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**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2020**  
**29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

*"Londonderry Air"*

Howard Helvey

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**HYMN # 307**

*"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.

Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Exodus 33:12-23

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

**GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 22:15-22

**SERMON** Living in the World, Guided by the Spirit Rev. Patricia Willard

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**CLOSING HYMN # 542**

*“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”*

God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; unseen wings protecting hide you,  
daily manna still provide you: God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you,  
put unfailing arms around you: God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; keep love's banner floating o'er you;  
smite death's threatening wave before you: God be with you till we meet again.

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

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**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  
Cynthia Erdei

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