

Prelude

Benedictus on Sicilian Mariners

by Gorden Young
Mitchell Jerko, organist

Welcome and Announcements

Jan Gibbs

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 46)

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God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains crumble into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and rage,
and the mountains tremble with its tumult.

Come, and let us worship God!

Hymn #275 "A Mighty Fortress Is our God"

Prayer of Confession

*Lord Jesus, you have revealed the truth to us
and set us free to love you and one another.
But we live as if we are still slaves to sin.
We are shackled by self interests, and deprive others of resources.
We are bound by prejudices and deprive others of dignity.
We are held captive to fear and struggle to step out in the boldness of your love.
Forgive us, we pray.
Write your word upon our hearts
and let the truth sets us free to follow you faithfully.*

Assurance of Pardon

Prayer for Illumination

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Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the Scriptures are read, and your Word is proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us. In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

First Scripture Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34

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Special Music

When We All Get to Heaven

Arr. by Victor Labenske
Mitchell Jerko, pianist

Second Scripture Lesson: Romans 3:19-28

Sermon

"Justification by Grace through Faith"

Affirmation of Faith: from *The Second Helvetic Confession*, chapter 15

Properly speaking therefore, God alone justifies us, and justifies us only on account of Christ, not imputing sins to us but imputing his righteousness to us. But because we receive this justification, not through any works, but through faith in the mercy of God and in Christ, we therefore teach and believe with the apostle [Paul] that sinful [humanity] is justified by faith alone in Christ, not by the law or any works. ...Therefore, because faith receives Christ our righteousness and attributes everything to the grace of God in Christ, on that account of justification is attributed faith, chiefly because of Christ and not therefore because it is our work. For it is the gift of God.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn #305 "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

Offering/Prayer of Dedication

Those joining in worship "in-person" were invited to participate in offering their tithes and gifts as they entered the sanctuary. For those joining in worship "at home" we invite you to offer your lives to the service of Christ, during this time. If you wish to give a tithe or other financial gift, you may do so by sending a check to the church office (801 Leavenworth St., Manhattan, KS 66502) or by visiting our church website (<http://www.firstpresmanhattan.com/giving/ways-to-give/>). Thank you for your support, and your contribution to the outreach and ministry of Jesus through this congregation!

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Allegro from Sinfonia No. 12

by Antonio Vivaldi
Mitchell Jerko, organist

Announcements

The flowers on the Communion table this morning are given by Janet and Paul Dittmar in gratitude for our congregation.

Thank you to Mitchell Jerko for providing special music this morning.

One of our long time members, Dorris Beckenhauer, is turning 100 on Tuesday, November 2nd! If you could take a moment to send her a birthday card to her home, 112 N. Dartmouth Dr. MHK 66503 it would be greatly appreciated since we cannot celebrate with her as a church family due to Covid-19.

Our Children, Youth and Families will be having some Fall Family Fun on Sunday, October 25th at 5:00 p.m. at the Lazy T Ranch! This FREE event will be limited to 100 people and will include CORN MAZE, COMBINE SLIDE, HAY BALE MAZE, JUMPING MATS, GIANT FLINT HILLS SLIDE, and PETTING ZOO. Also includes FAMILY SUPPER AROUND THE BONFIRE and our YOUTH GROUP will be playing FLASHLIGHT TAG IN THE MAZE! **R.S.V.P. by Friday, October 23 to shiloh@firstpresmanhattan.com.** Social distancing guidelines and all other safety precautions in place at the Lazy T Ranch must be observed. Masks required for FPC family activities.

Due to the Fall Family Fun event, there will be **no Children's Choir or youth group on Sunday, October 25th**. We hope you will join us out at Lazy T Ranch for fun and fellowship.

Handbell Choir is back! Handbell Choir rehearsal will start back on Wednesday, October 28th at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. If you are interested in joining handbells please contact Reg Pittman at pittman@ksu.edu.

Oink! It's HOGtoberfest season! Meadowlark Foundation appreciates First Presbyterian Church's longtime, faithful support of the Good Samaritan Fund, and another opportunity to do so is just a few weeks away. Plan now to enjoy lunch or dinner from Cox Bros. BBQ on Thursday, Oct. 29, during the 7th annual HOGtoberfest. The restaurant is donating 10 percent of proceeds from the sales of tasty food and beverages that day to benefit the Fund. As is fitting for an Oktoberfest-style event, the cookin' Cox brothers are offering an Assorted German Sausages Platter special, served with sauerkraut and warm German potato salad, and a Hog Roast and Sausage Buffet begins at 5 p.m. All of the mouth-watering regular menu items are available as well. COVID-19 precautions will be observed inside the restaurant, or you may drive-thru or carry out, if that feels more comfortable. Event hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. The Good Samaritan Fund assists residents living in a Meadowlark Hills healthcare household who have outlived their financial resources. The Fund ensures that they, too, receive the same quality of service, care, and life enhancement as those with resources still available. Thank you for considering this FOOD, FRIENDS and FUNdraising opportunity!

Please consider **making a donation to the Music Guild Student Scholarship Fund** that provides scholarships for our college students who sing in the Chancel Choir and participate in the Handbell Choir. Your generous donations in the past have made a significant difference in our Music Ministry and the lives of our talented college students.

The Upper Room Devotionals for November/December are available now. You can pick you one from the Narthex on Sunday morning during Worship or stop by the office anytime Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. If you would like us to mail you one, please call the office at 785-587-9578 and we will be happy to do so.

As a precautionary measure due to COVID-19, **the cry room is unavailable.** With love we welcome little ones in our worship service! If you wish to step out with your child, feel free to utilize the narthex sitting area at your discretion. A diaper changing station is located in the narthex's south-facing restroom, down the hallway from the elevator.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

Call To Service

We need your help to continue to provide BREAKFAST BAGS to the community! In an effort to continue providing our community with a weekly breakfast, since the Pandemic started, we have been providing Breakfast Bags which are handed out every Tuesday night with the community dinner. Initially we prepared 50 bags per week. As the need has increased, we are currently preparing 70 bags per week. Our Community Breakfast volunteers have been very gracious in helping provide food. But with this new demand for more bags I am asking for your help in providing nonperishable breakfast foods. Following is a list of the items we are in constant need of:

- Granola bars
- Pop tarts
- Fruit cups
- Juice cups
- Instant oatmeal packets
- Large sized brown lunch bags
- Plastic spoons
- Napkins

You can drop off food to the office anytime Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, please call Missy Cox at (785) 341-4993 or email: mjc_2188@hotmail.com

The Thought for the Day printed in the Oct. 15th Upper Room says it all: “As God’s disciple, I am tasked to care for those in need.”

Thank you for helping! Missy Cox, COB Coordinator

The Deacons are sponsoring the **Early Childhood Winter Clothing Drive** for the holidays again this year. The mission is to provide preschool children in USD 383 with new winter coats, shoes, underwear, socks and warm clothing items for at risk preschool children. The Deacons will have a donation table in the narthex starting Sunday, November 1 until Sunday, December 6 for collection of purchased items. Due to Covid-19 those who prefer not to shop are kindly encouraged to donate money to this worthwhile project. Checks may be dropped off or mailed to the church office with Kids Clothing on the memo line. Purchased items should be unwrapped and dropped off anytime at the church, Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Here is a list of items they could use in order of need starting at the top:

- Boys and girls underwear - sizes 3T, 4T, and 5T
- Boys and girls socks (ages 3-5)
- Boys and girls elastic waist pants (sweat pants or leggings) - sizes 3T, 4T, 5T
- Preschool sized gloves with fingers (boys and girls)
- Preschool sized winter hats (boys and girls)
- Boys and girls coats - size 3T, 4T, 5T

If you have questions, please contact Donna Davis at 319-330-1937.

Prayer Corner

If you would like to be included in the prayer corner of the weekly email, please contact Therese Szatkowski, Communications Coordinator, therese@firstpresmanhattan.com; 785-537-0518.

275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

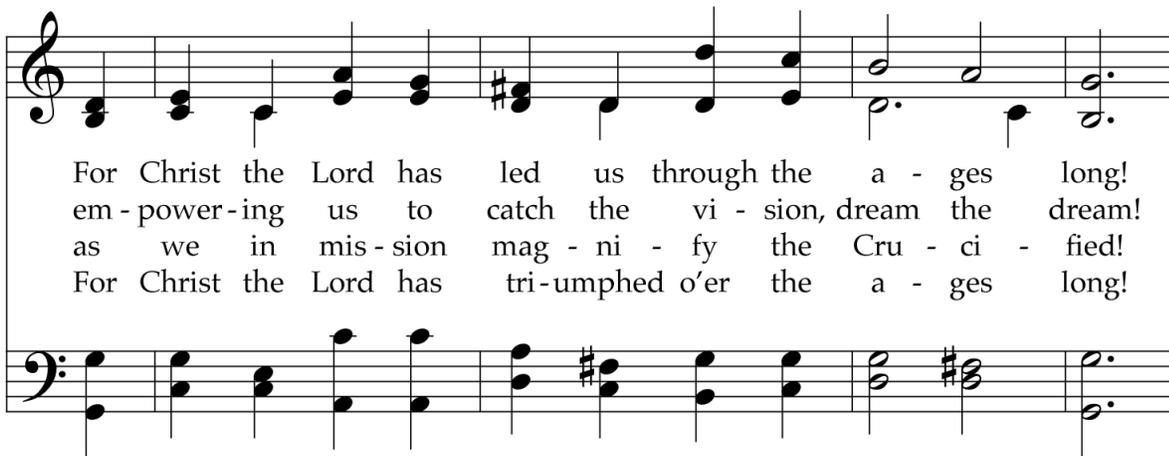
seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

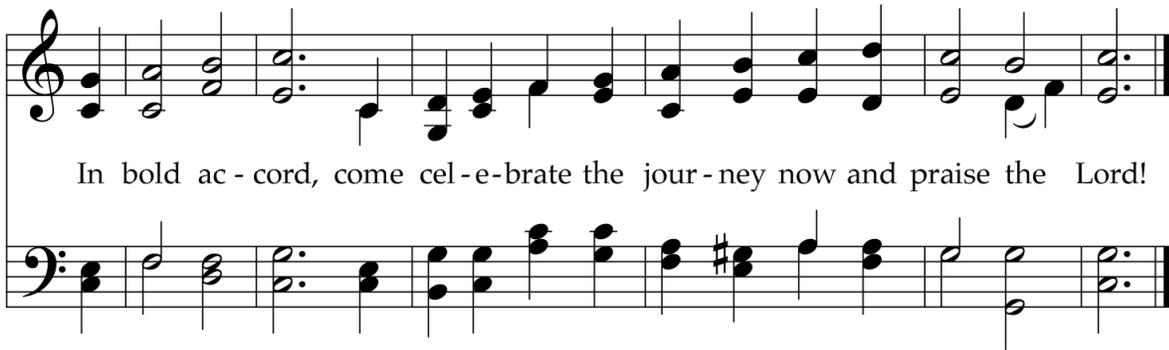
305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!



1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
 2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,
 3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,
 4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!



For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
 em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
 as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
 For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!



In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

This text was the winner in a hymn competition sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Bicentennial Committee for the 1988–1989 observance, which had the theme “Celebrate the Journey.” The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) is appropriately celebratory.