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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2020
28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN # 645

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power has made God's gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning glow or evening shade God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of God's might, lo! all is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away, but, through all grief distressing,
an ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing,
as with a mother's tender hand God gently leads the chosen band:
to God all praise and glory!

Thus all my toilsome way along I sing aloud thy praises,
that all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and body, take your part:
to God all praise and glory!

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 32:1-14

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 4:1-9

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 22:1-14

SERMON

Obedience: Duty and/or Joy

Rev. Patricia Willard

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CLOSING HYMN # 803

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name.
In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways,
and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death your presence is my stay;
one word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows; your oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
no more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

This morning we again welcome the Rev. Patricia Willard to the virtual pulpit. Pat grew up in Johnson City, earned a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Virginia Tech, and settled in the Washington, D.C. area where she married, reared three children, joined a PC(USA) church and worked for over 16 years as a highway planner for the Montgomery County, MD planning agency. Returning to her family home in the late 90's, she felt called to ministry as a second vocation. She attended Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA under the care of Covenant. After receiving her MDiv degree, she returned home to a ministry that has included a woman's bible study discussion group that met weekly in her home for eight years; serving as the interim minister for Erwin Presbyterian Church (a position for which she was ordained); and supply preaching.

TODAY AT COVENANT:

In the Pulpit:
Organ/piano:
Liturgist:

Rev. Patricia Willard
Jessica Siple, Music Director
Ed Wolff

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