

SAINT PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Fleetwood, Pennsylvania
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 20, 2017

GATHERING PRAYER

Lord Jesus you have promised to be with me always. Forgive me when I lose my way and disappoint you. Help me forgive others when I am disappointed in them. Amen

INTROIT

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped” No. 22

PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us share signs of Christ’s peace with one another.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CENTERING

PRELUDE “The Spark of Creation” -Stephen Swartz
 Janel Smith-Vocalist
(Congregation Standing)

Pastor: We gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: (singing) Amen!

Pastor: Oh, how wonderful, how pleasing it is when God’s people all come together as one! Psalm 133:1

People: It is like a gentle rain from Mount Hermon falling on Mount Zion. It is there that the LORD has promised his blessing of eternal life.

Psalm 133:3,

*All(singing) Baptized in one confession,
 on which your people stand.
 to preach your true salvation,
 in every age and land;
 Pour out your Holy Spirit
 to make us strong and pure.
 to keep the faith unbroken
 as long as worlds endure.*

Tune:Aurelia

PENITENCE

Pastor: Our God is a God of love, acceptance, and grace. With humble hearts, let us gather before our forgiving God and confess our sins.

All: God, you sent your Son into the world to save those who have lost their way. We need to hear your message of Amazing Grace. Help us to remain strong when we are tempted, and give us courage to accept your forgiveness and love even when we lose our way.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Pastor: Although we may stumble and fall, God is quick to lift us up and place our feet on solid ground.

People: Glory to God, who saves us and forgives us.

*All(singing) Help us accept each other
 as Christ accepted us;
 teach us as sister brother
 each person to embrace.
 Be present, God among us,
 and bring us to believe
 we are ourselves accepted
 and meant to love and live.*

Pastor: Let us say again what it is that we believe.

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
 the Maker of heaven and earth,
 and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:
 Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried;
 He descended into hell.
 The third day He arose again from the dead;
 He ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
 from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

CHIMES

THE POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Tune in C"

-Purcell



Joseph Forgives His Brothers