



# The Twentieth Sunday of Pentecost

## THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (*Children ages 3 yrs – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to gather on the steps of the altar.*) †

PRELUDE.....arr. Bober  
*Brethren We Have Met to Worship*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP.....Laura Thornton

Leader: LORD, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

PEOPLE: FROM EVERLASTING TO EVERLASTING YOU ARE GOD.

Leader: Satisfy us in the morning with Your steadfast love,

PEOPLE: SO THAT WE MAY REJOICE AND BE GLAD ALL OF OUR DAYS.

Leader: Let the favor of the LORD our GOD be upon us,

UNISON: O PROSPER THE WORK OF OUR HANDS!

\*WORSHIP HYMN .....CH. 90  
*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

\*BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST.....Alex Everett

\*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Everlasting God, we come before You on this day seeking once again to intimately know Your presence. Seeking to see a glimpse of the future, You are calling forth for Your people. We pray for a future which honors You and shares love for neighbors. Grant us a head start today in living out these commandments, as we seek to be Your people. Guide our worship in the name of Jesus the Christ, Your Son, who taught us to pray, saying, *“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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom the power, and the glory forever and ever.”* Amen.

\*GLORIA PATRI.....CH. 35  
*Glory Be to the Father*

## THE CHURCH PROCLAIMS THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING (*pg 168*).....Deuteronomy 34:1-12

ANTHEM *Joshua Bialowas, Trumpet*.....arr. Fettke  
*Hymn of Grateful Praise*

SECOND READING (*pg 804*).....Matthew 22:34-46

MESSAGE.....The Rev. Uwe C. Scharf, Ph.D.  
*The Greatest Commandment(s): Do we Have One, Two, or Possibly Three?*

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

## THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

CONSECRATION HYMN.....CH. 609 (vs. 1, 6)  
*Take My Life and Let It Be*

\*WE BRING OUR GIFTS

*At the bidding of the ushers, bring your Commitment Cards and Morning Offering forward, place them in the basket, returning to your seat by the outer aisle.*

OFFERTORY.....arr. Johnson  
*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Almighty and Everlasting God. You have called us together around a big table: a table which is large enough to include all people. We are thankful for the visionaries which allowed for a church as diverse as the Christian Church. We are thankful for their vision of freedom. Use these gifts, we pray, to continue to grow Your reign; that more may come to know the blessings of Fellowship with God - here at West Side Christian Church, in Portsmouth, in the Tidewater/Hampton Roads areas, throughout Virginia, the United States and throughout the whole world, that You, oh God, hold in Your hands. It is in Christ's name that we pray and give thanks for Your good gifts of life and love and fellowship with one another. Amen.

\*THE DOXOLOGY.....CH. 528  
*Give Thanks*

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 259  
*Spirit of the Living God*

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Bob Nutting

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....David McCrickard

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS.....arr. Berry  
*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

*The Lord's Table is open for all people. Christ has set the table before us. It is by His invitation we are fed. You may eat the bread as it is passed and drink the cup at the conclusion of the Words of Institution.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**THE CHURCH GOES FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN MISSION**

**INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION** *Joshua Bialowas, Trumpet* ..... **CH. 110**

*You Servants of God*

*During the singing of the Hymn of Invitation, we invite anyone wishing to become a Christian or wishing to unite with this congregation, to please come forward.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

**\*POSTLUDE**

‡ *Children Preschool – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may attend Children, Worship & Wonder  
Youth attend LIVE BIG!*

**\*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

**DIACONATE SERVING TODAY**

Nina Milam, Cecil Dillon, Bubba Jenson, Christie Wells



*Thank you for worshipping at West Side Christian Church today.  
We hope you received a blessing this morning, and that you will experience God's presence  
in the week ahead. See you next Sunday!*



***The Welcome Loaf***

*We offer a homemade loaf of bread to first time visitors as an expression of our appreciation for your presence. Please see a greeter at the door following worship to receive your loaf.*



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