

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
June 25, 2023 Worship Bulletin**

**Gathering for God's Word**

**Opening Songs of Praise**

“Hallelujah (Your Love is Amazing)”

Your love is amazing, steady and unchanging,  
Your love is a mountain, firm beneath my feet;  
Your love is a mystery, how You gently lift me  
When I am surrounded, Your love carries me.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
Your love makes me sing.  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
Your love makes me sing.

Your love is surprising, I can feel it rising,  
All the joy that's growing deep inside of me;  
Every time I see you, all Your goodness shines through,  
I can feel this God song, rising up in me.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
Your love makes me sing.  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
Your love makes me sing.  
Words and Music: Brian Doerksen & Brenton Brown  
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“Isn't He”

Isn't He beautiful? Beautiful, isn't He?  
Prince of Peace, Son of God, Isn't He?  
Isn't He beautiful? Beautiful, isn't He?  
Prince of Peace, Son of God, Isn't He?  
Counselor, Almighty God, isn't He, isn't He, isn't He?  
Words and Music: John Wimber  
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#519, “You are my All in All”

You are my strength when I am weak  
You are the treasure that I seek  
You are my all in all  
When I fall down You pick me up  
When I am dry You fill my cup  
You are my all in all

Jesus, Lamb of God  
Worthy is Your name  
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Text & Music: Dennis L. Jernigan, 1990

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\*Welcome & Passing the Peace of Christ

Announcements

Time of Silence & Ringing the Bell

## Preparing for God's Word

\*Call to Worship

[based on Exodus 33: 12-23, Psalm 99, Matthew 22: 15-22]

Leader: The earth has its kings, but God is ruler of all.

**People: Praise God above all, the giver of life!**

Leader: The mountains may tremble, the oceans may roar,

**People: But God's presence is more powerful than the earth itself.**

Leader: Let us come into God's presence, for God is among us now.

**People: O God, show us your glory for we seek your ways.**

Leader: Let us come to the Rock, the God of life, as we sing praise to the Lord today!

\*Hymn of Adoration

#610, "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing," vs 1-4

O for a thousand tongues to sing

My dear Redeemer's praise,

The glories of my God and King,

The triumphs of his grace!

The name of Jesus charms our fears,

And bids our sorrows cease;

Sings music in the sinner's ears,

Brings life, and health, and peace.

Christ speaks, and listening to his voice,

New life the dead receive;

The mournful waken to rejoice,

The poor in heart believe.

My gracious Master and my God

Assist me to proclaim  
To spread through all the earth abroad  
The honors of Thy name  
Text: Charles Wesley, 1739  
Music: Carl Gotthelf Glaser, 1828, arr. Lowell Mason, 1839  
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## Prayer of Confession

*[time of silent personal confession]*

**All: Mighty God, too often we give more attention to our own success and happiness than to your will. Too often we get what we need from this world without enough thought on others who are in need. We often speak up without waiting to listen to others and keep silent when we should speak your truth. We judge others, forgetting that you alone are the Judge. We act from our own opinions and feelings rather than according to your commands. We are often slow to practice love of our neighbors and we are not always your faithful servants. Forgive us and help us to live as disciples of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Savior. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

[based on Romans 5: 8-9]

Leader: Hear the Good News. God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**People: Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through Christ!**

Leader: In Christ, we are forgiven. Praise God.

## Hearing God's Word

### Children's Message

Ages 12 and under gather up front as congregation sings, #188, "Jesus Loves Me."  
After the Children's Message, the children may return to sit with their families.

### Hymn of Preparation

#442, "Just as I Am, without One Plea," vs 1, 2, 3

Just as I am, without one plea,  
But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt;  
Fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1834

Music: William Batchelder Bradbury, 1849; harm. The Hymnbook, 1955

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## Prayer of Illumination

### New Testament Reading: Ephesians 2: 11-22

11 Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called “uncircumcised” by those who call themselves “the circumcision” (that done in the body by the hands of men) — 12 remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.

14 For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, 15 by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, 16 and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. 17 He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God’s people and members of God’s household, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. 21 In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. 22 And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

## Sermon

“You Asked For It... The Difference One Word Can Make”

## Responding to God’s Word

### \*Affirmation of Faith

[From the Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1]

Leader: What do we believe about the relationship we have with Christ?

**All: My only comfort in life and in death is that I am not my own, but belong— body and soul, in life and in death— to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can**

**fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

## Offering

Offertory

Offertory Anthem

“Who am I,” Casting Crowns Cover performed by Joanna Elvis & Cyril Jose

\*Response

#606, The Doxology, “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

\*Prayer of Dedication

## Prayers of the People

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

## The Lord's Prayer

**All: 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. 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 of Response

“In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found,

He is my light, my strength, my song;

This cornerstone, this solid ground,

Firm thro’ the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,

When fears are stilled, when striving cease.

My comforter, my all in all,

Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh,

Fullness of God in helpless babe.

This gift of love and righteousness,

Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross, as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied;  
For every sin on Him was laid.  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I stand.  
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### \*Benediction

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#2070, "He is Exalted," Sing the Faith Hymnal  
He is exalted the King is exalted on High  
I will praise Him  
He is exalted forever exalted  
And I will praise His name

He is the Lord  
Forever His truth shall reign  
Heaven and Earth  
Rejoice in His holy name  
He is exalted the King is exalted on high  
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### \*Postlude

### \*Please Stand if Able