



An inclusive and welcoming Christian community where expressing the love of God to all people is central to our worship, study, and service.  
“Love one another as I have loved you.” John 15:12

**20th Sunday after Pentecost**

**11 a.m., October 18, 2020**

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**Prelude**

*Prelude in No. 20 in C minor Op. 28*  
Arr. Russell Gross – Keyboard and Piano

Frederic Chopin

**Welcome & Announcements**

Leah Davis

**Call to Worship**

Cathy Baskin

Though there are rulers, presidents, kings, queens,

**Jesus is Lord and Caesar is not.**

In God we live and move and have our being.

**We reach out to others with the same kind of love we know from God.**

God is always with us.

**God passes by us with power and parables.**

**Let us worship God!**

**Morning Prayer**

Cathy Baskin

**Hymn No. 64**

*We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God †*

ELLACOMBE

We sing your mighty power, O God, that made the mountains rise,  
that spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.

We sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.

The moon shines full at your command, and all the stars obey.

We sing your goodness, sovereign God, who filled the earth with food;  
you formed the creatures with your word, and then pronounced them good.

Oh! How your wonders are displayed where'er we turn our eyes:  
if we survey the ground we tread, or gaze upon the skies.

There's not a plant or flower below, but makes your glories known;  
and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from your throne.

While all that borrows life from you is ever in your care,

And everywhere that we can be, you, God are present there.

**Missions Minute**

Dave Farmer

**Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures** Exodus 33:12–23

Leah Davis

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.”

**Quiet Time****Prayers of the People & Lord’s Prayer**

Leah Davis

*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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

**Special Music**

Ave Maria for Violin and Piano  
 Claire L. Allen, Violin & Russell Gross, Piano

Bach/Gonoud

**Lesson from the Gospels**

Matthew 22:15–22, 34–46

Leah Davis

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.

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

This is the Gospel of Christ  
**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon***Good Trouble: Love, Love, Love*

Leah Davis

**Communion**

Leah Davis

We will celebrate communion together, remembering we are connected even though we are apart. Bring your own elements to worship and remember that you are Beloved.

**Hymn No. 450**

*God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian †*

God the Spirit, guide and guardian, wind sped flame and hovering dove,  
breath of life and voice of prophets, sign of blessing power of love:  
give to those who lead your people, fresh anointing of your grace;  
send them forth as bold apostles to your church in every place.

Christ our Savior, sovereign, shepherd, word made flesh, love crucified,  
teacher, healer, suffering servant, friend of sinner, foe of pride:  
in your tending may all pastors learn and live a shepherd's care;  
grant them courage and compassion shown through word and deed and prayer.

Great Creator, life bestower, truth beyond all thought's recall,  
fount of wisdom, womb of mercy, giving and forgiving all:  
as you know our strength and weakness, so may those the church exalts  
oversee its life steadfastly yet not overlook its faults.

Triune God, mysterious being, undivided and diverse,  
deeper than our minds can fathom, greater than our creeds rehearse:  
help us in our varied calling our full image to proclaim,  
that our ministries uniting may give glory to your name.

**CROP Walk Litany & Kickoff RBC Kids & Youth**

**Invitation to Give**

Cathy Baskin

**Sung Benediction No. 677** *Let There Be Peace on Earth †*

WORLD PEACE

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;  
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God our creator, children all are we.

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:  
to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

**Postlude**

*Sea Piece*

Edward MaxDowell

Arranged by Russell Gross-Piano and Keyboard

Our guest Violinist, Claire L. Allen, is Teaching Artist of Violin, Faculty Coordinator, and Chamber Ensemble Coordinator, at George Mason University Community Arts Academy. She is Master of Music at Peabody Conservatory '13.

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