

**October 2, 2022**  
**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Mason First Presbyterian Church**  
**Mason, Michigan**



*Habakkuk*  
by Donatello, 1423  
Museo dell'Opera del Duomo, Florence, Italy

**PRELUDE**

*“Piano Sonata in B-flat Major, Movement II”*

Mozart

WELCOME

OPENING SENTENCES

*Ps. 118:1; Hab. 2:1, 4; Heb. 1:3*

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Keep watch for a word from the Lord.

**The righteous will live by their faith.**

In Jesus Christ we know the glory of God;

**he sustains all things by his mighty word.**

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you are always more ready to hear  
than we to pray,  
and to give more  
than we either desire or deserve.  
Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy,  
forgiving us those things  
of which our conscience is afraid,  
and giving us those good things  
for which we are not worthy to ask,  
except through the merits and mediation  
of Jesus Christ our Savior,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

+ HYMN #689

*"The Church's One Foundation"*

AURELIA

The Church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is his new creation,  
by water and the word:  
from heaven he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation:  
one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,

and to one hope she presses  
with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder  
we see her sore oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder,  
by heresies distressed:  
yet saints their watch are keeping,  
their cry goes up, "How long?"  
and soon the night of weeping  
shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation  
of peace forevermore,  
till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great Church victorious  
shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union  
with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

*Rom. 6:3, 6*

Do you not know that all of us  
who have been baptized into Christ Jesus  
were baptized into his death?  
Our old selves were crucified -with him,  
so that we might be slaves to sin no more.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God,  
in your gracious presence  
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.  
Although Christ is among us as our peace,**

**we are a people divided against ourselves  
as we cling to the values of a broken world.  
The profit and pleasures we pursue  
lay waste the land and pollute the seas.  
The fears and jealousies that we harbor  
set neighbor against neighbor  
and nation against nation.  
We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,  
of intellect and reason,  
and have turned them into bonds of oppression.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us;  
heal and forgive us.  
Set us free to serve you in the world  
as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.**

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*Ps. 103:17*

The mercy of the Lord  
is from everlasting to everlasting.  
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ,  
we are forgiven!  
**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**HYMN #702**

*"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"*

ST. THOMAS

I love thy kingdom, Lord,  
the house of thine abode,  
the Church our blest Redeemer saved  
with his own precious blood.

I love thy Church, O God!  
Her walls before thee stand,  
dear as the apple of thine eye,  
and graven on thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall,  
for her my prayers ascend;  
to her my cares and toils be given,  
till toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy  
I prize her heavenly ways,  
her sweet communion, solemn vows,

her hymns of love and praise.

Sure as thy truth shall last,  
to Zion shall be given  
the brightest glories earth can yield,  
and brighter bliss of heaven.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all clergy, elders, and deacons;  
That they may be faithful ministers in your Church.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed, especially Ann Butler, eternal rest;  
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for Covenant Presbyterian Church in Tustin, and for about 7 people who call that church home.

*Silence*

Let us pray for the people of Ukraine, for the young Russian men fleeing their country, and for the hurricane victims in Florida, South Carolina, and Cuba.

*Silence*

Let us pray for Sue, Barb, Bill, Anne, Jenny, Suzan, baby Noah, ....

*Silence*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Young children are dismissed to Sunday School*

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

*Luke 13:29; 24:30-31*

This is the joyful feast of the people of God!  
People will come from north and south  
and from east and west  
to sit at table in the kingdom of God.

According to Luke,  
when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples,  
he took the bread,  
blessed and broke it,  
and gave it to them.  
Then their eyes were opened,  
and they recognized him.

This is the Lord's Table.  
Our Savior invites those who trust him  
to share the feast that he has prepared.

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to praise you,  
O God, creator of the universe.  
In your wisdom, you made all things  
and sustain them by your power.  
You formed us in your image to love and serve you  
and to live in peace with your creation.  
When we rebelled against you,

you did not abandon us,  
but sent prophets to call us back to your way.  
Then in the fullness of time,  
you sent your only Son  
to redeem us and heal our brokenness.

Therefore we join our voices with the choirs of heaven  
and with all the faithful of every time and place  
who forever praise your name:

*(Choir):*

**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.**

Holy God, we thank you for Jesus Christ, your Son.  
In Jesus, born of Mary, your Word became flesh  
and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.  
He lived as one of us,  
knowing joy and sorrow.  
He healed the sick,  
fed the hungry,  
welcomed sinners,  
and proclaimed good news to the poor.  
Dying on the cross,  
he gave himself for the life of the world.  
Rising from the grave,  
he won for us victory over death.  
Seated at your right hand,  
he reigns with you in glory  
and will come again to make all things new.

Remembering the risen Christ,  
we take from your creation this bread and wine  
as we live for the day of his coming.  
With thanksgiving we offer you now  
the sacrifice of our lives,  
for great is the mystery of faith.

*(Choir:)*

**Christ has died,  
Christ has risen,  
Christ will come again.**

Gracious God,  
pour out your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,  
that the bread we break and the cup we bless  
may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.  
By your Spirit make us one with Christ  
and with all who share this feast,  
united in ministry in every place.  
As this bread is Christ's body for us,  
send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

In union with your Church in heaven and on earth,  
we pray, O God, that you will fulfill your eternal purpose  
in us and in all the world.

Keep us faithful in your service  
until Christ comes in final victory,  
and we shall feast with all your saints  
in the joy of your eternal realm.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,  
now and forever.

*(Choir:)*  
**Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As our Savior Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to pray:

**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 debts,  
as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*1 Cor. 11:23-26*

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest,  
took bread, and after giving thanks to God,  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
“Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way he took the cup, saying:  
“This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,  
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.”

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup,  
you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord,  
until he comes.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God!  
**Thanks be to God!**

**COMMUNION**

*“In Christ There Is No East or West”*

Reinagle

*You will be invited to come forward to the table.  
A gluten-free option is available.*

The body of Christ,  
given for you.  
**Amen.**

The blood of Christ,  
given for you.  
**Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Holy God, we thank you for this feast of grace and life.  
As we have been served, help us to serve our neighbors.  
As we have been fed, help us to feed all who are hungry.  
As we have been loved, help us to love the world—  
because in Christ Jesus you have loved us. Amen.**

*Older children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School*



**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Testify to us, O God,  
by the voice of your Spirit.  
Put your law in our hearts,  
write your word in our minds,  
and show your will in our lives;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

*A reading from the book of the prophet Habakkuk.*

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,  
and you will not listen?  
Or cry to you "Violence!"  
and you will not save?  
Why do you make me see wrongdoing  
and look at trouble?  
Destruction and violence are before me;  
strife and contention arise.  
So the law becomes slack,  
and justice never prevails.  
The wicked surround the righteous;  
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost  
and station myself on the rampart;  
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me  
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.  
Then the LORD answered me and said:  
Write the vision;  
make it plain on tablets,  
so that a runner may read it.

For there is still a vision for the appointed time;  
it speaks of the end and does not lie.  
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;  
it will surely come; it will not delay.  
Look at the proud!  
Their spirit is not right in them,  
but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

**PSALM**

Psalm 37:1-9

Do not be provoked by evildoers;  
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.  
**For they shall soon wither like the grass,  
and like the green grass fade away.**  
Put your trust in the LORD and do good;  
dwell in the land and find safe pasture.  
**Take delight in the LORD,  
who shall give you your heart's desire.**

Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD,  
and see what God will do.

**The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light  
and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently.  
Do not be provoked by the one who prospers,  
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

**Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;  
do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

For evildoers shall be cut off,  
but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

God our strength, give us the humility to trust in your loving care, and the patience to be faithful in seeking your way, that we may come to share in the inheritance of your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

2 Timothy 1:1-14

*A reading from the second letter of the apostle Paul to Timothy.*

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard the deposit I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

#### GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 17:5-10

*A reading from the holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke:*

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’”

#### RESPONSE

Holy wisdom, holy word.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### ANTHEM

*“By Faith”* Gerry / Getty / Townend; arr. Lawrence

*By faith, we see the hand of God in the light of creation’s grand design, in the lives of those who prove His faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight. By faith, our fathers roamed the earth with the pow’r of His promise in their hearts, of a holy city built by God’s own hand, a place where peace and justice reign. We will stand as children of the promise; we will fix our eyes on Him, our*

*soul's reward. Till the race is finished and the work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight. By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed for Messiah would appear, with the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death and rise triumphant from the grave! By faith the church was called to go in the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost, to deliver captives and to preach good news in ev'ry corner of the earth. We will stand as children of the promise; we will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward. Till the race is finished and the work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight! By faith this mountain shall be moved, and the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail! For we know in Christ all things are possible, for all who call upon His name! We will stand as children of the promise; we will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward. Till the race is finished and the work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight! We'll walk by faith and not by sight. We'll walk by faith and not by sight. We'll walk by faith! We'll walk by faith and not by sight!*

**SERMON**

“The Good Deposit Entrusted to You”

Rev. Bill Pinches

+ **HYMN #669**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

CWM RHONDDA

God of grace and God of glory,  
on your people pour your power;  
crown your 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 your Christ, assail his ways!  
Fears and doubts too long have bound us—  
free our hearts to work and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.

Heal your children's warring madness,  
bend our pride to your control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of your salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,

serving you whom we adore,  
serving you whom we adore.

+ **BLESSING**

*Heb. 13:20-21*

The God of peace,  
who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
make you complete in everything good  
so that you may do God's will,  
working among us that which is pleasing in God's sight,  
through Jesus Christ,  
to whom be the glory forever and ever!

**Alleluia!**

+ **CHARGE**

*1 Pet. 4:10-11*

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God,  
serve one another  
with whatever gift each of you has received.  
To God be the glory and the power  
forever and ever. Amen.

**Thanks be to God!**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*"Let Us Pray for Peace"*

Keesecker / Kraft

*Let us pray for peace, for the healing of creation. May God's truth and justice mend ev'ry breach; may we learn to live as one. Let us pray for love, for the grace to offer mercy. May compassion guide our way in the world, may forgiveness heal division. May forgiveness heal us all. We pray for peace, we pray for understanding. Pray that hatred cease, and God's reign is known on earth. God's reign is known on earth. Hear our prayer for peace. Hear our prayer for love. Hear our voices, Lord, this day, we pray. Lord, we pray for peace, for the healing of creation. May your truth and justice mend ev'ry breach; may we learn to live as one. You know our hearts; you know our selfish struggles. Take away our pride, and fill us all with you. And fill us all with you. Fill us with your peace, fill us with your love, fill us all this day, O Lord, we pray. May your will be done, here on earth as is in heaven. May your reign of love be known in our lives, may your will be done among us. May we do your will, Amen.*

**POSTLUDE**

*"Der Dichter spricht"*

Schumann

***Join us for fellowship after worship.***

**SERVING US TODAY**

**Liturgist:** Gin Gibson

**Greeters:** Steve VanDyke and Katharine Wise

**Sound:** Marty Subject

**Livestream:** Tami Chapman  
**Security:** Tim Hammond  
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Sue Riley  
in memory of  
Clarice & Richard Mills  
and Keitha & Charles Norman  
and Crescent Norman

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