

Order of Worship

September 20th 2020 ~ 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Peace

Call to Worship

The first shall be last.

We come to worship as we are.

The last shall be first.

We come with confidence.

The first shall be last.

We come with questions.

The last shall be first.

We come burdened by failure.

The first shall be last.

We come celebrating success.

The last shall be first.

We come fearful of the future.

The first shall be last

and the last shall be first

and a little child shall lead them. **Amen.**

written by Katherine Hawker

Hymn of Praise

[*The Perfect Wisdom Of Our God*](#)

Verse 1

The perfect wisdom of our God
Revealed in all the universe
All things created by His hand
And held together at His command
He knows the myst'ries of the seas
The secrets of the stars are His
He guides the planets on their way
And turns the earth through another
day

Verse 2

The matchless wisdom of His ways
That mark the path of righteousness
His word a lamp unto my feet
His Spirit teaching and guiding me
And O the mystery of the cross
That God should suffer for the lost
So that the fool might shame the
wise
And all the glory might go to Christ

Verse 3

O grant me wisdom from above
To pray for peace and cling to love
And teach me humbly to receive
The sun and rain of Your
sovereignty
Each strand of sorrow has a place
Within this tapestry of grace
So through the trials I choose to say
Your perfect will in Your perfect way
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Opening Prayer

Liberating God,
we seek your journey.
With parted waters,
set us free.
With cloud and fire,
guide us.
With gushing waters,
quench our thirst.
With food from heaven,
feed us.
Draw us out with joy and singing,
that we might know your ways. **Amen.**

– posted on the Ministry Matters

Special Music

Let It Be

John Lennon & Paul McCartney

Scripture Reading

Regina de Wetter, reader

Matthew 20:1-16 (The Message)

1-2 “God’s kingdom is like an estate manager who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. They agreed on a wage of a dollar a day, and went to work.

3-5 “Later, about nine o’clock, the manager saw some other men hanging around the town square unemployed. He told them to go to work in his vineyard and he would pay them a fair wage. They went.

5-6 “He did the same thing at noon, and again at three o’clock. At five o’clock he went back and found still others standing around. He said, ‘Why are you standing around all day doing nothing?’

7 “They said, ‘Because no one hired us.’

“He told them to go to work in his vineyard.

8 “When the day’s work was over, the owner of the vineyard instructed his foreman, ‘Call the workers in and pay them their wages. Start with the last hired and go on to the first.’

9-12 “Those hired at five o’clock came up and were each given a dollar. When those who were hired first saw that, they assumed they would get far more. But they got the same, each of them one dollar. Taking the dollar, they groused angrily to the manager, ‘These last workers put in only one easy hour, and you just made them equal to us, who slaved all day under a scorching sun.’

13-15 “He replied to the one speaking for the rest, ‘Friend, I haven’t been unfair. We agreed on the wage of a dollar, didn’t we? So take it and go. I decided to give to the one who came last the same as you. Can’t I do what I want with my own money? Are you going to get stingy because I am generous?’

16 “Here it is again, the Great Reversal: many of the first ending up last, and the last first.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

But That’s Not Fair

Senior Pastor Robert de Wetter

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

Regina de Wetter, reader

Offertory

Grace And Gratitude

Amy Sky & Olivia Newton-John

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

Amen

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Communion

Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Communion Hymn

[Before You I Kneel](#)

Verse 1

Before You I kneel my Master
and Maker
To offer the work of my hands
For this is the day You've given
Your servant
I will rejoice and be glad
For the strength I have to live
and breathe
For each skill Your grace has
given me
For the needs and opportunities
That will glorify Your great
name

Verse 2

Before You I kneel and ask for
Your goodness
To cover the work of my hands
For patience and peace to
shape all my labor
Your grace for thorns in my
path
Flow within me like a living
stream
Wear away the stones of pride
and greed
'Til Your ways are dwelling
deep in me
And a harvest of life is grown

Verse 3

Before You we kneel our
Master and Maker
Establish the work of our hands
And order our steps to seek first
Your kingdom
In every small and great task
May we live the gospel of Your
grace
Serve Your purpose in our
fleeting days
Then our lives will bring eternal
praise
And all glory to Your great
name
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Back Talk

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

~ BCP

Blessing

Postlude

Escape (The Pina Colada Song)
Rupert Holmes

Our love in action now begins...

Our Sunday School is next...

This Sunday's Special Music is brought to you by Kimberly Rehfuss & Michael Schoepe.