

Order of Service  
October 18, 2020

Welcome & Announcements

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

Gathering Around the Word

**\*Call to Worship-LAY LEADER:** Say: Please rise in body or spirit and join me in our call to worship.

One: O sing to the LORD a new song; *Psalm 96:1-4*

**All: sing to the LORD, all the earth.**

One: Sing to the LORD, bless God's name;

**All: tell of God's salvation from day to day.**

One: Declare God's glory among the nations,

**All: God's marvelous works among all the peoples.**

One: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;

**All: God is to be revered above all.**

**\*Hymn 307** *God of Grace and God of Glory*

CWM RHONDDA

*God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.*

*Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.*

**Call to Confession-LAY LEADER** Say: You may be seated.

God does not regard us with partiality,

but through the grace of Christ Jesus

deals with each of us according to our need.

With gratitude for this amazing grace,

let us confess our sin.

**Prayer of Confession (in unison)-LAY LEADER**

**What a debt we owe to you, O God.**

*Matthew 22:15-22*

**You have given us all things in Christ**

**and yet we withhold from you**

**the honor and glory that are yours.**

**Instead, we pay tribute to empire,**

**plot to entrap the innocent,**

**mock your truth with empty praise,**

**and put your patience to the test.**

**Forgive us, O God, and by your grace  
restore in us your image;  
through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon-LAY LEADER**

*Psalm 96:11–12*

The psalmist writes: let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice! Let the sea roar with laughter, the fields shout in celebration, and the forests sing with joy. Dear friends hear, believe, and declare to the whole earth this wonderful Good News:

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

**\*Response 581**

**Listening to the Word**

**Prayer for Illumination-LAY LEADER**

Loving God, by your Holy Spirit illumine for us this word, that the message of the gospel may come to us in power. **Amen.**

**1st Reading-LAY LEADER--Psalm 96 Common English Bible**

Sing to the Lord a new song!

Sing to the Lord, all the earth!

<sup>2</sup> Sing to the Lord! Bless his name!

Share the news of his saving work every single day!

<sup>3</sup> Declare God's glory among the nations;

declare his wondrous works among all people

<sup>4</sup> because the Lord is great and so worthy of praise.

He is awesome beyond all other gods

<sup>5</sup> because all the gods of the nations are just idols,

but it is the Lord who created heaven!

<sup>6</sup> Greatness and grandeur are in front of him;

strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

<sup>7</sup> Give to the Lord, all families of the nations—

give to the Lord glory and power!

<sup>8</sup> Give to the Lord the glory due his name!

Bring gifts!

Enter his courtyards!

<sup>9</sup> Bow down to the Lord in his holy splendor!

Tremble before him, all the earth!

<sup>10</sup> Tell the nations, "The Lord rules!

Yes, he set the world firmly in place;

it won't be shaken.

He will judge all people fairly."

<sup>11</sup> Let heaven celebrate! Let the earth rejoice!

Let the sea and everything in it roar!

<sup>12</sup> Let the countryside and everything in it celebrate!  
Then all the trees of the forest too  
will shout out joyfully  
<sup>13</sup> before the Lord because he is coming!  
He is coming to establish justice on the earth!  
He will establish justice in the world rightly.  
He will establish justice among all people fairly.

**Anthem**

*Thou Art Worthy*

Pauline Michael Mills

**2nd Reading--Matthew 22:15-22 Common English Bible**

<sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees met together to find a way to trap Jesus in his words. <sup>16</sup> They sent their disciples, along with the supporters of Herod, to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we know that you are genuine and that you teach God’s way as it really is. We know that you are not swayed by people’s opinions, because you don’t show favoritism. <sup>17</sup> So tell us what you think: Does the Law allow people to pay taxes to Caesar or not?”

<sup>18</sup> Knowing their evil motives, Jesus replied, “Why do you test me, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup> Show me the coin used to pay the tax.” And they brought him a denarion. <sup>20</sup> “Whose image and inscription is this?” he asked.

<sup>21</sup> “Caesar’s,” they replied.

Then he said, “Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.” <sup>22</sup> When they heard this they were astonished, and they departed.

**Sermon**

**Responding to the Word**

**\*Hymn 1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! NICAEA**

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Sharing our Prayers**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Charge & Benediction**

**Blessing 541** *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

RANDOLPH

*God be with you till we meet again;  
loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you:  
God be with you till we meet again.*

**Postlude**