



Independent Presbyterian Church
Birmingham, Alabama

October 18, 2020
8:30 a.m.

The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Service for the Lord's Day

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Unite us, O God, in our praise. When we talk about Thee we are divided. When we talk to Thee we are one. In Thy praise let us draw nigh to one another.

from Beginning the Day by Dr. Henry Edmonds

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Goyer

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.
People: Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.
Minister: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.
People: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.
Minister: For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.
People: Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Psalm 96:1-6

HYMN 361 - "O CHRIST, THE GREAT FOUNDATION"

AURELIA

O Christ, the great foundation on which your people stand
To preach your true salvation in every age and land:
Pour out your Holy Spirit to make us strong and pure,
To keep the faith unbroken as long as worlds endure.

Baptized in one confession, one church in all the earth,
We bear our Lord's impression, the sign of second birth:
One holy people gathered in love beyond our own,
By grace we were invited; by grace we make you known.

Where tyrants' hold is tightened, where strong devour the weak,
Where innocents are frightened, the righteous fear to speak,
There let your church awaking attack the power of sin
And, all their ramparts breaking, with you the victory win.

This is the moment glorious when he who once was dead
Shall lead his church victorious, their champion and their head.
The Lord of all creation his heavenly kingdom brings:
The final consummation, the glory of all things.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dr. Wilkins

Unison:

God of healing, God of wholeness, we bring our brokenness, our sinfulness, our fears and despair, and lay them at your feet. God of healing, God of wholeness, we hold out hearts and hands, minds and souls to feel your touch, and know the peace that only you can bring. God of healing, God of wholeness, this precious moment in your presence and power grant us faith and confidence that here broken lives are made whole. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister:

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

People:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

SOLO - "THEN SHALL THE RIGHTEOUS SHINE FORTH"

Felix Mendelssohn

Nick Mathes, Tenor

Then, then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in their heav'nly Father's realm. Joy on their head shall be for everlasting, and all sorrow and mourning shall flee away for ever.

Matthew 13:43 and Isaiah 51:11

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: MATTHEW 22:15-22

Dr. Goyer

SERMON - "RENDERING BETWEEN THE REALMS"

Dr. Goyer

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. Wilkins

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, for ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

PARTICIPANTS

Dr. W. Stephen Goyer, Pastor

Dr. Jay Wilkins, Interim Associate Pastor

Dr. Jeff R. McLelland, Director of Music and Fine Arts

Mr. Nick Mathes, Member of the Independent Presbyterian Church Choir