The AACRC Gathers in Homes November 8, 2020, 10:30am

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, welcome to worship. Though we find ourselves physically separated, we know that God is One: revealed in Christ Jesus, accessible by the Spirit. Wherever you are this morning, it is our confident hope that as we gather, Christ is in our midst. Streamed and archived at www.youtube.com/c/AnnArborCRC

PRELUDE

Heaven Meets Earth - David Leonard & Leslie Jordan

CALL TO WORSHIP & GOD'S GREETING

GATHERING PSALM: 19

Psalm 148 - Green Songbook 31

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Let the whole creation cry, Alleluia!

Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

Let the whole creation cry, Alleluia!

The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul.

The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous.

They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.

By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

Let the whole creation cry, Alleluia!

But who can discern their own errors?
Forgive my hidden faults.
Keep your servant also from willful sins;
may they not rule over me.
Then I will be blameless,
innocent of great transgression.
May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart
be pleasing in your sight,
Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Let the whole creation cry, Alleluia!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we seek your forgiveness:

for falling silent when we should have spoken out; for being too quick to condemn and criticize; for being too slow to show compassion; for not living as examples of your love; for choosing safety over faithfulness; for not living as the saints you have called us to be.

Have mercy on us and forgive us. Tune the strings of our heart, And teach us to live as your new creation. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Song

Psalm 46 – Bifrost Arts

SERMON: POLARITY

Acts 17:16-34 – Pastor Ryan

THE LORD'S SUPPER

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven we worship and adore your glorious name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

... Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Yet Not I but Through Christ In Me – Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, & Michael Farren please take this time to participate by giving online at www.aacrc.org/give, through the MyWell app, or by check. You can also consider how God is asking you to serve this week through the opportunities listed in our Connections email.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SENDING SONG

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow – Red Hymnal 965

WE RECEIVE GOD'S BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Psalm 46 – Bifrost Arts

Preacher – Pastor Ryan Boes Keys – Marilyn McLaughlin Cello/Bass – Victor Chen Percussion –Nathan Groenewold Organ/Piano – Jan Musch

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