



Stained Glass from Corfe Castle

Clifton Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)
Loving God ~ Loving One Another ~ Loving the World

November 22, 2020

REIGN OF CHRIST

10:00 AM

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WE GATHER TOGETHER FOR WORSHIP

Lighting of the Candle

Layla and Loren



Prelude

Our Father, Whose Name arr. Penny Rodriguez

John Kim, Music Director

Welcome

Celebrating 15 Decades of Service and Gratitude – Remembering the 2000's and 2010's



“Conflict and Faith”

WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

Opening Words *from 100*

- L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness, come into God's presence with singing.
- P: Know that the Lord is God; we belong to the Lord, who made us,
We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.**
- L: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving; go into the holy courts with praise;
Give thanks and call upon God's name.
- P: For the Lord is good, God's steadfast love endures forever,
And God's faithfulness to all generations.**

Opening Prayer

- L: Let us pray.
- P: Mighty God, by your power you created us, and by your goodness you call us to be your people. Accept the offering of our worship, that all people may enter your courts, praising you in song: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn #554

“Let All Things Now Living”

ASH GROVE

Hannah Harris, Soloist

**Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,
as forward we travel from light into light**

Call to Confession

- L: We are often oblivious to God's near presence, consumed by our own interests and unable rightly to see and treat others. Our God is merciful, eager to forgive, seeking us out and able to transform. Confident in the character and power of God, we boldly confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

- L: Let us pray together:
- P: On this Christ the King Sunday we confess, Lord of all, that we have often put other priorities ahead of our loyalty to you. We focus on ourselves and become unable to tend to those in need. We obsess on our own desires to the detriment of your creation. We dismiss those without earthly status and seek out those we think can benefit us. We forget**

that following you means caring for those most in need of compassion and relief. Forgive us, merciful Lord. Free us from a past we cannot change. Turn us toward you. Shape us into a people who better resemble you, Christ our King, Jesus our servant Lord. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

L: God tell us, "I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep." Christ alone is judge and Christ is merciful, eager to forgive and abounding in steadfast love. Friends, believe the good news and be at peace, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sing Glory

"Glory Be to the Father"

Hannah Harris, Soloist

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

The Peace of Christ

L: Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." The peace that has come to us in Christ gives us courage to become peacemakers in this world of division. Begin by offering signs of peace to those who are close to you, and asking God's peace to be upon those who are far off.

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Call for the Offering

L: In recognition of our loyalty to our God and our gratitude for all God has given to us, we make our offering with joy and thanksgiving. Let us seek to show our love for the God who relentlessly seeks us out and tenderly cares for us through the gift of our tithes and offerings.

Prayer of Dedication

L: Let us pray.

P: Holy One, we pray for a spirit of wisdom, the wisdom to know whom to follow and how to treat one another, the wisdom to steward the gifts you have entrusted us in ways that bring you glory, the wisdom to worship you and you alone. Take these gifts, we pray, bless and use them that the least of these members of your family would be fed, visited, cared for and clothed in your name. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Sung Prayer for Illumination

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

Hannah Harris, Soloist

OPEN MY EYES

**Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth you send so clear;
and while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear
Silently now, I wait for thee, ready, my God, your will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine.**

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may

know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Anthem

A Prayer for Peace
by Heather Sorenson

CPC Virtual Choir

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:14-30

¹⁴ “For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵ to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶ The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷ In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸ But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹ After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²² And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ ²³ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸ So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹ For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰ As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

Sermon

Found Faithful with All

The Rev. Dr. Diane Walton Hendricks

Hymn

“We Lift Our Voices”

OFFERING

Hannah Harris, Soloist

**We lift our voices; we lift our hands;
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands;
Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering.**

**All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be,
we give to you, we give to you.**

**We lift our voices; we lift our hands;
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.**

**Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands;
Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering.**

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

P: 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.

WE GO INTO THE MISSION FIELD AND LIVE INTO GOD'S WORD

Celebrating Your Ministries

- Minute for Stewardship
- Minute for Mission

Ringling of the Bell

Benediction

Benediction Response

"Now Thank We All Our God"

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

Hannah Harris, Soloist

**All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.**

Community Sharing, as soon as recording stops

- Specific prayer requests
- Time for Fellowship

Thank you for joining us for worship this morning.

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