

Presbyterian Church of Henderson

Worship Service 10:00 AM

October 18, 2020

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements Gary Thomas

Organ Prelude Kristin Jones, Director of Music

*Call to Worship

Lord, you have welcomed us, saying,

"I know you by name, and you have found favor with me."

Lord, you have promised us,

"My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

Lord, you have blessed us, saying,

"I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you."

Lord, you have humbled us, saying,

"I will proclaim my holy name in your presence."

Lord, show us your glory! We worship you!

*Hymn PH 356 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

1 Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune 3 O to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm
my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of mercy, constrained to be! Let that grace now, like
never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise. a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to
flaming tongues above; Praise the mount! I'm leave the God I love; Here's my heart, O
fixed upon it, Mount of God's unchanging love! take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts
above.

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy
help I'm come; And I hope, by Thy good
pleasure, Safely to arrive at home. Jesus
sought me when a stranger, Wandering from
the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

*Call to Confession

The Lord says: I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have
compassion on whom I will have compassion. Let us now confess our sin, casting
ourselves on the promised mercy and compassion of God.

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

**What a debt we owe to you, O God. You have given us all things in Christ and
yet we withhold from you the honor and glory that are yours. Instead, we pay
tribute to empire, plot to entrap the innocent, mock your truth with empty
praise, and put your patience to the test. Forgive us, O God, and by your grace
restore in us the image of your face; through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice! Let the sea roar with laughter, the fields shout in celebration, and the forests sing with joy: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***Passing the Peace**

Please turn and bow to someone out of respect and love— “The peace of Christ be with you”

***Gloria Patri (PH 579)**

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.

Prayer for Illumination

Holy Spirit, illumine for us this Word, that the message of the gospel may come to us in power. Amen.

First Reading

Judges 17 and 18

17 There was a man in the hill country of Ephraim whose name was Micah. ² He said to his mother, “The eleven hundred pieces of silver that were taken from you, about which you uttered a curse, and even spoke it in my hearing, - that silver is in my possession; I took it; but now I will return it to you.” And his mother said, “May my son be blessed by the LORD!” ³ Then he returned the eleven hundred pieces of silver to his mother; and his mother said, “I consecrate the silver to the LORD from my hand for my son, to make an idol of cast metal.” ⁴ So when he returned the money to his mother, his mother took two hundred pieces of silver, and gave it to the silversmith, who made it into an idol of cast metal; and it was in the house of Micah. ⁵ This man Micah had a shrine, and he made an ephod and teraphim, and installed one of his sons, who became his priest. ⁶ In those days there was no king in Israel; all the people did what was right in their own eyes. ⁷ Now there was a young man of Bethlehem in Judah, of the clan of Judah. He was a Levite residing there. ⁸ This man left the town of Bethlehem in Judah, to live wherever he could find a place. He came to the house of Micah in the hill country of Ephraim to carry on his work. ⁹ Micah said to him, “From where do you come?” He replied, “I am a Levite of Bethlehem in Judah, and I am going to live wherever I can find a place.” ¹⁰ Then Micah said to him, “Stay with me, and be to me a father and a priest, and I will give you ten pieces of silver a year, a set of clothes, and your living.” ¹¹ The Levite agreed to stay with the man; and the young man became to him like one of his sons. ¹² So Micah installed the Levite, and the young man became his priest, and was in the house of Micah. ¹³ Then Micah said, “Now I know that the LORD will prosper me, because the Levite has become my priest.”

18 In those days there was no king in Israel. And in those days the tribe of the Danites was seeking for itself a territory to live in; for until then no territory among the tribes of Israel had been allotted to them. ² So the Danites sent five valiant men from the whole number of their clan, from Zorah and from Eshtaol, to spy out the land and to explore it; and they said to them, “Go, explore the land.” When they came to the hill country of Ephraim, to the house of Micah, they stayed there. ³ While they were at Micah’s house, they recognized the voice of the young Levite; so they went over and asked him, “Who brought you here? What are you doing in this place? What is your business here?” ⁴ He

said to them, "Micah did such and such for me, and he hired me, and I have become his priest." ⁵ Then they said to him, "Inquire of God that we may know whether the mission we are undertaking will succeed." ⁶ The priest replied, "Go in peace. The mission you are on is under the eye of the LORD." ⁷ The five men went on, and when they came to Laish, they observed the people who were there living securely, after the manner of the Sidonians, quiet and unsuspecting, lacking nothing on earth, and possessing wealth. Furthermore, they were far from the Sidonians and had no dealings with Aram. ⁸ When they came to their kinsfolk at Zorah and Eshtaol, they said to them, "What do you report?" ⁹ They said, "Come, let us go up against them; for we have seen the land, and it is very good. Will you do nothing? Do not be slow to go, but enter in and possess the land. ¹⁰ When you go, you will come to an unsuspecting people. The land is broad—God has indeed given it into your hands—a place where there is no lack of anything on earth." ¹¹ Six hundred men of the Danite clan, armed with weapons of war, set out from Zorah and Eshtaol, ¹² and went up and encamped at Kiriath-jearim in Judah. On this account that place is called Mahaneh-dan to this day; it is west of Kiriath-jearim. ¹³ From there they passed on to the hill country of Ephraim, and came to the house of Micah. ¹⁴ Then the five men who had gone to spy out the land (that is, Laish) said to their comrades, "Do you know that in these buildings there are an ephod, teraphim, and an idol of cast metal? Now therefore consider what you will do." ¹⁵ So they turned in that direction and came to the house of the young Levite, at the home of Micah, and greeted him. ¹⁶ While the six hundred men of the Danites, armed with their weapons of war, stood by the entrance of the gate, ¹⁷ the five men who had gone to spy out the land proceeded to enter and take the idol of cast metal, the ephod, and the teraphim. The priest was standing by the entrance of the gate with the six hundred men armed with weapons of war. ¹⁸ When the men went into Micah's house and took the idol of cast metal, the ephod, and the teraphim, the priest said to them, "What are you doing?" ¹⁹ They said to him, "Keep quiet! Put your hand over your mouth, and come with us, and be to us a father and a priest. Is it better for you to be priest to the house of one person, or to be priest to a tribe and clan in Israel?" ²⁰ Then the priest accepted the offer. He took the ephod, the teraphim, and the idol, and went along with the people. ²¹ So they resumed their journey, putting the little ones, the livestock, and the goods in front of them. ²² When they were some distance from the home of Micah, the men who were in the houses near Micah's house were called out, and they overtook the Danites. ²³ They shouted to the Danites, who turned around and said to Micah, "What is the matter that you come with such a company?" ²⁴ He replied, "You take my gods that I made, and the priest, and go away, and what have I left? How then can you ask me, 'What is the matter?'" ²⁵ And the Danites said to him, "You had better not let your voice be heard among us or else hot-tempered fellows will attack you, and you will lose your life and the lives of your household." ²⁶ Then the Danites went their way. When Micah saw that they were too strong for him, he turned and went back to his home. ²⁷ The Danites, having taken what Micah had made, and the priest who belonged to him, came to Laish, to a people quiet and unsuspecting, put them to the sword, and burned down the city. ²⁸ There was no deliverer, because it was far from Sidon and they had no dealings with Aram. It was in the valley that belongs to Beth-rehob. They rebuilt the city, and lived in it. ²⁹ They named the city Dan, after their ancestor Dan, who was born to Israel; but the name of the city was formerly Laish. ³⁰ Then the Danites set up the idol for themselves. Jonathan son of Gershom, son of Moses, and his sons were priests to the tribe of the Danites until the time the land went into captivity. ³¹ So they maintained as their own Micah's idol that he had made, as long as the house of God was at Shiloh.

Special Music "Alleluia" by Mozart, Hannah Hunt, soprano soloist

Second Reading Mark 7:9-23

⁹ Then he said to them, "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition! ¹⁰ For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'Whoever speaks evil of father or mother must surely die.' ¹¹ But you say that if anyone tells father or mother, 'Whatever support you might have had from me is Corban' (that is, an offering to God)— ¹² then you no longer permit doing anything for a father or mother, ¹³ thus making void the word of God through your tradition that you have handed on. And you do many things like this." ¹⁴ Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵ there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." ¹⁷ When he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸ He said to them, "Then do you also fail to understand? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile, ¹⁹ since it enters, not the heart but the stomach, and goes out into the sewer?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰ And he said, "It is what comes out of a person that defiles. ²¹ For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²² adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

Children's Sermon Kristin Jones

Sermon "The Culture Wars"

Offering Rev. Tom Sale

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessing flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise him above the heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

***Prayer of Dedication** Rev. Tom Sale

***Affirmation of Faith** (Apostle's Creed) Rev. Tom Sale

Minister:

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, what do you believe?

All:

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.

Prayers of the People Rev. Tom Sale

Lord's Prayer Rev. Tom Sale

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.

***Hymn** PH 361 "How Firm a Foundation"

1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word! What more can be said than to you God hath said, To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

3 "When through the deep waters I call thee to go, The rivers of sorrow shall not over flow; For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

4 "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply; The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

***Benediction** Rev. Tom Sale

***Organ Postlude** (please be seated for the postlude)