

**19th Sunday after Pentecost
October 11, 2020**

**Gathering
*God invites us to enter His presence***

Prelude

*Beautiful Savior
All the Way My Savior Leads Me*

Davis
Mason

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

✠ Call to Worship

Barb Finch

This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Let us worship the Triune God.

✠ Invocation

Barb Finch

Great and loving God,
we come before you emptied of all that would distract,
seeking all that would redeem.
Let these moments not become so routine
as to be predictable,
nor so familiar as to be conventional.
Prepare us for the unexpected.
Open us to the movement of the Holy Spirit
in praise of our Savior. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise 382

Be Thou My Vision

*Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

*Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.*

*Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.*

*High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, what ever be fall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all. A-men.*

Confessing

God invites us to be honest with Him

Prayer of Confession

(Responsively)

Barb Finch

God of birth, God of joy, God of life,
we come to you as a people hungry for good news.
We have been so dead to miracles
that we have missed the world's rebirth.
We have preoccupied ourselves with pleasures
and have overlooked the joy you offer us.
We have been so concerned with making a living
that we have missed the life you set among us.
Forgive us, gracious God.
Open our eyes and our hearts to receive your gift;
open our lips and hands to share it with all humanity
in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.
Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit. **Amen.**

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

🕯 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.
A-men, A-men.*

Offering

Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him

Invitation The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly;
the one who sows bountifully will also reap
bountifully. Responding to God's bountiful gifts to
us in Christ, we have opportunity to share out of our
abundance.

Offering **Please place your offerings in the plate in the back
of the church on your way out.*

Special Music *Press On* *Burgess*
Fairview Men's Ensemble

! Doxology *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. A-men.*

! Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God,
we thank you for gifts that belong
not to us alone, but to all our sisters and brothers,
since they too are created in your image.
Let their need become our need;
let their hunger become our hunger;
and grant to us also a portion of their pain,
so that in sharing ourselves,
we discover the Christ who walks
with our brothers and sisters. **Amen.**

Proclaiming

God speaks to us through His Word

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Lesson *Ruth 1:1-14*

1 In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. **2** The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. **3** But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. **4** These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, **5** and

both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

⁶Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food. ⁷So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. ⁸But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. ¹⁰And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." ¹¹But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹²Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, ¹³would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me." ¹⁴Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

Sermon

"The Pain of Naomi"
Rev. Tim Latham

Responding ***We respond to God's Word***

Hymn of Response

Psalm 126

*Our mouths they were filled, filled with laughter
Our tongues they were loosed, loosed with joy
Restore us O Lord
Restore us O Lord*

*Chorus
Although we are weeping
Lord help us keep sowing
The seeds of Your kingdom
For the day You will reap them
Your sheaves we will carry
Lord please do not tarry
All those who sow weeping
Will go out with songs of joy*

*The nations will say He has done great things
The nations will sing songs of joy
Restore us O Lord
Restore us O Lord*

Profession of Faith *(Responsively)*

**We believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made;
of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory
to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.
And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People/Lord's Prayer

Commissioning

God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

Hymn 25 *Immortal, Invisible*

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious—Thy great name we praise.*

*Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.*

*To all, life Thou givest—to both great and small,
In all life Thou livest—the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish—but naught changeth Thee.*

*Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render—O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee! A-men.*

 **Benediction & Blessing**

 **Organ Postlude**