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³² What more can I say? I would run out of time if I told you about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and the prophets. ³³ Through faith they conquered kingdoms, brought about justice, realized promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ put out raging fires, escaped from the edge of the sword, found strength in weakness, were mighty in war, and routed foreign armies. ³⁵ Women received back their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured and refused to be released so they could gain a better resurrection.

³⁶ But others experienced public shame by being taunted and whipped; they were even put in chains and in prison. ³⁷ They were stoned to death, they were cut in two, and they died by being murdered with swords. They went around wearing the skins of sheep and goats, needy, oppressed, and mistreated. ³⁸ The world didn't deserve them. They wandered around in deserts, mountains, caves, and holes in the ground.

³⁹ All these people didn't receive what was promised, though they were given approval for their faith. ⁴⁰ God provided something better for us so they wouldn't be made perfect without us.

City of God

Words and Music: Dan Schutte

Awake from your slumber, arise from your sleep
A new day is dawning for all those who weep

The people in darkness have seen a great light
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night

Refrain

*Let us build the city of God
May our tears be turned into dancing
For the Lord, our light and our love,
has turned the night into day*

We are sons of the morning, we are daughters of day
The One who has loved us has brightened our way

The Lord of all kindness has called us to be
a light for all people to set their hearts free

Refrain

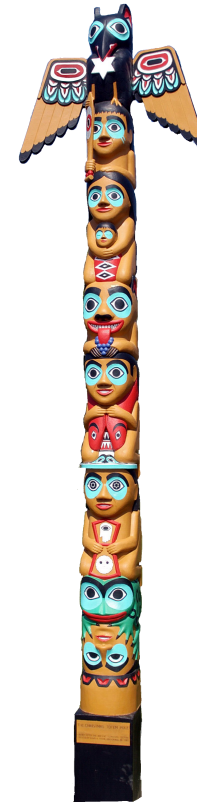
God is light, in God there is no darkness
Let us walk in the light as children one and all

O comfort my people, make gentle your words
Proclaim to my city the day of her birth

O city of gladness, now lift up your voice
Proclaim the good tidings that all may rejoice!

Refrain

Boulevard United Methodist Church on Broad



August 11, 2019

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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
4:00 pm at 1837 W Broad

Greeting

Risen with Christ, let us seek the realities of the Spirit.

Our life is hidden with Christ in God.

He who descended is also ascended far above the heavens,
that he might fill all things.

**When Christ, our Life, appears,
we shall appear with him in glory! Alleluia!**

Don E. Saliers

Hymn *Come, All You People* 2274

Time with Children

Joys and Concerns

Prayer *Come and Fill Our Hearts* 2157

Acclamation *Alleluia (Honduras)* 2078

Epistle Lesson Hebrews 11:1-16, 32-40

Sermon

Hymn *Sing with All the Saints in Glory* 702

Offering 94

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

The Lord's Supper (see insert)

Hymn *City of God*

Blessing and Dismissal

Hebrews 11:1-16, 32-40 (CEB)

¹ Faith is the reality of what we hope for, the proof of what we don't see. ² The elders in the past were approved because they showed faith.

³ By faith we understand that the universe has been created by a word from God so that the visible came into existence from the invisible.

⁴ By faith Abel offered a better sacrifice to God than Cain, which showed that he was righteous, since God gave approval to him for his gift. Though he died, he's still speaking through faith.

⁵ By faith Enoch was taken up so that he didn't see death, and *he wasn't found because God took him up*. He was given approval for having pleased God before he was taken up. ⁶ It's impossible to please God without faith because the one who draws near to God must believe that God exists and that God rewards people who try to find him.

⁷ By faith Noah responded with godly fear when he was warned about events he hadn't seen yet. He built an ark to deliver his household. With his faith, he criticized the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes from faith.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was going to receive as an inheritance. He went out without knowing where he was going.

⁹ By faith he lived in the land he had been promised as a stranger. He lived in tents along with Isaac and Jacob, who were coheirs of the same promise. ¹⁰ He was looking forward to a city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

¹¹ By faith even Sarah received the ability to have a child, though she herself was barren and past the age for having children, because she believed that the one who promised was faithful. ¹² So descendants were born from one man (and he was as good as dead). They were as many as the number of the stars in the sky and as countless as the grains of sand on the seashore. ¹³ All these people died in faith without receiving the promises, but they saw the promises from a distance and welcomed them. They confessed that they were strangers and immigrants on earth. ¹⁴ People who say this kind of thing make it clear that they are looking for a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking about the country that they had left, they would have had the opportunity to return to it. ¹⁶ But at this point in time, they are longing for a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God isn't ashamed to be called their God—God has prepared a city for them.

[The author continues to recount the faith of Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Rahab, and more, and then begins to conclude – see on back]

NURTURE

caring for one another and for our growth as disciples

{Inward}

WE ARE PRAYING for the Hannay family as they welcome life with Douglas, churches providing sanctuary, Wayne Harlow, Jen and Harrison Baronian, our country, and Bishop Sharma Lewis. Wish to add or restore a name? Say so via the offering plate or the church's e-mail address.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH for infants - 5 years of age begins after the children's moment. They rejoin us for Communion. Our childcare provider is employed by Grace Covenant Child Development Center.

IN SEPTEMBER we're getting back into a new swing. Even if that doesn't make sense (!), join us for these Sunday events:

- *Pies and Pints*: On Sunday, Sept. 8, our Staff Parish Relations Committee invites you walk just .1 mile for pizza, your drink of choice, and welcome for Drew, Shea, Kyrienne, and Halley. Get to know them (and all your Boulevard family) better.
- Reader's Theater presents *The Gospel of Mark* on Sept. 22. We rarely read more than snippets of scripture together; now, we'll read all the way through. Whoever wants to read gets a part. It's fun and transforming! Bring a friend and a potluck dish to share.

OUTREACH

participating in ministries of compassion, justice, and advocacy

{Outward}

- VCU Move-In Day – Saturday, August 17. We'll pair up with the Rev. Katie Gooch at the Pace Center at VCU to welcome our student neighbors home.
- Virginia Pride Fest 2019 – Saturday, September 28. With our downtown friends Centenary UMC, we'll celebrate our LGBTQ+ neighbors and offer the too-rare presence of church support.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God...

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory,

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus...

And so,

in remembrance of these, your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving

as a holy and living sacrifice,

in union with Christ's offering for us,

as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pour out your Spirit on us, and pour out your Spirit on these gifts...

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.

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER