Worship Outline – September 20, 2020 (25th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Prelude Prelude and Fugue in E Major

Vincent Lubeck

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

O Worship the King

LYONS

O worship the King, all glorious above
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?

It breathes in the air; it shines in the light

It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain

And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail
In you do we trust, nor find you to fail
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend

Prayer of Confession

Lord, your generosity surprises us. For you do not hand out grace according to how hard we work, or how often we worship, or how closely we follow the rules. You lavish grace upon us according to your own desire. But we insist on deciding who is deserving and who is not. We grumble that some receive too little while others have more than they deserve. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to live with humility and gratitude so that our words and deeds might embody your grace. Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

Passing of the Peace

During this time, we invite you to pass the peace by texting a fellow church member, family member, friend, relative, or loved one.

First Reading Ecclesiastes 7:11-22

AnthemI Want to Walk as a Child of the Light arr. Trenney

First Plymouth Church Choir – Lincoln, NE Conductor/Accompanist – Tom Trenney

Second Reading Philippians 1:12-30

Homily Tim Reynolds

Affirmation of Faith – *adapted from* The Heidelberg Catechism

When we acknowledge God's creation and providence, we learn that we are to be patient in adversity, grateful in the midst of blessing, and to trust our faithful God and Father for the future, assured that no creature shall separate us from God's love, since all creatures are so completely in God's hand that without his will they cannot even move.

Offertory

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, power, and glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn Christ Be Beside Me Bunessan

Christ be beside me; Christ be before me Christ be behind me, King of my heart Christ be within me; Christ be below me Christ be above me, never to part

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand
Christ all around me, shield in the strife
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting
Christ in my rising, Light of my life

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me Christ be on all tongues telling of me Christ be the vision in eyes that see me In ears that hear me, Christ ever be

Charge & Benediction

Postlude Toccata and Fugue in E Major Vincent Lubeck