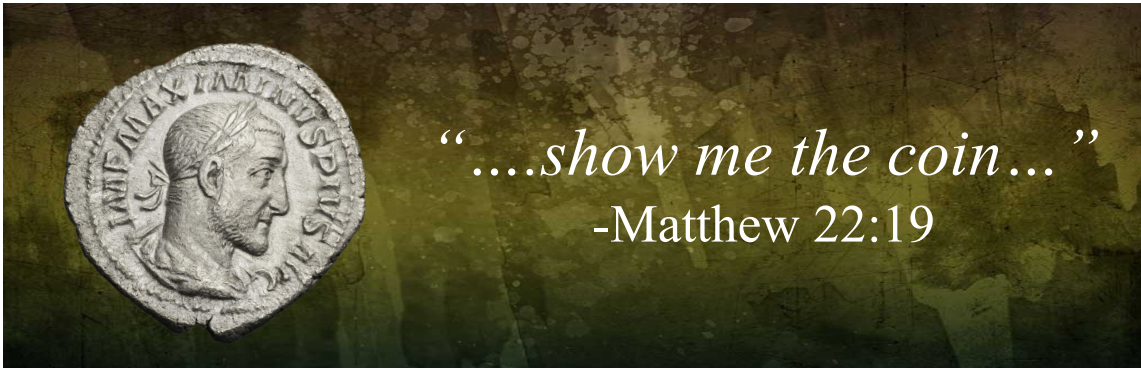


Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

October 18, 2020

10:50 AM



Welcome back to Worship at Spring Branch Presbyterian Church! Please enter through the Breezeway Narthex doors and follow the instructions of the Greeters and Ushers. Should you need a restroom, the Narthex family bathroom is available. After the service begins, both Narthex bathrooms will be available.

** Those who are able please stand*

Gathering in God's Name

PRELUDE

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God of the open road,
God of the twisting path,

**People: God of the narrow and upward way,
your people are gathered for worship!
In this hour, give us provision for the journey,
courage and faith and compassion,
and endurance to face any hardship.**

Leader: Open our eyes to see you walking beside us,

People: protecting us, encouraging us, loving us.

**ALL: We pray this in the name of Jesus, in whom we live
and move, and have our being.
Let us praise the Lord!**

HYMN

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

(In lieu of Congregational singing, our Socially Distant Choir has pre-recorded our Hymns for this morning. You are invited to ponder the text as the images as shown on the screens.)

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: It is in our confession where we realize our desire for God and our hope for God's mercy. It is in admitting the truth of our lives that we take the first step toward wholeness and healing. So let us make our confession, first together, then in silent prayer.

CONFESSION OF SIN (*unison*)

Holy Lord, we call to you, knowing that you are eternal, ever-present, and boundless in love. Yet there are times, O God, when we fail to recognize you in the dailyness of our lives. Sometimes shame clenches tightly around our hearts, and we hide our true feelings. Sometimes fear makes us small, and we miss the chance to speak from our strength and act from love. Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness, and we degrade your wisdom. Holy God, each day remind us again of your holy presence hovering near us and in us. Free us from shame and fear. Help us to see you in the moment-by-moment possibilities to live honestly, to act courageously, and to speak from our wisdom. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love.

People: **We are forgiven and free to love and serve! Alleluia! Amen.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hearing the Word

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Denise Wilborn

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

Almighty God, you are the source of all light. By your power you separated light from darkness so that we may have the beauty of the light of day. Gracious Lord, illuminate this day and enlighten us as we seek to know you through your word. May we be led by your light, that our hearts may be opened to your word. Enable us to receive every word you speak to us today. Amen.

ANTHEM

"Take My Life"

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 33:12-23

HYMN OF REFLECTION

"Step By Step"

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
I will seek you in the morning,
And I will learn to walk in your ways.
And step by step you'll lead me,
And I will follow you all of my days.



SPRING BRANCH Presbyterian Church

Announcements & Events:

You are invited to attend Pastor's Bible Study with Kevin! The group gathers at 11:00 AM on Zoom on Tuesday mornings. Watch for details on how to join this study. We hope to see you there!

The Horizon's Bible Study on Zoom will meet Tuesday, October 20th at 7:00 PM via Zoom to discuss Lesson 2 of *Into the Light*. Please contact Carol Davis at caroldavis@entouch.net to receive a Zoom invitation. Study books are available from Sarah Dikeman or the Office for \$10 each. The Lesson 2 video can be viewed at www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/into-the-light.

Join us for a Drive-In Movie Night in the parking lot on Saturday, October 24th at 7:30pm to watch Sing! If you would like to attend, please RSVP to secretary@springbranchpres.org.

Articles for the November 2020 Edition of the PresPress are due Tuesday, October 20th.

Articles can be submitted to ethan@springbranchpres.org or secretary@springbranchpres.org.



Serving today in Worship:

Liturgist: Jacquie Ballesteros

Time For Young Disciples: Denise Wilborn

Usher Captain: Donald McDaniel

PowerPoint: Patty Blome

Socially Distant Choir: Patty Blome, Kyle Eveler, Megan Hogg,

Laurie Mitchell, Gabe Perez, Lin Sabala, Dick Slover

October 18 — Sunday

9:00 am Explorers SS Class on Zoom

10:50 am Worship

October 19 — Monday

5:00 pm Faith Development Meeting

October 20 — Tuesday

PresPress Articles Due

11:00 am Pastor's Bible Study on Zoom

7:00 pm Horizon's Bible Study on Zoom

October 24 — Saturday

11:00 am Hot Meals

7:30 pm Drive-In Movie Night: Sing!

October 25 — Sunday

9:00 am Explorers SS Class on Zoom

10:50 am Worship

October 27 — Tuesday

11:00 am Pastor's Bible Study on Zoom

7:00 pm Session (Zoom)

October 28 — Wednesday

6:00 pm Drive-Thru WNS: Asian Food!

October 31 — Saturday



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