

Sunday, October 18, 2020
20th Sunday After Pentecost

Words of Welcome

Gathering MV 1 Let Us Build a House (vs5)

Lighting the Candle

In the darkest of times, God's light and love guides us to places of faith and hope. Amen

Call to Worship

Behold, Loving God, these people are your people. **At your calling, We have gathered; by your leading, we have arrived at this place and time.** As you have promised, your presence is with us; **and we seek your renewal and rest.** Make yourself known to us, Holy Love. **Come, Divine Life, be with us as we worship.**

Opening Prayer

Where are you, God? We long to see you. We long to feel you near. We long to be confident of your presence as we bring our whole selves to this time of discernment and prayer. See in our faces your creative genius, and hear in our prayers and songs your melodies of life. Guide and nurture us, we pray. Amen.

Hymn VU 374 Come and Find the Quiet Centre (vs1&2)

**Prayers for Grace and Transformation/
Words of Assurance**

Intro to Scripture

**Scripture Exodus 33:12–23
Psalm 99
Matthew 22:15–22**

Reflection – Jesus Flips a Coin

Hymn MV 89 Love Is the Touch (vs1&4)

Invitation to the Offering/Offertory Hymn

Offertory Prayer

Generous God, out of our privilege we give. Out of our longing, we seek your face. Bless our coins, our envelope offerings and our promises and claim them for yourself, knowing we give them to you happy to release their hold on us. Use them for your goodness, mercy, joy and glory; we pray. Amen.

Announcements

Prayers of the People/Lord's Prayer

Extinguish Candle

We extinguish the flame, but carry the light in our hearts until we meet again.

Benediction

Closing Hymn VU 326 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (vs 1-2-5)

Exodus 33:12-23 – (NIV)

Moses and the Glory of the LORD

¹² Moses said to the LORD, "You have been telling me, 'Lead these people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, 'I know you by name and you have found favor with me.' ¹³ If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people."

¹⁴ The LORD replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

¹⁵ Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. ¹⁶ How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?"

¹⁷ And the LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name."

¹⁸ Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory."

¹⁹ And the LORD said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. ²⁰ But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live."

²¹ Then the LORD said, "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. ²² When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by.

²³ Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen."

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Matthew 22: 15-22 (NIV)

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. ¹⁶ They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are.

¹⁷ Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax^[a] to Caesar or not?"

¹⁸ But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, ²⁰ and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?" ²¹ "Caesar's," they replied. Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

²² When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.