

**18th Sunday After Pentecost
October 9, 2022 Worship Bulletin**

Gathering for God's Word

Prelude

*Welcome & Passing the Peace of Christ

*Song of Praise

#137, "He Came Down," vs. 1, 3, 4

He came down that we may have love
He came down that we may have love
He came down that we may have love
Hallelujah, forevermore.

He came down that we may have peace
He came down that we may have peace
He came down that we may have peace
Hallelujah, forevermore

He came down that we may have joy
He came down that we may have joy
He came down that we may have joy
Hallelujah, forevermore

Text: Cameroon song

Music: Cameroon melody; transcr. And arr. By John ., Bell, 1986

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Announcements

Time of Silence & Ringing of the Bell

Preparing for God's Word

*Call to Worship

[based on 2 Corinthians: 1:20-22]

Leader: All the promises of God find their "Yes" in Christ.

People: That is why we say "Amen" through him, to the glory of God.

Leader: It is God who allows us to stand firm in Christ. He has anointed us.

People: God has put his seal upon us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

Leader: Let us worship our great God.

*Hymn of Adoration

#263, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," vs. 1, 2, 3

All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall.
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
And crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
And crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To him all majesty ascribe,
And crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe,
And crown him Lord of all!

Text: Stanzas 1-3 Edward Perronet-1779, stanzas, 2-3, alt. John Rippon, 1787
Stanza 4, John Rippon, 1787
Music: Oliver Holden, 1793; desc. Michael E. Young 1979
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Prayer of Confession

[time of silence for private confession].

All: Loving God, our all-wise and understanding Lord, hear our prayer as we confess our sin. Have mercy upon us, for we are deceitful and foolish. Ambition often controls our relations with others; cheating and lying help us gain more control over our situations. We are surrounded by values that bring disorder; our world is filled with selfishness that distorts your truth. Save us from boasting and serving unworthy ends; save us for Christ, in whom alone abides the mercy and grace we so need. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

[Based on Colossians 2:13-14]

Leader: Hear the Good News; while we were still dead in our trespasses and uncircumcised in our flesh, God made us alive together with Christ,

People: He forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross.

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

#216, "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Beneath the cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty Rock
Within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness,
A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat
And the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus
Mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of One
Who suffered there for me:
And from my stricken heart with tears
Two wonders I confess,
The wonders of redeeming love
And my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow
For my abiding place:
I ask no other sunshine than
The sunshine of his face;
Content to let the world go by,
To know no gain nor loss;
My sinful self my only shame,
My glory all the cross.

Text: Elizabeth Cecilia Douglas Clephane, 1868,alt.
Music: Frederick Charles Maker, 1881
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New Testament Responsive Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

Leader: When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit,"

People: "For theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Leader: "Blessed are those who mourn,"

People: "For they will be comforted."

Leader: "Blessed are the meek,"

People: "For they will inherit the earth."

Leader: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,"

People: "For they will be filled."

Leader: "Blessed are the merciful,"

People: "For they will receive mercy."

Leader: "Blessed are the pure in heart,"

People: "For they will see God."

Leader: "Blessed are the peacemakers,"

People: "For they will be called children of God."

Leader: "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,

People: "For theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Leader: "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven,

People: "For in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Prayer of Illumination

New Testament Reading: John 19:23-27

23 When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.

24 "Let's not tear it," they said to one another. "Let's decide by lot who will get it."

This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled which said, "They divided my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing." So this is what the soldiers did.

25 Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. 26 When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," 27 and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

Sermon

"The Beatitudes... Behold Your Mother"

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.

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.

Offering

Offertory

Offertory Anthem

“Mary, Did You Know,” Hannah Ellis

*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

*Hymn of Response

#824, "Near to the Heart of God"

There is a place of quiet rest,
Near to the heart of God,
A place where sin cannot molest,
Near to the heart of God.

Refrain:

O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
Sent from the heart of God,
Hold us, who wait before thee,
Near to the heart of God.

There is a place of comfort sweet,
Near to the heart of God,
A place where we our Savior meet,
Near to the heart of God.

There is a place of full release,
Near to the heart of God,
A place where all is joy and peace,
Near to the heart of God.

Text & Music: Cleland Boyd McAfee, 1901
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*Benediction

*Benediction Response

#605, "Praise to God the Father"

Praise to God the Father, Praise to God the Son
Praise to God the Spirit, Praise to the Three in One
Sing praise, sing praise, to the Lord on high
Praise to God Almighty, Praise to the Holy One

Text: anon.

Music: Ghanaian melody; arr. Alfred V. Fedak, m 2011

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*Postlude

*Please Stand if Able