

**2nd Sunday After Pentecost
June 11, 2023 Worship Bulletin**

Gathering for God's Word

Opening Songs of Praise

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

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 O Lord
So I can walk in Your truth
Teach me Your holy ways O Lord
And make me wholly devoted to You

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

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"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"
How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
That He should give his only Son, to make a wretch his treasure,
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice, call out among the scoffers,
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life- I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have been my ransom.

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"That's Why We Praise Him"
He came to live, live a perfect life,

He came to be the Living Word, our Light;
He came to die so we'd be reconciled,
He came to rise to show His pow'r and might.

And that's why we praise Him, that's why we sing;
That's why we offer Him our everything,
That's why we bow down and worship this King,
Cause He gave His everything;
Cause He gave His everything.

He came to live, live again in us,
He came to be our conquering King and friend;
He came to heal and show the lost ones His love,
He came to go prepare a place for us.

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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 Psalm 107: 1-9]

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

People: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town; hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

Leader: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress; he led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town.

People: Let us thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.

*Hymn of Adoration

#408, "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"
There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;

There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain:

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love.
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,
When we shall leave this place.

There are blessings you cannot receive
Till you know Him in His fullness and believe;
You're the one to profit when you say,
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."

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Prayer of Confession

[time of silent personal confession]

All: Loving Father, we confess that sometimes we think we can do things all by ourselves and sometimes we are worried about things. We forget that you give us everything we have and that you make us who we are. Please forgive us for thinking about ourselves first. Please forgive us for not trusting you to take care of us. Thank you for always loving us even when we forget that we need you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

[based on 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: Indeed, 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: Because of God's incredible love and grace and because of Christ's sacrifice we are truly forgiven. Praise God.

Anthem

"You Are Holy"

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

#647, "Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart;

Give thanks to the Holy One;

Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.

And now let the weak say, "We are strong";

Let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"

Give thanks. Give thanks.

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Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 25: 6-12

6 Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. 7 Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you are good, O LORD. 8 Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways. 9 He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way. 10 All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful for those who keep the demands of his covenant. 11 For the sake of your name, O LORD, forgive my iniquity, though it is great. 12 Who, then, is the man that fears the LORD? He will instruct him in the way chosen for him.

Sermon

"You Asked For It... Ferocious Beasts or Scrumptious Feasts?"

Responding to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith

[The Apostle's 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

Offertory Music

*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

#649, "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound," vs. 1, 3, 4

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 us home

The Lord has promised good to me

His Word my hope secures

He will my Shield and Portion be

As long as life endures

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*Benediction

*Benediction Response

#2087, "We Will Glorify the King of Kings," vs. 1 & 3, Sing the Faith Hymnal

We will glorify the King of kings
We will glorify the Lamb
We will glorify the Lord of lords
Who is the great I AM

He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth
He is Lord of all who live
He is Lord above the universe
All praise to Him we give

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*Postlude

*Please Stand if Able