

**2nd Sunday After Pentecost
June 19, 2022 Worship Bulletin**

Gathering for God's Word

Prelude

*Introit

#319, "Shout to the North"

Men of faith rise up and sing
Of the great and glorious King
You are strong when you feel weak
In your brokenness complete

Chorus:
Shout to the North and the South
Sing to the East and the West
Jesus is savior to all
Lord of heaven and earth

Rise up women of the truth
Stand and sing to broken hearts
Who can know the healing power
Of our awesome King of love

Rise up church with broken wings
Fill this place with songs again
Of our God who reigns on high
By God's grace again we'll fly

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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

[inspired by Psalm 132:8-9]

Leader: Let's gather together in the presence of our God. Let's bring our songs of praise and our prayers of thanksgiving and bow down in worship before the Lord our Maker.

People: Arise, O God, and enter Your sanctuary, You, and the ark of Your strength. Clothe us in justice and faithfulness, and put new songs of joy and praise in our mouths.

Leader: Let's worship God together!

*Hymn of Praise

#649, "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound," vs. 1-3

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace, my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead us home

Text: Stanzas 1-4, John Newton, 1772

Music: Columbian Harmony, 1829, arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1920, alt.
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Prayer of Confession

[time for individual prayers of silent confession]

All: Holy God, Lord of love: Forgive us for all the worship we pretended to do but didn't mean it; For not shouting to the world all the ways we see you at work around us; for not always trusting that you are really with us; for not listening when you call and direct us; for all the ways we do not really believe that the Good News is also meant for those we do not like. Forgive us, Lord. Encourage us and change our hearts. Help us and inspire us, so that we will magnify you in all we do. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

[based on Micah 7:18-20]

Leader: Hear the Good News. Who is a God like you, pardoning sin and passing over the transgression of those who belong to you?

People: God does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in showing mercy. He will have compassion upon us again; he will tread our sins under foot. He will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

Leader: In, through, and by 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.

Commissioning of the Men of the Church

Leader: In Galatians 3 it reminds us that we are baptized into Christ and are clothed with Christ.

Women: There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female for all of us are one in Christ Jesus.

Leader: We are called by God to be the Church of Jesus Christ, a sign in the world today of what God intends for all humankind.

Women: The great ends of the church are the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.

Leader: We are here today on Father's Day to recommission the men of Union to the ministry God has called each of them to as disciples of Christ. Discipleship is both a gift and a commitment, an offering from God and a responsibility. These men are called to serve the Church, in their homes and with their families, in their paid and/or volunteer work in the community, and even through engaging in mission around the world.

Women: They are called to share the gospel in word and deed, to nurture others in faith, to pray and praise God in all the tasks laid before them, to come alongside those who struggle in faith or in life, and to reflect the light of Christ in all the dark places of the world.

Leader: We know that God has placed a unique call on each of these men. And we commission them here to God's service. Men of Union, Who is your Lord and Savior?

Men: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior

Leader: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

Men: I will, with God's help.

Leader: And do you welcome the responsibility of this service as a follower of Jesus Christ to serve those Christ has put in your path with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, relying on God's mercy and empowered by the Holy Spirit?

Men: I do.

Leader: You may be seated and let us pray.

Prayers of the People

[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 Preparation

#475, "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Come Thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it
Mount of God's unchanging love

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Hither by Thy help I've come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

O, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy grace now like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, O take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

Text: Robert Robinson, 1758 alt.

Music: Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813

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Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 7:1-17

7:1 So the men of Kiriath Jearim came and took up the ark of the LORD. They took it to Abinadab's house on the hill and consecrated Eleazar his son to guard the ark of the LORD.

2 It was a long time, twenty years in all, that the ark remained at Kiriath Jearim, and all the people of Israel mourned and sought after the LORD. 3 And Samuel said to the whole house of Israel, "If you are returning to the LORD with all your hearts, then rid yourselves of the foreign gods and the Ashtoreths and commit yourselves to the LORD and serve him only, and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines." 4 So the Israelites put away their Baals and Ashtoreths, and served the LORD only.

5 Then Samuel said, "Assemble all Israel at Mizpah and I will intercede with the LORD for you." 6 When they had assembled at Mizpah, they drew water and poured it out before the LORD. On that day they fasted and there they confessed, "We have sinned against the LORD." And Samuel was leader of Israel at Mizpah.

7 When the Philistines heard that Israel had assembled at Mizpah, the rulers of the Philistines came up to attack them. And when the Israelites heard of it, they were afraid because of the Philistines. 8 They said to Samuel, "Do not stop crying out to the LORD our God for us, that he may rescue us from the hand of the Philistines." 9 Then Samuel took a suckling lamb and offered it up as a whole burnt offering to the LORD. He cried out to the LORD on Israel's behalf, and the LORD answered him.

10 While Samuel was sacrificing the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to engage Israel in battle. But that day the LORD thundered with loud thunder against the Philistines and threw them into such a panic that they were routed before the Israelites. 11 The men of Israel rushed out of Mizpah and pursued the Philistines, slaughtering them along the way to a point below Beth Car.

12 Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen. He named it Ebenezer, saying, "Thus far has the LORD helped us." 13 So the Philistines were subdued and did not invade Israelite territory again.

Throughout Samuel's lifetime, the hand of the LORD was against the Philistines. 14 The towns from Ekron to Gath that the Philistines had captured from Israel were restored to her, and Israel delivered the neighboring territory from the power of the Philistines. And there was peace between Israel and the Amorites.

15 Samuel continued as judge over Israel all the days of his life. 16 From year to year he went on a circuit from Bethel to Gilgal to Mizpah, judging Israel in all those places. 17 But he always went back to Ramah, where his home was, and there he also judged Israel. And he built an altar there to the LORD.

Sermon

"Samuel's True Grit... Raise Your Ebenezer"

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn of Response

#738, "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

O Master, let me walk with thee
In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me thy secret, help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move
By some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,
And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me thy patience; still with thee
In closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
In trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray
Far down the future's broad'ning way,
In peace that only thou canst give,
With thee, O Master, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1879
Music: Henry Percy Smith, 1974
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Offering

Offertory

Choral Anthem: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand," Ukrainian Choir & Kyiv Symphony
performing in Canada

*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

*Benediction

***Benediction Response**

#2037, "I Sing Praises to Your Name," Sing the Faith Hymnal

I sing praises to Your Name, O Lord,
Praises to Your Name, O Lord,
For Your Name is great and greatly to be praised.
I sing praises to Your Name, O Lord,
Praises to Your Name, O Lord,
For Your Name is great and greatly to be praised.

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***Postlude**

***Please Stand if Able**