



Reach One More For Jesus!

20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2020

PRELUDE "How Great Thou Art" by Stuart K. Hine Thelma Downey

MEDITATIVE THOUGHT Betty Neese

Paul encourages us: "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ... The Lord is near."
May our hearts be lifted by God's Word and the witness of His people.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Betty Neese

CALL TO WORSHIP Betty Neese

L: Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say, Rejoice!

P: Today we choose to rejoice. Today we choose to worship and give thanks.

L: Seek the peace of God that will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

P: Today we choose God's peace; today we place our trust in God.

L: Turn your hearts away from the distractions and disappointments of life that will always flow in and flow out like the tide. Set your affections on things above and worship the Lord Who loves you and cares for you.

All: We come to worship God Who alone is excellent and worthy of praise! Amen.

OPENING HYMN "Christ for the World We Sing" vs. 1 & 4 Hymnal Page #568

1. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with loving zeal; the poor, and them that mourn, the faint and overborne, sin-sick and sorrow-worn, whom Christ doth heal.

4. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with joyful song; the newborn souls, whose days, reclaimed from error's ways, inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.

OPENING PRAYER Betty Neese

Praise be to God, Who has brought us here this day. Praise and thanks to God for all the blessings we have received. What joy we have in God's presence! What peace is brought to us in God's house! This is truly the day that the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Amen.

READINGS Betty Neese

Philippians 4:4-8 NSRV

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

1. Focus On Giving Rather Than Receiving.

2. Focus On Healing Rather Than Hurting.

3. Focus On God's Power Than My Problems.

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE

Pastor Tom

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Tom

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

GIVING BACK TO GOD (TITHES AND GIFTS)

Pastor Tom

DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Hymnal #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Betty Neese

Merciful God, we come this morning, striving to keep our minds and hearts focused on the things that matter: the things that are honorable and pure, and worthy of our relationship with You. Yet the world calls us away, breaks our focus, and points us toward uncertainty. As we present our tithes and offerings to You this morning, remind us that keeping our minds focused on You will lead to ways of living that bring You praise. Remind us also, that getting our actions in harmony with Your compassion can lead our minds and hearts to a place that brings You joy. We pray this in His Name. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Spirit Song"

Hymnal Page #347

1. O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love. Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul. O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Chorus: Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

2. O come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy. Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name. O give him all your tears and sadness; give him all your years of pain, and you'll enter into life in Jesus' Name.

Chorus: Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

BENEDICTION

Pastor Tom

POSTLUDE

"Let There Be Peace on Earth" by Miller and Jill Jackson

Thelma Downey