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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2020

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"To God Be the Glory"

arr. Fred Bock

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN # 275

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.
Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.

Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he.
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.

The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him.
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure.
One little word shall fell him.

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That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also.
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still.
His kingdom is forever.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 34:1-12
NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
GOSPEL READING Matthew 22:34-46
SERMON What is Life All About? Rev. Patricia Willard
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
CLOSING HYMN # 828 *"More Love to Thee, O Christ"*

More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!
Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee.
This is my earnest plea: more love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee, more love to thee!

Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest.
Now thee alone I seek; give what is best.
This all my prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee, more love to thee!

Then shall my latest breath whisper thy praise;
this be the parting cry my heart shall raise.
This still its prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee, more love to thee!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Blessed Assurance"* Joel Raney

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: Rev. Patricia Willard
Organ/piano: Jessica Siple, Music Director
Liturgist: Frankie Wolff