with me? I am bound for the Promised Land.

2 All o'er all those wide extended plains shines one eternal day;

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

On Jordan's Stormy Banks there God the Son forever reigns, and scatters night away. [Refrain]

3 No chilling winds or poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore; sickness and sorrow, pain and death, are felt and feared no more. [Refrain]

4 When I shall reach that happy place, I'll be forever blest, for I shall see my Father's face, and in his bosom rest. [Refrain]]