MORNING WORSHIP

October 27, 2019 Half past Ten O'Clock

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

When the organ begins, please prepare for worship through silent prayer and meditation. Following the service, greet one another with joy and affection!

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

TIME OF MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

+WELCOME AND NOTICES

MINUTE FOR MISSION Allison Tibe, Montclaire Greater Enrichment Program

PRELUDE When Morning Gilds the Skies arr. Dale Wood

INTROIT "Be Thou My Vision" SLANE

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 34 and John 13

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt God's name together!

People: My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

Leader: Jesus said, You call me teacher and Lord and you are right, for so I am.

People: Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the awesomeness of the Lord.

Leader: If I then, your Lord and teacher has washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet.

Truly, I say to you, those who receive any one I send, receive me also.

People: This poor soul cried, was heard by the Lord, and saved from every trouble.

Leader: A new commandment I give to you. Love one another; even as I have loved you.

People: Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

Leader: By this all will know you are my disciples, if you love one another.

People: Look to The Lord, be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

All: We lift our hearts and voices in unity and praise!

+*HYMN 481 "Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show" LLANFAIR

* CALL TO CONFESSION

*LITANY OF CONFESSION (Unison) Matthew 8:18-27

Leader 1: A scribe said to Jesus, "I will follow You wherever You go."

Jesus responded bluntly: "Following Me isn't easy."

Leader 2: We want to follow You, Jesus. But we, like Your disciples, struggle with doubt and fear.

Our doubt and fear take over, clouding our understanding of Your miraculous love.

Leader 1: You asked them, "Why are you afraid, you of little faith?" You ask us the same thing today.

Leader 2: We confess our apathy in study and prayer. We confess our fear of the unknown.

We confess our need to be in control. We confess our inability to trust You completely.

All: Forgive us. Encourage us. Teach us to follow, even when we don't think we can anymore.

Even though faith often is not easy, replace our doubts with faithfulness, our fears with

courage, and our apathy with love. All in the name of Jesus Christ, our Rabbi and Lord. Amen.

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Not because of anything we have done, but in spite of what we have done.

By grace, we are redeemed: in spite of our selfishness, in spite of scores we have to settle,

in spite of our stubbornness and arrogance, in spite of ourselves!

Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

Congregation: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Immediately following Message for Young Disciples, kindergarteners and first graders are invited to Children's Worship. They will return to the Sanctuary during the Doxology.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

SERMON "The Faces of Jesus: Rabbi" Rev. Dr. Rodney S. Sadler, Jr.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN (back of bulletin) "Our God Who Art In Heaven" NETTLETON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Rabbi, Weave Your Words of Love" Alice Parker

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

All-powerful God, use these gifts, our lives, and this faith community to further Your reach and reign in a hungry and hurting world. May Your power be at work in and through our deepening discipleship. Embolden and challenge us as we do justice, love mercy, and humbly serve others in our homes, classrooms, workplaces, communities, city and world. Use us right here, right now, by the power of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Rabbi our Lord. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 434 "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples" KINGSFOLD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE "Trust and Obey" TRUST AND OBEY

*POSTLUDE Lead on, O King Eternal arr. David Lowe

^{*}Those who are able please stand.

Our God Who Art In Heaven

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