

**20th Sunday After Pentecost
October 23, 2022 Worship Bulletin**

Gathering for God's Word

Prelude

*Welcome & Passing the Peace of Christ

*Song of Praise

#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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Announcements

Time of Silence & Ringing of the Bell

Preparing for God's Word

*Call to Worship

[Based on Psalm 113: 1-3]

Leader: Hallelujah! Servants of God, praise, praise the name of the Lord.

People: Bless the Lord's name now and always. Praise the Lord's name here and in every place from east to west.

Leader: Let us gather and worship our amazing God!

*Hymn of Adoration

#65, "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land.

I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven,
Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more
Feed me till I want no more

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, Strong Deliverer
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee.
I will ever give to Thee.

Text: William Williams, 1762, stanza 1, Peter Williams, 1771, stanzas 2-3, trans.
William Williams, 1772
Music: John Hughes, 1907
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Prayer of Confession

[time of silence for private confession].

All: Gracious God, you have given us the law of Moses and the teachings of Jesus to direct us in the way of life. You gave us the cross and offer us your Holy Spirit so that we can be born to new life as your children. Yet, O God, we confess that the ways of this world, the ways of death, have a strong attraction on us and that we often succumb to their lure. Give us the vision and courage to choose and nurture the life found in you, so that we may receive your blessing. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

[John 3: 16-17]

Leader: Hear the Good News, "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

People: God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

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

#649, "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound," vs.1, 3, 5

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

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

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Then when we'd first begun

Text: Stanzas 1-4, John Newton, 1772

Music: Columbian Harmony, 1829, arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1920, alt.
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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: Luke 23: 44-49

44 It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, 45 for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. 46 Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last.

47 The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, "Surely this was a righteous man." 48 When all the people who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place, they beat their breasts and went away. 49 But all those who knew him, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Sermon

"Into Your Hands I Commend My Spirit"

Responding to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith

[From the Heidelberg Catechism Q&A's 32, 34]

All: I am called Christian because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity. We call him "our Lord" because— not with gold or silver, but with his precious blood— he has set us free from sin and from the tyranny of the devil, and has bought us, body and soul, to be his very own.

Offering

Offertory

Offertory Anthem

"My Life is in Your Hand," West Indies College Gospel Choir Reunion

*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

#2165, "Cry of My Heart," Sing the Faith Hymnal

Refrain:

It is the cry of my heart to follow You

It is the cry of my heart to be close to You

It is the cry of my heart to follow

All of the days of my life

Teach me Your holy ways oh Lord

So I can walk in Your truth

Teach me Your holy ways oh Lord

And make me wholly devoted to You

Open my eyes so I can see
The wonderful things that You do
You do wonderful things, God
Open my heart up more and more
And make it wholly devoted to You

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*Benediction

*Benediction Response

#2163, "He Who Began a Good Work in You," Sing the Faith Hymnal

He who began a good work in you
He who began a good work in you
Will be faithful to complete it
Will be faithful to complete it
He who started the work
Will be faithful to complete it in you

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*Postlude

*Please Stand if Able