BAPTIST CHURCH

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 11 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP, OCTOBER 4, 2020 + + +

WELCOME | We invite you to add your heart and voice to the worship this morning as we continue into this season that has been called the "Year of the Church," the long season of Sundays after Pentecost when the worship focuses the people's attention on their call to ministry in Christ's name.

If would like to know more about the church, baptism, or how you may join, please contact the pastor. He would love to talk with you about your important decisions for the Lord as well as to pray with you confidentially, for yourself or others.

—The Gathering—

Opening Scripture Philippians 3:7-8a **D** UT WHATEVER GAIN I HAD, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. Entrance Hymn Higher Ground OATMAN/ GABRIEL 1. I'm press-ing on the up-ward way, New heights I'm gain-ing ev-'ry day; 2. My heart has no de-sire to stay Where doubts a-rise and fears dis-may; 3. I want to live a-bove the world Tho'Sa-tan's darts at me are hurled; want to scale the ut-most height, And catch a gleam of glo-ry bright; I on-ward bound,"Lord, plant my feet on high-er ground." Still pray-ing as Tho' some may dwell where these a - bound, My pray'r, my aim is high - er ground. For faith has caught a joy-ful sound, The song of saints on high-er ground. But still I'll pray till heav'n I've found, "Lord, lead me on to high-er ground." Lord, lift me up, and I shall stand By faith, on heav-en's ta-ble-land; A high-er plane than I have found Lord plant my feet on high-er ground.

ACCLAMATION & PRAYER FOR PURITY Leader This is the day that the Lord has made. All Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

cf. Mark 12:29-31

HEAR, O ISRAEL, the people of the Lord: The Lord your God, the Lord, is one. Love the Lord your God with the fulness of your heart, with all your soul, your mind, your strength. And you shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no greater command than these.

HYMPI OF PRAISE Holy, Holy, Holy NICAEA 1. Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly, Lord God Al-might-y! Ear-ly in the 2. Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee, Cast-ing down their Tho the dark-ness hide Thee, 3. Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - 1y! Tho the eye of 4. Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly, Lord God Al-might-y! All Thy works shall morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee : Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-1v! gold-en crowns a- round the glass-y sea; Cher-u-bim and ser-a - phim sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not praise Thy name in earth and sky and On - ly Thou art ho see; 1y sea; Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho ly! Mer - ci - ful and Might-y! God in Three Per - sons, bless-ed Trin- i - ty! fall - ing down be - fore Thee, Which wert and art and ev-er-more shalt be. there is none be-side Thee Per-fect in pow'r, in love and pur-i - ty. Mer - ci - ful and Might - y! God in Three Per - sons, bless-ed Trin - i - ty!

OPENING PRAYER

-Service of the Word-

Old Testament

Isaiah 5:1-7

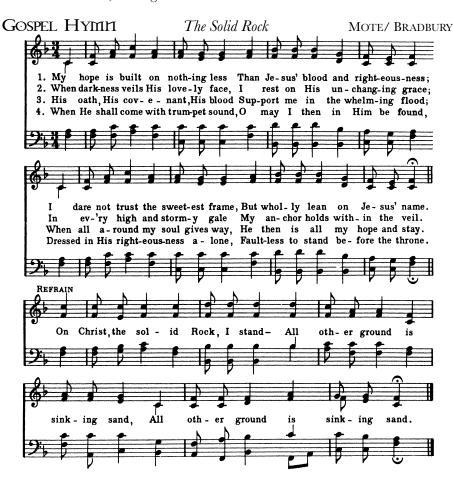
L ET ME SING for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ² He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. ³ And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? ⁵ And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶ I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briers and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷ For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

THE PSALTER The Church's Prayer under Affliction (Psalm 80) R EMEMBER, YOU PLANTED with your hands A lovely vine in this fair land. Lord, you let your power defend it round, And heavenly dew enrich the ground.

Return, almighty God, return, Don't let your bleeding vineyard mourn; Turn us to you—your love restore, We shall be saved, and sigh no more.

Your church is in the desert now—guide us through. Shine on us, we shall be saved. We turn to you.

Stir up your might, O God, return, Don't let your bleeding vineyard mourn; Stir up your might—your love restore, We shall be saved, and sigh no more.



HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33-46

ESUS SAID, "Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴ When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. 35 And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' 38 But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' 39 And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. 40 When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹ They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." 42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?? ⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴ And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him." ⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

Sermon

Brother Joseph Payton



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Church; the nation; the world; the community; the suffering; the lost; the bereaved

BLESSIMG & DISMISSAL Seek Ye First KAREN LAFFERTYⁱ SEEK YE FIRST the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

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