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**University Interdenominational Protestant
Service of Worship**
Sunday, August 17th, 2025 — 11:00 a.m.
The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Series LXXV № 51

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✠ *Please rise, as you are able.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Call to Worship and Greeting

The Chaplain: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
The Chaplain: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

✠ Introit

Praise ye the Lord all the earth!
Serve ye the Lord with gladness
And come before his presence with singing.

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

Psalm 100:1–2

✦ Hymn

Judge eternal, throned in splendor

KOMM, O KOMM, DU GEIST DES LEBENS

1 Judge e - ter - nal, throned in splen - dor, Lord of lords and
 2 Still the wea - ry folk are pin - ing for the hour that
 3 Crown, O God, thine own en - deav - or; cleave our dark - ness

King of kings, with thy liv - ing fire of judg - ment
 brings re - lease, and the ci - ty's crowd - ed clang - or
 with thy sword; feed all those who do not know thee

purge this land of bit - ter things; sol - ace all its
 cries a - loud for sin to cease; and the home - steads
 with the rich - ness of thy word; cleanse the bo - dy

wide do - min - ion with the heal - ing of thy wings.
 and the wood - lands plead in si - lence for their peace.
 of this na - tion through the glo - ry of the Lord.

Words: Henry Scott Holland (1847-1918), alt.

Music: *Komm, o komm, du Geist des Lebens*, melody from *Neu-vermehrtes und zu Übung Christl. Gottseligkeit eingerichtetes Meiningisches Gesangbuch*, 1693

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✠ **Collect** (*in unison*)

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Kyrie

from *Missa brevis in G*, K 140

W. A. Mozart (1756–1791)

Kyrie eleison,
Christe eleison,
Kyrie eleison.

*Lord, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy.*

Assurance of Pardon

The Chaplain: If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Lesson

Job 1:1; 2:1–10

Job persists in his integrity

Lector: A lesson from the Book of Job, chapter 1, verse 1 and chapter 2, verses 1–10:

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil. One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD. ²The LORD said to Satan, ‘Where have you come from?’ Satan answered the LORD, ‘From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it.’ ³The LORD said to Satan, ‘Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason.’ ⁴Then Satan answered the LORD, ‘Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives.’ ⁵But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face.’ ⁶The LORD said to Satan, ‘Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life.’ ⁷So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. ⁸Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes. ⁹Then his wife said to him, ‘Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die.’ ¹⁰But he said to her, ‘You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?’ In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem

Si bona suscepimus

Hans Leo Hassler (1564–1612)

Si bona suscepimus

de manu Domini, mala autem,

quare non sustineamus?

*If we have received good things**from the hand of the Lord, bad things as well**should we not also endure?*

Job 2:10

Dominus dedit, Dominus abstulit;

sicut Domino placuit, ita factum est.

Sit nomen Domini benedictum.

*The Lord giveth, and the Lord taketh away;**as it has pleased the Lord, so it is done.**Blessed be the name of the Lord.*

Job 1:21

Lesson

Hebrews 1:1–4; 2:5–12

God's final word: His Son, made fully human

Lector:

A lesson from St. Paul's epistle to the Hebrews, chapter 1, verses 1–4,
and chapter 2, verses 5–12:

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,² but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds.³ He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,⁴ having become as much superior to angels, as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

⁵Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere, 'What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them?' ⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, ⁸subjecting all things under their feet.' Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. ¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason, Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.'

Lector:

The Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

The Psalter

Psalm 80:1–2, 8–19

O God, tend this vine

The antiphon is sung twice, first by choir alone, and then by choir and congregation.



The God of A-braham praise, all prais-ed be God's name,



who was, and is, and is to be, and still the same!

- Cantor:* Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock!
- People:* *You who are enthroned upon the cherubim,
shine forth before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.
Stir up your might, and come to save us!*
- Cantor:* You brought a vine out of Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.
- People:* *You cleared the ground for it;
it took deep root and filled the land.*
- Cantor:* The mountains were covered with its shade,
the mighty cedars with its branches;
- People:* *it sent out its branches to the sea,
and its shoots to the River.*
- Cantor:* Why then have you broken down its walls,
so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?
- People:* *The boar from the forest ravages it,
and all that move in the field feed on it.*
- Cantor:* Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven, and see;
have regard for this vine, the stock that your right hand planted.
- People:* *They have burned it with fire, they have cut it down;
may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance.*
- Cantor:* But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one whom you made strong for yourself.
- People:* *Then we will never turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call on your name.
Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved. ♪*

✠ **Gloria Patri** from *Magnificat in G*

C. V. Stanford (1852–1924)

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.

✠ **Gospel Lesson** Luke 12:49–56

Jesus brings fire on the earth

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke,
chapter 12, verses 49–56:

People: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sermon "Create Space"

The Rev. Dr. Brittany Longsdorf
Associate Dean of Religious Life and the Chapel
Princeton University

✱ Hymn 178

Hope of the world

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Unison

1. Hope of the world, thou Christ of great com - pas - sion,
 2. Hope of the world, God's gift from high - est heav - en,
 3. Hope of the world, a - foot on dust - y high - ways,
 4. Hope of the world, who by thy cross didst save us
 5. Hope of the world, O Christ o'er death vic - tor - ious,

speak to our fear - ful hearts by con - flict rent.
 bring - ing to hun - gry souls the bread of life,
 show - ing to wan - dering souls the path of light,
 from death and dark de - spair, from sin and guilt,
 who by this sign didst con - quer grief and pain,

Save us, thy peo - ple, from con - sum - ing pas - sion,
 still let thy spir - it un - to us be giv - en,
 walk thou be - side us lest the tempt - ing by - ways
 we ren - der back the love thy mer - cy gave us;
 we would be faith - ful to thy gos - pel glo - rious;

who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.
 to heal earth's wounds and end all bit - ter strife.
 lure us a - way from thee to end - less night.
 take thou our lives, and use them as thou wilt.
 thou art our Lord! Thou dost for - ev - er reign.

WORDS: Georgia Harkness, 1954

MUSIC: V. Earle Copes, 1963

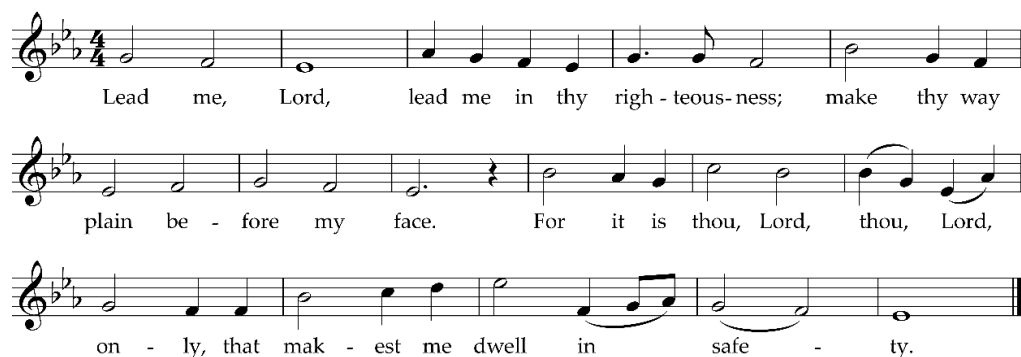
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Call to Prayer

Lead me, Lord (*sung by all*)

LEAD ME, LORD



Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righ - teous-ness; make thy way
plain be - fore my face. For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord,
on - ly, that mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Response

Amen, from Requiem, Op. 48

Gabriel Fauré (1845–1924)

Offertory Sentences

At the Offertory

Cibavit eos

William Byrd (c. 1540–1623)

Cibavit eos ex adipe frumenti, alleluia.
Et de petra melle saturavit eos, alleluia.

*He fed them from the fullness of the wheat, alleluia.
And sated them with honey from the rock, alleluia.*

Exultate Deo adiutori nostro,
Iubilare Deo Iacob.

*Rejoice in God our helper,
sing for joy to the God of Jacob.*

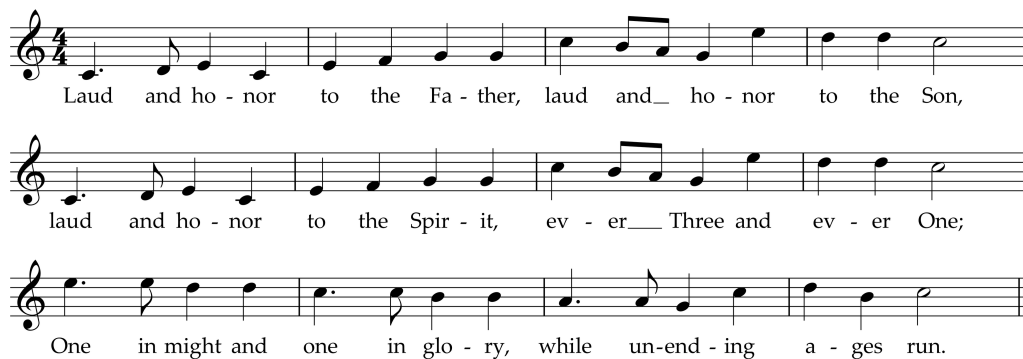
Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto
sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper,
et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

*Glory be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be. Amen.*

Introit for Corpus Christi

✦ Presentation of the Gifts *(sung by all)*

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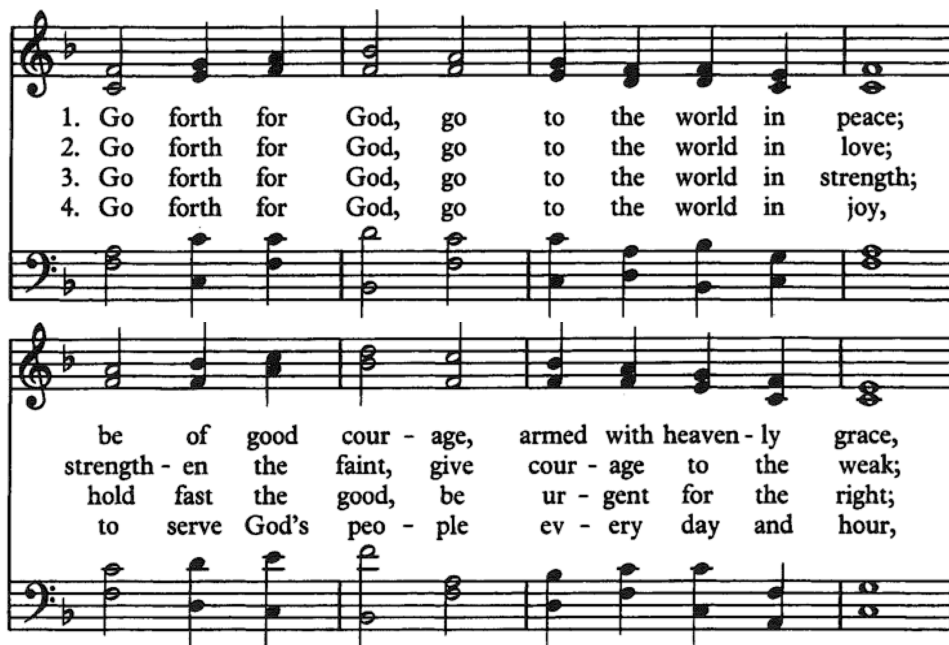
Laud and ho - nor to the Fa - ther, laud and ho - nor to the Son,
 laud and ho - nor to the Spir - it, ev - er Three and ev - er One;
 One in might and one in glo - ry, while un - end - ing a - ges run.

✦ Offertory Prayer

✦ Hymn 670

Go forth for God, go to the world in peace

GENEVA 124



1. Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;
 2. Go forth for God, go to the world in love;
 3. Go forth for God, go to the world in strength;
 4. Go forth for God, go to the world in joy,
 be of good cour - age, armed with heaven - ly grace,
 strength - en the faint, give cour - age to the weak;
 hold fast the good, be ur - gent for the right;
 to serve God's peo - ple ev - ery day and hour,

in God's good Spir - it dai - ly to in - crease,
 help the af - flict - ed; rich - ly from a - bove
 ren - der to no one e - vil; Christ at length
 and serv - ing Christ, our ev - ery gift em - ploy,

till in the king - dom we see face to face.
 God's love sup - plies the grace and power we seek.
 shall o - ver - come all dark - ness with his light.
 re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spir - it's power.

Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.
 Go forth for God, go to the world in love.
 Go forth for God, go to the world in strength.
 Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.

WORDS: John R. Peacey, 1975

MUSIC: *Genevan Psalter*, 1551; harm. by C. Winfred Douglas, 1940, alt.

GENEVA 124

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✦ Benediction

✦ Response

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

Lord, now lettest Thou servant depart in peace, according to thy word. Amen.

Luke 2:29

✦ Postlude

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