

sending well-equipped disciples of Jesus into the world—compassionate, generous, resilient and wise

## **O**CTOBER 24, 2021

## SEASON OF PENTECOST

#### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Iona Community

O God, open to us today the sea of your mercy and water us with full streams from the riches of your grace and springs of your kindness. Make us children of quietness and heirs of peace: Kindle in us the fire of your love; sow in us your fear; strengthen our weakness by your power and bind us close to you and to each other.

#### **PRELUDE**

Meditation on BEACH SPRING

John Methany, 1995

## THE WELCOME

#### INTROIT

A Prayer of St. Patrick

John Rutter, 1983 text: St. Patrick's Breastplate, 5th century

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me.

Christ above me, Christ beneath me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger. \*CALL TO WORSHIP Iona Community

Leader: Thanks be to you, O God, that we have risen this day,

People: To the rising of this life itself.

Leader: Be the purpose of God between us and each purpose.

People: The hand of God between us and each hand.

Leader: The pain of Christ between us and each pain, People: The love of Christ between us and each love.

Leader: O God, who brought us to the bright light of a new day,

People: Bring us to the guiding light of eternity.

## \* HYMN OF PRAISE, No. 662

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Tune: RATISBON

#### \* CALL TO CONFESSION

Iona Community

Leader: Holy God, Maker of all, **People: Have mercy on us.** 

Leader: Jesus Christ, Servant of the poor,

People Have mercy on us.

Leader Holy Spirit, Breath of Life,

People: Have mercy on us.

Leader: Let us in silence confess our faults and admit our frailty.

## \* SILENCE

Leader: Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness:

the ways I wound my life, the lives of others, and the life of the world.

People: May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to

grow in love.

Leader: Amen.

People: Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness:

the ways I wound my life, the lives of others, and the life of the world.

Leader: May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Holy Spirit enable you to grow

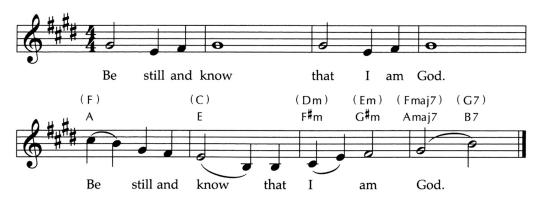
in love.

People: Amen.

<sup>\*</sup> Please stand if you are able.

# \*Sung Invocation, No. 414

Be Still and Know That I Am God



TEXT and MUSIC: John L. Bell, 1989
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PSALM 46 Irregular

Tune: PSALM 46

## \*PRAYER FOR GOD'S HELP

Leader: Move among us, O God; give us life: **People: Let your people rejoice in you.**Leader: Make our hearts clean within us: **People: Renew us in mind and in spirit.** 

Leader: Give us again the joy of your help: **People: With your Spirit of freedom, sustain us.** 

Leader: And now, as Jesus taught us, we say:

People: 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;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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## \* AFFIRMATION

Leader: With the whole church,

People: We affirm that we are made in God's image, befriended by Christ,

empowered by the Spirit.

Leader: With people everywhere,

People: We affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity, planted more deeply

than all that is wrong.

Leader: With all creation,

People: We celebrate the miracle and wonders of life; to the unfolding

purposes of God, forever at work in ourselves and in the world.

# \* GLORIA PATRI, No. 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

## \* Passing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

#### WORD FOR CHILDREN

Following the Word for Children, preschool through 7<sup>th</sup> graders may leave for Faith Building classes. After worship, please pick up your children from their classrooms on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (rooms 213, 214, 215, and 219).

## \* CONGREGATIONAL ANTHEM

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

arr. John Ferguson, 2000

The congregation will participate in today's anthem by singing where indicated. You will find the music on page 7.

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#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### A READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Philippians 2:1-11

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## **SERMON**

"God's Humility"

Rev. Clinton G. Roberts

## SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

#### CHORAL RESPONSE

Fourfold Amen

Alice Jordan (1916–2012)

# "HOPE, ASPIRATION, AND THE PATH FORWARD"

Mark Hamming, Stewardship

#### **OFFERING**

Grazioso

Georg Philipp Telemann, arr. Don Allured

#### \* Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

# \* PRAYER OF DEDICATION | unison

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Each thing we have received from you it came, O God.
Each thing for which we hope, from your love it will be given.
Kindle in our hearts within a flower of love for our neighbors, to our foes, to our friends, to our loved ones all, from the lowliest thing that lives, to the name that is highest of all.
Amen.

# \* HYMN OF SENDING, No. 264

At the Name of Jesus

Tune: KING'S WESTON

#### \* BENEDICTION

#### \* Postlude

Grand Choeur in C, Op. 68, No. 4

Theodore Salome (1834-1896)

<sup>\*</sup> Please stand if you are able.

# All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!



Text: Edward Perronet, 1780, alt.; st. 6 John Rippon, 1787, alt.

Music: Coronation, Oliver Holden, 1793. Setting by John Ferguson, 2000.

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Pastor Clint's day off is on Monday. Pastor Kristie's day off is on Friday.

## Worship Participants

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Rev. Kristie W. Finley, Associate Pastor
Jim Cochrane, Director of Youth and Young Adults
Sarah Seccombe, Director of Children's Faith Formation
Dr. Tom Tropp, Director of Music and Arts
Dr. Barry Wenger, Director of Bell Choirs and Organist
Chancel Bells
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