

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please welcome The Rev. Donald Simmons as our supply pastor this morning.

Holy Communion—Next Sunday, October 25

WEAR RED for Reformation Sunday—next Sunday, October 25!!

No Sunday School on October 25. Our first indoor “Cinema Sunday” will take place on November 1.

**Home Communion** - Call the church office at 610-779-3480 to sign up for a Home Communion visit.

**EXETER CARES website:** [www.exetercares.net](http://www.exetercares.net) to get help, or to give help (including donations).

**REMEMBER**—For everyone's health and safety, only employees of SLC should enter the church office unless an emergency situation exists. To deliver or pick up something from the church office, please contact Pastor Steve or Diane in advance so items can be put in the breezeway. Thank you for your understanding.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL INFO

Today marks the end of our outdoor Sunday School and mystery reader adventures. Special thanks to all of our mystery readers and outdoor Sunday School teachers!! Looking ahead, Sunday School will take 1 Sunday off (10/25). We will reconvene for INDOOR Sunday School starting on 11/1. It will be lots of fun for the kids. I'll send more information later. Check out the fabulous mystery reader (ME!), a second bonus mystery reader (!), and join us for Sunday School!

**Sunday's story and mystery reader are....**

Story - **Sermon on the Mount**  
Guest Reader - **Crystal Jordan**

Video link -<https://youtu.be/wpNJ1Aqd1SQ>

[Worksheet](#)

- this is a 4 in 1 document. It has a coloring page, fill-in-the-blank, crossword puzzle and word search!

Bonus Guest Reader - **Cara Dobbins reading "The Red Sea"**  
<https://youtu.be/uvK4t7L6j5g>



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## 20TH SUNDAY IN PENTECOST

## OCTOBER 18, 2020

**PRELUDE** *Fantasia in A-minor, BWV 904* ..... J. S. Bach

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, †one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Faithful God,

C **have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

C **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN** ELW #526 *God Is Here*

### GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

### KYRIE

P Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

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

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts.  
Created by you, let us live in your image;  
created for you, let us act for your glory;  
redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

**READING 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,  
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:  
Grace to you and peace.

<sup>2</sup>We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly <sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup>so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup>For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. <sup>9</sup>For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.  
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL Matthew 22:15-22**

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. <sup>16</sup>So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” <sup>21</sup>They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” <sup>22</sup>When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

P The Gospel of the Lord.  
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON . . . . .The Rev. Donald C. Simmons

SERMON HYMN ELW #686 *We Give Thee but Thine Own*

**PRAYER OF INTERCESSION**

P Lord, in your mercy,  
C **hear our prayer.**

**EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

*Offer to those present and those with you in spirit  
a gesture of peace, saying, “The peace of Christ be with you.”*

**OFFERING** *A basket for your offering is available on entering or exiting.*

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**BLESSING**

P Mothering God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.  
C Amen.

**SENDING HYMN** ELW #825 *You Servants of God*

**DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Remember the poor.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *The Girl With the Flaxen Hair . . . . . C. Debussy*

**Worship Leaders**

**The Rev. Donald Simmons, Supply Pastor**

The Rev. Dr. Steven H. Shussett, Pastor  
Ben D’Annibale, Music Director  
Denton Quick, Assisting Minister  
Sally Kennedy, Carillonneur

**Prayers for those with immediate concerns**

Pastor Steve, Alicia Shussett, Diane Dinkelocker, James Kohler, Sr.,  
Arlene Friz, Jon Dillon, Bob Pendi, Jeff Hoover

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