



ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 25, 2020

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 25, 2020

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP and INVOCATION

The Rev. Dr. Claudia Demick

*HYMN "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper strong amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
With craft and power great, and armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not an equal.

The word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth,
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Christ who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill, God's truth abideth still,
God's kingdom is forever.

WORD OF FELLOWSHIP

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess 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. As You took a risk in creating us,
help us to take risks to love others compassionately, to love ourselves genuinely,
and to love You as completely as You love us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 22:34-46

Elizabeth Viall

SERMON "Whoever Said It Would Be Easy?"

The Rev. Rebecca Spencer

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father Which 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; and lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For
Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever. Amen.

OFFERTORY “Heaven Bound Light of Mine”

ARR. PHILIP KERN

This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.

Hold your light, you heaven bound soldier,
Let your light shine around the world.

O sister, brother, preacher can't you hold out your light?
Let your light shine around the world.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace:
Oh, refresh us, oh, refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for the gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruits of Your salvation in our hearts and lives abound:
Ever faithful, ever faithful to the truth may we be found.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP ENDS – Witness and Service Begin

*The flowers in the Chancel today were given to the glory
of God and in celebration of life of Jane Kling. Thank
you for beautifying our church for another week.*



Stewardship Family Trivia Day

Today at 12:00 p.m. via Zoom

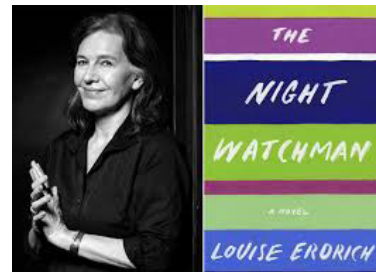
Join us virtually via Zoom! RSVP to be able to participate as we will have to send you the link to join our game with special instructions. Please email Jeff Baran to RSVP or to ask questions at jeff@wakefieldliquors.com.



Rebecca's Book Group

Thursday, Oct. 29, 12:30 pm via Zoom

We'll discuss “The Night Watchman,” by National Book Award-winning author Louise Erdrich. It is based on the extraordinary life of Louise's grandfather who worked as a night watchman and carried the fight against Native dispossession from rural North Dakota all the way to Washington, D.C.



Poetry and the Inner Life

Sunday, Nov. 8 at 6 pm via Zoom

Join a contemplative conversation together about what speaks to the spiritual depth of our beings through poetry during this time. If you're interested in joining us, please contact Claudia for the Zoom link.

Adult Sunday School

Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas

Incarnation comes from the Latin for embodiment/become flesh. We will explore the why, the what and we will think about the how--how we respond to what incarnation means for us as Christians in these days. Based on the book by Adam Hamilton this study will meet 5 times—on the 4 Sundays of Advent plus Epiphany Sunday. Ask Claudia for the Zoom link. **Sundays Nov. 29, Dec. 6, Dec. 13, Dec. 20 & Jan. 3 at 6 pm.**