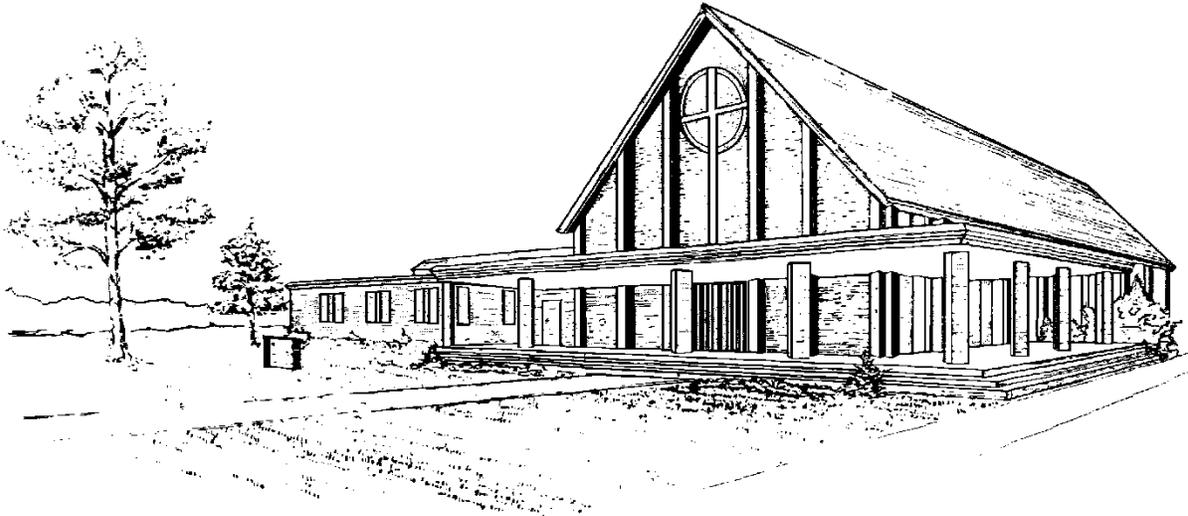


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October 11, 2020
10:30 a.m.**

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“Whose Owns the Church, Anyway?”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 37)

Trust in the Lord and do good,

So we will live in the land and enjoy security.

Take delight in the Lord.

God will give us the desires of our hearts.

Commit your way to the Lord.

*We will trust in God, and God will act, making our lives shine like the light,
and the justice of our cause like the noonday.*

This is the day that God has made. Let us be joyful!

Thanks be to God who blesses and feeds all human yearnings. Amen.

HYMN # 339

Be Thou My Vision

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*Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart.
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou, my – best – thought – by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

*Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and – Thou – on-ly, first in my heart,
Great God of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.*

*Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word.
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord.
Heart of – my – own heart, what ever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we have bent and ignored Your law. Your commandments inform us, but we have not let them transform. We give lip service to Your law, but we seek to avoid its implication for our lives. We recognize some of our errors, but many are hidden from us. We devote our energies to accumulating possessions that function as idols. We depend on them more than we honor You. Save us, we pray, from great transgressions, and help us to reorder our days. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI

*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.*

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Congregational Response:

*Breathe on me, breath of God. Fill me with life anew.
That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of All People, we come this day to bring our tithes and offerings before you. We give them with the prayer that these gifts will truly bless others. We bring them, not looking out for our own interests, but for others. Multiply and use these gifts that all your children may know the confidence and peace which comes through your abiding love. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Exodus 20:1-4. 7-9, 12-20
Matthew 21:33-46

SERMON

“Who Owns the Church, Anyway?”

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

*Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace.
We respond with deep commitment, fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.*

*Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth.
Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on Earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,
Blending human skills together, gracious gifts from God unfold.*

*So God grants us for tomorrow ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

*We've a story to tell to the nations that shall turn their hearts to the right,
A story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light, a story of peace and light.*

REFRAIN:

*For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noon-day bright,
And Christ's great kingdom shall come on Earth, the kingdom of love and light.*

*We've a song to be sung to the nations that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,
A song that shall conquer evil, and shatter the spear and sword,
And shatter the spear and sword. REFRAIN*

*We've a message to give to the nations, that the Lord who reigneth above
Hath sent us the Son to save us, and show us that God is love,
And show us that God is love. REFRAIN*

*We've a Savior to show to the nations, who the path of sorrow has trod,
That all of the world's great peoples might come to the truth of God,
Might come to the truth of God. REFRAIN*

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND JOYS