THE OLD OLD STORY

OLD TESTAMENT STORIES WE MAY HAVE FORGOTTEN

RUTH • JOSEPH & HIS BROTHERS • SAMSON & DELILAH



JACOB • ESTHER • PROVERBS 31 • JONAH • DAVID & GOLIATH

SOUNDING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters

Please sign and pass the friendship pad to your neighbor.

REFLECTIONS FROM MONTREAT

JohnClark Cook

PRELUDE Prelude on THAXTED

Michael Helman (b. 1956)

*CALL TO WORSHIP1

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is, indeed, how needed it is

for those who are knit with a common thread, children of our one God, to dwell together in unity!

It is like the precious and fragrant oil upon the head, it is an excellent feast, a beautiful symphony carried on the wind.

Such unity is the way of hope in places of division and disharmony.

Such unity brings forgiveness and compassion, it is like the dew of Hermon descending on parched ground.

It is the way of life! Let us worship the Lord of peace!

*HYMN 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

CORONATION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

Rev. Boyd Lien

Through the letter to the Romans, Lord, you remind us of the ways we seek to tear apart the seams of unity: "Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God, each one of us will be held accountable to God." Why, then, do we find pleasure in another's misfortune? Why do we believe that anyone is immune to insults or derision? We are capable of inflicting such harm, but we are also capable of great love. Help us, Lord, to choose the latter.

*SILENT PRAYER

*DECLARATION OF PARDON3

Because our God is gracious and his love expansive, God does not deal with us according to our sins nor repay us according to our iniquities. In Christ, he has forgiven and offered us a new day, a new life in him.

Thanks be to God for his compassion and grace! Thanks be to God who chooses to forgive!

*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.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Ms. Joy Maple

*HYMN 836 Abide With Me EVENTIDE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Dr. Casto-Waters

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 50:15-21

SERMON

OFFERTORY

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

arr. Lani Smith (1934—2015)

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Lien

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 forever. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN 624

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

TOULON

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune

Henry Purcell (1659—1695)

*All who are able please stand

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¹ Inspired by Psalm 133

² Inspired by Romans 14:10-12

³ Inspired by Psalm 103:10

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Rev. Boyd Lien
Ms. Joy Maple
JohnClark Cook

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