

October 11, 2020
19th Sunday after Pentecost



First Presbyterian Church of Lynn Haven

And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his own people. ~ Exodus 32:14

Prelude *Cantabile Sacra Twenty*

Paul F. Page

Call to Worship (Psalm 106)

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Remember us, O Lord, when you show favor to your people; help us when you deliver them.

We will rejoice in the gladness of your people and glory in your heritage.

Hymn *Let Us with a Gladsome Mind*

MONKLAND

Opening Prayer (*pray together*)

How blessed we are, O God, that your mercies shall endure, every faithful, ever sure. As we worship you this day, enable us by your Holy Spirit to be calm and trusting as we wait for your word and your will. Ease our impatience, so that we may delight in this day that you have give us. In the name of Christ our Savior we pray, Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you are the Lord our God, and yet our trust in you is fragile. We are impatient, wanting our own way, dismissing your faithfulness in times past, and easily broken when an answer to prayer is not instantly given or a request for peace not immediately felt. Lord, have mercy on us. Restore our trust in you and grant us the freedom to live in joyful devotion. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Hear the good news: Jesus Christ came to stand in the breach between our sin and God's salvation. We are now reconciled to God, forgiven, and freed!

Thanks be to God!

Music Meditation *Holy, Holy, Holy*

J. B. Dykes, arr. Christi Stills

Old Testament Reading Exodus 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, “Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.”² Aaron said to them, “Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.”³ So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron.⁴ He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!”⁵ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD.”⁶ They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

⁷ The LORD said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸ they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’”⁹ The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰ Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.”

¹¹ But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’”¹⁴ And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

The Message Impatience

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 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 *Lord, Make Us More Holy*

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Benediction

Postlude *Lead Me, Guide Me*

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