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Service for the Lord's Day & the Lord's Table

September 6, 2020

PRELUDE *"This is my Song"* Peacemaking Project

WORDS OF WELCOME Patricia Francis-Roosevelt

CALL TO WORSHIP Patricia Francis-Roosevelt

Leader: Once upon a time
 a wise man offered a challenge;
 "What is the greatest commandment?"
 The calendars on our desks share a vision of greatness;
 bills to pay, phone calls to return, appointments to keep.

Response: Love the Lord your God.

Leader: The cameras of our memories share what commands us;
 children to bathe and partners to help
 parents calling and grandchildren hopeful.

**Response: Love the Lord your God
 with all your heart, and with all your soul,
 and with all your mind.**

Leader: Still the Spirit lures us to new priorities;
 open spaces to experience wonder,
 strangers becoming friends,
 devotion to that which transcends.

**Response: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all
 your soul, and with all your mind. Love your neighbor
 as yourself.**

Leader: Yes! That is the Greatest Commandment
 and not all the other things that seem to command our lives.

HYMN *"Great is Thy Faithfulness"*
 Stockton Tab

MARK 12: 28-34

THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

²⁸ One of the scribes came and heard them arguing, and recognizing that He had answered them well, asked Him, "What commandment is the foremost of all?" ²⁹ Jesus answered, "The foremost is, '**HEAR, O ISRAEL! THE LORD, OUR GOD, IS ONE LORD;** ³⁰ **AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.**' ³¹ The second is this, '**YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.**' There is no other commandment greater than these." ³² The scribe said to Him, "Right, Teacher; You have truly stated that **HE IS ONE, AND THERE IS NO ONE ELSE BESIDES HIM;** ³³ **AND TO LOVE HIM WITH ALL THE HEART AND WITH ALL THE UNDERSTANDING AND WITH ALL THE STRENGTH, AND TO LOVE ONE'S NEIGHBOR AS HIMSELF,** is much more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." ³⁴ When Jesus saw that he had answered intelligently, He said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that, no one would venture to ask Him any more questions.

SCRIPTURE READING PSALM 149 Richard Coleridge-Roosevelt *responsive reading (Cantata Domino)*

Leader: Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song;
Sing praise to God in the congregation of the faithful.

Response: **Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their Sovereign.**

Leader: Let them praise God's name in the dance; let them sing praise to the LORD with timbrel and harp.

Response: **For the LORD takes pleasure in the chosen people and adorns the poor with victory.**

Leader: Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them be joyful on their beds.

Response: **Let the praises of God be in their throat and a two-edged sword in their hand**

Leader: to wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples;

Response: **to bind their rulers in chains and their nobles with links of iron;**

Leader: to inflict on them the judgment decreed; this is glory for all God's faithful people. Hallelujah!

Response: **God, our Maker, you crown the humble with honor and exalt the faithful who gather in your name. Because you have favored us with life, we dance before you in our joy and praise you with unending song for Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 12:28-34 Ellen Gove-Shelter Island

MESSAGE Barbara Messier-Oceanside

HYMN "*Better*" Hezekiah Walker

OFFERING

The ministry of the church will continue, and it continues to rely on your gifts and support. We are stronger when people share their time, talents, and financial gifts with the church. Please continue to give to your home congregation as you are able. Thank you for all the blessings you share to support our ministry.

WHATEVER
YOU DO,
WORK AT IT
WITH ALL
YOUR HEART,
AS WORKING
FOR THE LORD

Colossians 3:23



Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus
Christ in his earthly
life shared our toil and
hallowed our labor
Be present with your
people where they
work; make those who
carry on the industries
and commerce of his
land responsive to
your will, and give to
us all a pride in what
we do, and a just
return for our labor;
through Jesus Christ
our Lord, who lives
and reigns with you,
in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, one God,
now and
forever *Amen.* (*Book of
Common Prayer*, pg. 259)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Barbara Messier-Oceanside

O God, our Father, creator of the world, and giver of all good things: we thank you for our home on earth and for the joy of living. We praise you for your love in Jesus Christ, who came to set things right, who died rejected on the cross and rose triumphant from the dead. Because He lives, we live to praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit our God forever.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sean Moran-Brookhaven

written by Thom Shuman, and posted on Lectionary Liturgies. <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca>

Leader: The world teaches us many ways to love,
but all are based on selfish desires and needs.
God teaches us how to love: completely, uniquely,
unconditionally. Let us confess our difficulty in loving as
God teaches us, as we pray, saying,

Response: **We are hesitant to confess, Holy God, how hard it is to love as you wish. It is easy to love you with all that we are, except when you ask us to love our neighbor with all that we have. We find it hard to love our neighbor, when it is linked to the way we love ourselves. And it is difficult to love anyone even You more than we love ourselves. Forgive us, Love Eternal.**

Time of silence

Leader: In God's Kingdom, all are loved for who they are,
not what they do;
In God's Kingdom, all are forgiven for what they do,
and don't;
in God's Kingdom, all are welcomed and fed by God's
grace and hope.

Response: **Forgiven, loved, sent forth we are not far from God's Kingdom! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

THE LORD'S TABLE

Magalene McClarrin -1st Vice Moderator

HYMN

"Broken Body of Christ"

The Many

PRAYER FOR LABOR DAY

Bob Shevlin - Northport

BENEDICTION

"I Vow to Thee "

