

Leander Presbyterian Church
October 18, 2020
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reverend Robert McElwaine

Lila Aud, Pianist
Phyllis Draheim, Accompanist

Prelude

Blessed Assurance

Arranged By Cindy Berry

Gathering & Call to Worship

Isaiah 6:1-5

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty, and the hem of his robe filled the temple.

Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
The whole earth is full of his glory."

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

Prayer

Hymn of Praise

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

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Prayer of Confession

Isaiah 6:6-13

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said:

"Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed, and your sin is blotted out. "

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

And he said,

"Go and say to this people:

'Keep listening, but do not comprehend;
keep looking, but do not understand.'

Make the mind of this people dull; stop their ears and shut their eyes,
so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend
with their minds, and turn and be healed."

Then I said, "How long, O Lord?"

And he said: "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and
the land is utterly desolate; until the LORD sends everyone far away, and vast is the
emptiness in the midst of the land.

Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak
whose stump remains standing when it is felled."

The holy seed is its stump.

(Personal, Silent Prayer of Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 33:12-23

Psalm Reading

Psalm 99

New Testament Reading

1 Thessalonians Chapter 1

Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

Sermon

**Is It Lawful?
Is It Permissible?**

Hymn of Discipleship *God Moves in a Mysterious Way*

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Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

Invitation to Discipleship

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

#306

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn of Response

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine

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Benediction

Postlude

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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Lyrics for Today's Hymns

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Sing praise to God who reigns above, The God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love, The God of our salvation;
With healing balm my soul He fills, And every faithless murmur stills:
To God all praise and glory. Amen

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform;
He plants His footsteps in the sea, And rides upon the storm.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take; The clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy, and shall break In blessings on your head. Amen

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

Take Thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray;
Give us the mind of Christ each passing day;
Teach us to know the truth that sets us free;
Grant us in all our thoughts to honor Thee.

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed His blood.
This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Saviour all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Saviour all the day long. Amen

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above. Amen

Credits

Service

Pastor Robert McElwaine

Phyllis Draheim, Piano

Kathleen McElwaine, Videographer

Lila Aud, Piano and Flute, Music Coordinator

Joel Aud, Service Support

Video Production

Person Responsible	Role
Kathleen McElwaine	Video tape, editing, post production, audio, titles, Vimeo upload
Susan Janes	Communications, Service Order of Service
Gene Hinkle	Technical Support, Webmaster http://www.leander.org

Links: Website - <http://leanderpres.org>

Sermons - <http://leanderpres.org/sermonsworshipmusic.html>

Readings

Exodus 33: 12-23

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth." The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

Psalm 99

The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!

Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.

He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.

O Lord our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy.

1 Thessalonians 1

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake.

And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Matthew 22: 15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Prayers

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Emogene Champion**
Dave Beach & Family (Kim)
Dan Kilgore
Allen Striker (Sharon)
Karen Thompson** Family
Sue Ann Boren (Lila)
McKinley Womack (Carolyn)

Karen Hambrick**
Bobbie Caviness (Kim)
Pam Jordan (Linda H)
John & Rebecca McElroy (Lila)
Renee Peters**
Sharon Carline & Family

Texas & US Armed Forces

Local, State & Federal Government Leaders

Texas State Guard

** church Members

Joys & Announcements

Minute for Mission: Stewardship of the Gospel:

Bible Verse: 1 Thessalonians: 5

Because our Gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. As Christian stewards, we have been given three ways to exercise our partnership: 1. To receive the Gospel. We experience the Gospel as an act of faith in God. 2. To share the Gospel. We bring God's message into the world that all who believe in God and have faith in Jesus Christ as our Savior, will have eternal life. 3. To reflect the Gospel. We show others by our daily living how we accept our responsibilities as Christians.

Hill Country Community Ministry - Check HCCM's website for information on how to make donations.

Birthdays

10/3	Cassie Miles	10/5	Lila Aud	10/14	Renee Peters
10/15	Marlene Doolen	10/21	Doug Long	10/22	Johnathan Renfro
10/24	Dolly Smith	10/27	Robert McElwaine		

Calendar

Services and other church activities have been suspended until after the next Session Meeting.

Scriptures for **October 25, 2020: Deuteronomy 34:1-12, Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17, 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8, Matthew 22: 34-46**

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