

**8th Sunday After Pentecost
July 24, 2022 Worship Bulletin**

Gathering for God's Word

Prelude

*Introit

#452, "Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You

I want to see You

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You

I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up

Shining in the light of Your glory

Pour out Your power and love

As we sing holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy,

I want to see you

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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 100]

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us and we are his;

People: We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

People: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

*Hymn of Praise

#839, "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!"

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine;
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love

Text: Fanny Jane Crosby, 1873

Music: Phoebe Palmer Knapp, 1873

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Prayer of Confession

[time for individual prayers of silent confession]

All: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We too often selfishly break Your holy laws. We leave undone those things which we ought to have done; and we too often do those things which we ought not to have done; and there is nothing purely good in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare us, O God, as we confess our faults. Restore us; according to Your promises, to be the men and women we are called to be in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of His name. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

[based on Romans 5:8-9]

Leader: Hear the Good News. God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

People: Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

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

#465, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1855
Music: Charles C. Converse, 1868
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New Testament Reading:

James 1:1-8

1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes scattered among the nations: Greetings.

2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance.

4 Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. 5 If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. 6 But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. 7 That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord. 8 He is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does.

Message: "Christian Living in the Trials of Life"

Responding to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith

[From the Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 1]

Leader: What do we believe about living a life of faith?

People: My only comfort in life and in death is that I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death— to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Offering

Offertory

Choral Anthem: Special 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.

[various prayers]

Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God,
People: And renew a right spirit within me.

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

#721, "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

Lord, You have come to the lakeshore,
Looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones,
You only ask me to follow humbly

Refrain:

O Lord, with Your eyes You have searched me
And while smiling have spoken my name
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me
By Your side I will seek other seas.

You know so well my possessions
My boat carries no gold and no weapons
You will find there my nets and labor

You need my hands, full of caring
Through my labors to give others rest
And constant love that keeps on loving

You, who have fished other oceans
Ever longed for by souls who are waiting
My loving friend as thus You call me.

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*Benediction

*Benediction Response

#543, "O Christ Surround Me," vs 5

Christ in the eyes of all who see me
Christ in the ears that hear my voice
Christ in the hearts of all who know me

O Christ, surround me
O Christ, surround me

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*Postlude

*Please Stand if Able