

# WHITE MEMORIAL

— PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —

August 16, 2020  
Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

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## ORDER OF SERVICE

### GREETING

### PRELUDE

*Retrospection*  
Florence B. Price (1887-1953)

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

### HYMN 49

*The God of Abraham Praise*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Hear our prayer Lord: we are awash in uncertainty and anxiety.  
Everything around us seems complicated. Nothing feels easy.**

**Draw us into the heart of your Son.**

**Make us channels of grace and peace.**

**Forgive the sin and doubt which makes all that  
we are facing divide us from Jesus and his love.**

**Help us to remember the lessons of scripture  
and the shelter they provide.**

**Call us to return to you and to lean into your care.**

**In the name of our Savior, we make this confession. Amen.**

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 43:1-11

### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Philippians 2:1-11

(CONTINUED)

## A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

### SERMON

*Belief: Shelter from Despair*

### MUSICAL OFFERING

*If God be for Us from Messiah*

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

### RESPONDING IN FAITH

#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*(from 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 arose 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 826

*Lift High the Cross*

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

#### POSTLUDE

*Lord Christ, the Only Son of God*

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

## 49 The God of Abraham Praise



1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove,  
 2 Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will.  
 3 Your good - ly land we seek, with peace and plen - ty blest,  
 4 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;



the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love!  
 In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.  
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and Sab - bath rest.  
 your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.



The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,  
 Es - tab-lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,  
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,  
 We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name:



we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.  
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.  
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.  
 the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!



Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.

## Lift High the Cross

826

Refrain

Descant

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

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till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name. *Fine*

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,  
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

the Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
 bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.  
 your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

This majestic hymn celebrates the paradox that for Christians a means of painful death has been transformed into a symbol of renewed life; a sign of defeat has become an emblem of victory. With the cross traced on our foreheads at Baptism we are marked as Christ's own forever.

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CRUCIFER

10.10 with refrain