



GATHERING

Hymn 390

LOUEZ LE SEIGNEUR

Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!
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Praise God's holy name. Alleluia!
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*Opening Sentences

Colossians 1:15–20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation.

**In him all things in heaven and on earth were
created, things visible and invisible.**

All things have been created through him and for him.
He himself is before all things.

In him all things hold together.

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
**and through him God was pleased to reconcile all
things. Alleluia! Amen!**

*Prayer of the Day

*Hymn 275

EIN FESTE BURG

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

**¹ 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.

2 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.

3 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.

4 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.

***Confession and Pardon**

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ.

We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, choosing fear over faith.

We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,

and show reluctance to welcome one another.

We allow the past to hold us captive.

In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us and free us from sin.

Fulfill the promises of our baptism so that we may rise to new life and live together in grace.

Friends, trust in the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

***Hymn 582 Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me**

**¹ Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

² World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

***Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

**The Reverend Laura Smith Conrad
A “Just as I Am” Jesus**

Hymn 185

Lonely the Boat

BAI

*all humming tune during stanzas 1-3
then all singing stanzas 4 and 5*

4 “Pleading for your memory, O Lord, even a sinner like me; command, O Lord, calm to the sea, as in Galilee! Please save my life from all danger, grant a peaceful life; O please be merciful, Lord, in time of calm and strife.

5 “Storms in our lives, cruel and cold, surely will arise again, threatening lives, threatening us on life’s wild sea. Powerful and great, God’s hand is there, firmly in control. O Lord, calm peace comes from you, peace comes to my lone soul.”

RESPONDING

***Affirmation of Faith**

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong -body and soul, in life and in death-to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

He watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of God; in fact, all things work together for my salvation.

**Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life and makes me
wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to
live for him.**

Anthem

Earth Song

Frank Ticheli

Sing, be, live, see

This dark stormy hour

The wind, it stirs

The scorched Earth cries out in vain

O war and power, you blind and blur

The torn heart cries out in pain

But music and singing have been my refuge

And music and singing shall be my light

A light of song. shining strong

Hallelujah, hallelujah

Through darkness and pain and strife

I'll sing, I'll be, live, see

Peace

Prayers of the People

Offerings

A Mighty Fortress

Be Still and Aware of God's Presence Within and All Around

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal God, creator of the world and giver of all good, We thank you for the earth, our home, and for the gift of life in all its blessing and wonder and abundance.

We praise you for your love in Jesus Christ, who came to heal this broken world, who calmed the storm and stilled the waves, who died rejected on the cross, who rose in triumph over death. Because he lives, we live to praise you, our God forever.

Gracious God, call us from death to life.

We give ourselves to you;

And with the church through all ages

we thank you now, and forevermore,

for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Unite our voices in the prayer you taught us:

**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.**

SENDING

*Hymn 19

GOD OF GREAT

God Great and God of Small

- 1 God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all, God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things belong, alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.**
- 2 God of land and sky and sea, God of life and destiny, God of never-ending power, yet beside me every hour, alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.**
- 3 God of silence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found, God of day and darkest night, God whose love turns wrong to right, alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.**
- 4 God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth, God of now and days before, God who reigns forevermore, alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.**

*Benediction and Charge

*Voluntary



Assisting in Worship:

**Laura Smith Conrad, Pastor, Fort Hill Presbyterian Church,
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WELCOME TO SUMMER WORSHIP IN MONTREAT

**All have a home here in the worship of the living God. In praise
and prayer, joy and lament, scripture and preaching, arts and
imagination, we come to be nourished by the sustaining grace
and love of God offered to all people. Montreat welcomes the
congregations of the Montreat Presbyterian Church and the
Black Mountain Presbyterian Church on Sunday mornings this
summer.**

**HEARING LOOP: Anderson Auditorium is equipped with a
hearing loop. To use this technology, a hearing aid must be set
to “T”. For the best result, sit in sections closest to the walls.**

**THIS MORNING’S OFFERING supports the worship ministry of
Montreat Conference Center. Offerings may be placed in the
basket or made online at www.montreat.org/SWO. Members of
Montreat Presbyterian Church and Black Mountain Presbyterian**

Church may designate their regular contributions to those congregations by using the printed envelopes available in the lobby (blue for Montreat PC, white for Black Mountain PC).

USHERS: We are grateful to this morning's ushers from Montreat Presbyterian Church.

AFTER WORSHIP: You are invited to greet our preacher, Rev. Laura Smith Conrad, in front of the stage after worship. Laura is a graduate of Presbyterian College and Columbia Theological Seminary. She joined Fort Hill Presbyterian Church in Clemson, SC in June 2009 as their 11th installed pastor. Laura's primary roles include weekly worship and preaching, leading the staff and Session, and coaching and equipping the ministries of this church to be fruitful and healthy.

SUNDAY LUNCH is served at 11:45 a.m. in the Galax Dining Room of Assembly Inn. Lunch is \$17.00 for adults (12+) and \$8.50 for children (5-11). Please purchase your ticket at the Front Desk of the Inn.

HYMN SINGS are on Sunday evenings at 7 pm in the Assembly Inn Lobby. Tonight's leader is Wayne Smith, DMA, who is organist/accompanist at St. James Episcopal Church in Black Mountain. Wayne retired from active musical life as a performer, teacher and church musician in Kansas City, MO to Swannanoa in 2016. He has since become involved in the area including the Asheville Area Piano Forum.

SUMMER WORSHIP PLANNING TEAM meets each week to review and plan the Summer Worship services. The team includes Richard DuBose, Michaela English, Hannah Garrity, Lynn Gilliland, Keith Grogg, Ann Laird Jones, Alec Peters, Kathy Russ, Carol Steele, and Eric Wall.

ARTIST'S STATEMENT

“And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, ‘Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?’” (Mark 4:41, NRSVUE) There was a recent tornado in the Black Mountain area. A father saved his child by responding to the notification in time and sheltering with the whole family in the basement, truly miraculous. Painting this storm in full acrylic color on canvas, the brush stroke gives energy to the scene. In the mountains the brush stroke varies to offer a sense of closely defined textures right before us, while blurring that which is far away. It is a way of creating a foreground, middle ground, and background in the image. The brush stroke in the clouds is full of texture again, pulling it forward toward the viewer, menacing, and beautiful in its power. Like the disciples, fear often takes the forefront in our decision making. May God’s voice bring the calm. “And waking up, he rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Be silent! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm.” (Mark 4:39, NRSVUE)

–Artist, Hannah Garrity

