

**4th Sunday After Pentecost
July 3, 2022 Worship Bulletin**

Gathering for God's Word

Prelude

*Introit

#743, "Step By Step"

O God, You are my God
And I will ever praise You
O God, You are my God
And I will ever praise You

I will seek You in the morning
And I will learn to walk in Your ways
And step by step You'll lead me
And I will follow You all of my days

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Passing the Peace of Christ

Welcome & Announcements

Time of Silence & Ringing of the Bell

Preparing for God's Word

* Call to Worship

[based on Psalm 66]

Leader: Come and hear what God has done —

People: God has heard our prayers.

Leader: When we passed through the torrent of deep troubles,

People: God turned the sea to dry land.

Leader: When we are tangled in the web of life,

People: God does not let our feet slip.

Leader: When we are tested through fire and water.

People: God brings us to a spacious place.

Leader: Come and hear what God has done-
People: God surrounds us with steadfast love.

*Hymn of Praise

#611, "Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee"

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,
Op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee!

Mortals, join the happy chorus,
Which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
Joining all in Heaven's plan
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

Text: Henry Van Dyke, 1907, alt.

Music: Ludwig Van Beethoven, 1824, adapt. Edward Hodges, 1842, alt.
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Prayer of Confession

[time for individual prayers of silent confession]

All: Heavenly Father, we lower our heads before you and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there was no God and we fall short of being a credible witness to You. For these things we ask your forgiveness and we also ask for your strength. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may witness to You in our world. Remind us to be who You would have us to be regardless of what we are doing

or who we are with. Hold us to You and build our relationship with You and with those You have given us on earth.

Assurance of Pardon

[based on Hebrews 10:10; Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 66]

Leader: Hear the Good News. We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

People: This is God's gospel promise: to forgive our sins and give us eternal life by grace alone because of Christ's one sacrifice finished on the cross.

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

#157, "I Danced in the Morning," vs. 1, 3, 4, and 5

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from Heaven and I danced on the earth,
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said He.

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame,
The holy people said it was a shame;
They whipped and they stripped and they hung Me high;
And they left Me there on a cross to die.

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
They buried My body and they thought I'd gone,
But I am the dance and I still go on.

They cut Me down and I leapt up high,
I am the Life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in Me;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He.

Text: Sydney Carter, 1963

Music: American Shaker melody, adapt. Sydney Carter, 1963

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Old Testament Reading: Psalm 30

1 I will exalt you, O LORD, for you lifted me out of the depths and did not let my enemies gloat over me. 2 O LORD my God, I called to you for help and you healed me. 3 O LORD, you brought me up from the grave; you spared me from going down into the pit. 4 Sing to the LORD, you saints of his; praise his holy name. 5 For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning. 6 When I felt secure, I said, "I will never be shaken." 7 O LORD, when you favored me, you made my mountain stand firm; but when you hid your face, I was dismayed. 8 To you, O LORD, I called; to the Lord I cried for mercy: 9 "What gain is there in my destruction, in my going down into the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it proclaim your faithfulness? 10 Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me; O LORD, be my help." 11 You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, 12 that my heart may sing to you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.

Message

Responding to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith

[The Apostles Creed]

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Offertory

Choral Anthem: "God is Our Refuge," Wilshire Baptist Youth Choir

*Response

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

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him, all creatures here below

Praise Him above the Heavenly host

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

Amen

Text: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709

Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551

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*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.

[various prayers]

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

#835, "Just a Closer Walk with Thee," vs 1, 2

Refrain:

Just a closer walk with Thee

Grant it, Jesus, is my plea

Daily walking close to Thee

Let it be, dear Lord, let it be

I am weak but Thou art strong

Jesus keep me from all wrong

I'll be satisfied as long

As I walk, let me walk close to Thee

Thro' this world of toil and snares,

If I falter, Lord, who cares?

Who with me my burden shares?

None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.

Text & Music: Trad. North American hymn

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***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

#2282, "I'll Fly Away," vs 1, Sing the Faith Hymnal

Some glad morning when this life is over
I'll fly away
To a home on God's celestial shore
I'll fly away

Refrain:

I'll fly away, oh, Glory
I'll fly away
When I die, hallelujah, by and by
I'll fly away

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***Postlude**

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