



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 11, 2020

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

*We worship today gathered in Spirit if not in body, realizing perhaps more than ever the nature of the body of Christ. We gather as a resurrection people even in our time of loss and uncertainty. As we gather may we be strengthened by the Spirit who knows no boundaries.*

*As you prepare for worship together you may wish to light a candle representing the presence of God with you and concerns, laments, desires for healing, confessions or prayers of thanksgiving that you are particularly holding in the light of Christ today.*

PRELUDE

*What God Ordains is Always Good*  
*by Johann Pachelbel*

Anne Maverick, organ

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, and CONCERNS

Amybeth Mainord

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

A great banquet is prepared.

**The banquet of God's love and demand.**

A great feast is prepared:

**A feast of "yes" and "no."**

Come let us turn our hearts and minds to the only One who knows our need and seeks to satisfy

**Let us worship God!**

HYMN No. 803

***My Shepherd Will Supply My Need***

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**We thank you great God, for inviting us to live in covenant with you and with one another and for remaining faithful to your promises. Yet, like people of all ages, we find it difficult to be faithful to you. We despise those who remind us of your call. We grieve you by our rebellion against your commands and our slowness to be your partners in kingdom living. We pray that you will not give up on us. May we become fully your people, putting on your ways and welcoming your children.**

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 23

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Matthew 22:1-14 & Philippians 4:4-9

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MEDITATION

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WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OF GIFTS

*During this time you are encouraged to consider your response to the work of Christ in the world today, making a commitment of time, talents, and resources. Please remember your family, neighbors, the wider community, and the church in your offering. Although many things are shifting, please continue to honor previous commitments to the best of your ability.*

*If you choose to contribute to the work of Christ through UPC at this time, online giving is available via the GIVE tab on our website ([www.upcbr.org](http://www.upcbr.org)) or by texting "upcbr (space) and then the number of dollars" to 73256.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)

**Gracious God, you call us to be agents of Christ's way. We accept the commission as we confess that we often stray from his ways. What we now offer, though, reflects our commitment. Accept our labors and our gifts as befitting your righteousness. Enhance our actions by sending your Spirit. And enable our obedience to be worthy of your continuing trust. Amen.**

CHARGE, AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Go with God.

**Alleluia and Amen.**

CLOSING MUSIC

*Grant Us Thy Peace*  
*by Felix Mendelssohn*  
*arranged by Walter Ehret*

*Grant us Thy peace, Almighty Lord,  
thou source of every blessing!  
Feeble and frail, trust we Thy word,  
all things in Thee possessing.  
In Thee is our hope and safety.*

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