



Welcome to worship! We are glad you are with us!

First Parish Church is open to everyone and welcomes participation in the full life, leadership, and ministry of the Church. We are a diverse congregation. We welcome persons of any race, gender, ethnic origin, mental or physical ability, religious tradition, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, and economic circumstances. We affirm that the love of Christ for each person knows no bounds.

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2020

PRELUDE

Adoration

Alexandre Guilmant

Dr. Jane Hagness, organ

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Ed Bradley

CALL TO WORSHIP

On the way of freedom,
Let us do justice.

On the way of compassion,
Let us love kindness.

On the way of community,
Let us walk humbly with God.

**HYMN

O God of Earth and Altar
(see back pages)

NCH #582

**PRAYER

Everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed
your glory among the nations.
Preserve the works of your mercy,
that your Church throughout the world
may persevere with steadfast faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Bridgette Hodgkins

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM

Let Kindness Roll
Cherub Virtual Choir

Mark Miller

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 22:15-22

Nancy Hoffman

SERMON

Francesco Marshall

ANTHEM

Take My Life That I May Be
Adult Virtual Choir and World Percussion Ensemble

Havergal and Pharris

PRAYERS

Reverend Mary Baard

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our God, 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.**

OFFERING & OFFERTORY RESPONSE (Old Hundredth)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

HYMN

More Love to You, O Christ
(see back pages)

NCH #456

BENEDICTION

Dr. Jane Hagness

POSTLUDE

Guide Me Ever Great Redeemer
Dr. Jane Hagness, organ

J. Bert Carlson



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O God of Earth and Altar

St. 1-2, Gilbert K. Chesterton, 1906; alt.

St. 2, alt. Jane Parker Huber, 1985

St. 3, Jane Parker Huber, 1985

1 O God of earth and al - tar, bow down and hear our cry;
 2 From all that ter - ror teach - es, from lies of pen and voice,
 3 A - wak - en us to ac - tion and forge us in - to one,

Our earth-ly rul - ers fal - ter, our peo - ple drift and die;
 From all the eas - y speech - es that make our hearts re - joice,
 de - fy - ing sect and fac - tion; O God, your will be done!

The walls of gold en - tomb us, the swords of scorn di - vide;
 From val - ue's pro - fan - a - tion, from hon - or sac - ri - ficed,
 Op - pres - sive sys - tems snare us; our ap - a - thies in - crease.

Take not your thun - der from us, but take a - way our pride.
 From sleep and from dam - na - tion, de - liv - er us, O Christ!
 Great God, in mer - cy spare us for jus - tice and for peace!

More Love to You, O Christ

Elizabeth P. Prentiss, c. 1856; alt.

1 More love to you, O Christ, more love to you! Hear now the
2 Once earth-ly joy I craved, sought peace and rest; Now you a -
3 Then shall my lat - est breath whis - per your praise; This be the

Refrain
prayer I make faith to re - new.
lone I seek, give what is best: In all I say and do,
part - ing cry my heart shall raise:

more love, O Christ, to you, more love to you, more love to you!

Elizabeth Prentiss, a teacher and author of numerous books, wrote this hymn at a time of grief and physical illness. It was published some fifteen years later, together with William H. Doane's tune.

Tune: MORE LOVE TO YOU 6.4.6.4.6.6.4.4.
William H. Doane, 1870