



**First Presbyterian
Church**
of Pittsburgh

Worship Service

October 18, 2020 - 10:45 am

*We ask your help in caring for others throughout today's service.
We would ask that throughout the service you wear a mask and observe social distancing.
Also, please remember to fellowship **outside** following the service.*

Prelude: "Simple Gifts"
arr. Virgil Fox

Ryan Croyle

Time of Welcome

Rev. Tom Hall

Moment for Generosity

Alexa Hansen, *trustee*

***Call to Worship (Unison)** (Adapted from Psalm 30, *New Living Translation*)

Kathy Davis, *elder*

Sing to the LORD, all you godly ones! Praise his holy name. For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime! Weeping may last through the night, but joy comes with the morning. You have turned our mourning into joyful dancing. You have taken away our clothes of mourning and clothed us with joy. We will not be silent. We will sing praises to you. Let us worship God!

***Opening Hymn #926: "God of Grace and God of Glory"**

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Kathy Davis

Creator God, we confess that we are all after something in life. There is something about which we tell ourselves, "If I have that, I'm OK." For some it's power. For some it's image. For some it's wealth. But Jesus warned us about this. He said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." We confess that we have pursued treasure that doesn't satisfy, and wealth that doesn't last. We have failed to seek the infinite treasures of your kingdom. Gracious God, forgive us. Give us eyes to see that our ultimate treasure is hidden in you.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Message

Jana Hall

Hymn #620: "Good to Me"

I cry out for your hand of mercy to heal me.
I am weak; I need your love to free me.
O Lord, my rock, my strength in weakness –
Come rescue me, O Lord (repeat)

For you are good, for you are good,
For you are good to me.
For you are good, for you are good,
For you are good to me (repeat)

You are my hope; your promise never fails me.
And my desire is to follow you forever.

For you are good, for you are good,
For you are good to me.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:44-46

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.⁴⁵ Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶ When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

Sermon – “Hidden Treasure”

Rev. Tom Hall

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

*Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Anthem: “Is He Worthy?”

Peterson/Shive, arr. Sorenson

Congregation joins to sing the **bold text**.

Ruth Ann Reamer, *piano*

Andrew Reamer, *percussion*

Jackie Bezek, *soprano*

Emma Brown Baker, Torey Gricks, and Matt Sartore, *chorus*

Do you feel the world is broken? (We do)
Do you feel the shadows deepen? (We do)
But do you know that all the dark won't stop
the light from getting through? (We do)
Do you wish that you could see it all made new?
(We do)

Is all creation groaning? (It is)
Is a new creating coming? (It is)
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within
our midst? (It is)
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? (It is)

Chorus: *Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?*
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave,
He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to
ransom the slave.

Is He worthy? Is he worthy of this?
Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this? (He is)

Does the Father truly love us? (He does)
Does the Spirit move among us? (He does)
And does Jesus, our Messiah, hold forever those
He loves? (He does)
Does our God intend to dwell again with us?
(He does) (Repeat Chorus)

From every people and tribe, every nation and
tongue, He has made us a kingdom and priests
to God to reign with the son.

Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and
honor and glory? Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Is He worthy of this? (He is)
Is He worthy? Is He worthy? (He is)
Is He worthy? Is He worthy? (He is, He is!)

Call for the Offering

Alexa Hansen



After the service, please place your offering in the silver buckets located in the front and back of the sanctuary or use online giving available through GivePlus.

***Closing Hymn #581: “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”**

***Benediction and Charge**

Rev. Tom Hall

Postlude: “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”
arr. John Behnke

Ryan Croyle

****Please stand as you are able.***

God of Grace and God of Glory

F C F B^b F C7 F

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple pour your power;
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as - sail his ways!
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to your con - trol;
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

C F Gm7/B^b F/C C F

crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry, bring its bud to glo - rious flower.
 From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
 shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
 let the gift of your sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

C7 F

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age for the fac - ing of this
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age for the liv - ing of these
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss your king - dom's
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing you whom we a -

C7 F Gm7/B^b F/C C F

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

For an alternate arrangement see 43

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Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

G D7 G D

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re-lect thy rays;
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

G C Am G D7 G

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, open - ing to the sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!

D G D G D7 B Em A D

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flower - y mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ, our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;

G C Am G D G

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day!
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine.

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The Latest from *Pastor Tom Hall*

10-18-20 **Hidden in plain sight**

A friend of ours tells the story of taking violin lessons as a child. Her grandfather had purchased a violin second hand during the depression so her mother could take lessons. Both our friend and her mother had carried that violin back and forth to school for years.

Our friend's mother died. Years later, our friend remembered the violin and went looking for it. She found it under a bed, hidden away with other things. She tried to get it appraised by *Antiques Road Show*, but they recommended she take it to someone else. Eventually, she found a dealer who knew what it was. He told her he could only offer her \$100,000. It was all he could pull together, but that wouldn't be fair to her.

It had been an honor for him just to play it.

No, it wasn't a long-lost Stradivarius. It was a Guarneri.

Giuseppe Guarneri was an 18th century contemporary of Antonio Stradivari. Only about 150 of Guarneri's violins are known to exist, far fewer than the number of Stradivari's.

Our friend said she had considered the violin a family heirloom, but she had no idea that the instrument under the bed was worth millions.

If you came across a Guarneri in a flea market, you'd stop at nothing to buy it, wouldn't you?

Jesus says this is what he offers us. He told a parable of a farmer who discovered a treasure hidden in a field. "In his joy, he went and sold all he had and bought that field."

In his joy.

There is nothing in the Bible about Jesus' appearance. We don't know what he looked like, how tall he was, or anything else. He just blended in. But we do know that when people discovered who he was, they left everything to follow him.

Not out of obligation or compulsion.

Joy.