

**7th Sunday After Pentecost
July 24, 2022 Worship Bulletin**

Gathering for God's Word

Prelude

*Introit

#613, "How Majestic is Your Name"

O Lord, our Lord
How majestic is Your name in all the earth
O Lord, our Lord
How majestic is Your name in all the earth
O Lord, we praise Your name
O Lord, we magnify Your name
Prince of peace, mighty God
O Lord, God Almighty

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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 67: 4-6]

Leader: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

People: Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Leader: The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

People: Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

*Hymn of Praise

#450, "Be Thou My Vision," vs. 1,3, 4

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only first in my heart
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art

High King of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all

Text: Irish poem trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; ver. Eleanor Hull, 1912, alt.
Music: Irish ballad, harm. David Evans, 1927
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Prayer of Confession

[time for individual prayers of silent confession]

All: Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – both that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We often love with conditions. We often judge and condemn. We sometimes cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to you in repentance and for help. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

[based on 1 Peter 2: 24]

Leader: Hear the Good News. Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness;

People: By his wounds we have been healed. 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

#722, "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak," vs. 1, 3, 5

Lord, speak to me that I may speak
In living echoes of Your tone.
As You have sought, so let me seek
Your erring children, lost and lone.

Oh, teach me, Lord, that I may teach

The precious truths which You impart.
And wing my words that they may reach
The hidden depths of many a heart.

Oh, use me, Lord, use even me,
Just as You will, and when, and where
Until Your blessed face I see,
Your rest, Your joy, Your glory share.

Text: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1987, alt
Music: Robert Schumann, 1839, alt.
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Old Testament Reading: Genesis 18: 20-32

20 Then the LORD said, "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous 21 that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know."

22 The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the LORD. 23 Then Abraham approached him and said: "Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? 24 What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? 25 Far be it from you to do such a thing — to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?"

26 The LORD said, "If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

27 Then Abraham spoke up again: "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but dust and ashes, 28 what if the number of the righteous is five less than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city because of five people?"

"If I find forty-five there," he said, "I will not destroy it."

29 Once again he spoke to him, "What if only forty are found there?"

He said, "For the sake of forty, I will not do it."

30 Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak. What if only thirty can be found there?"

He answered, "I will not do it if I find thirty there."

31 Abraham said, "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, what if only twenty can be found there?"

He said, "For the sake of twenty, I will not destroy it."

32 Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?"

He answered, "For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it."

New Testament Reading: Luke 11: 1-13

11:1 One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

2 He said to them, "When you pray, say: "'Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. 3 Give us each day our daily bread. 4 Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.'"

5 Then he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and he goes to him at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, 6 because a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have nothing to set before him. '

7 "Then the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children are with me in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' 8 I tell you, though he will not get up and give him the bread because he is his friend, yet because of the man's boldness he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

9 "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

11 "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead?

12 Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13 If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Message

"Who is My Neighbor?"

Responding to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith

[From the Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 26]

Leader: What do we believe about God's providence?

All: I believe that the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ his Son. I trust him so much that I do not doubt he will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and he will turn to my good whatever adversity he sends me in this sad world. He is able to do this because he is Almighty God; he desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.

Offering

Offertory

Choral Anthem: "I Need Thee Every Hour," Apostolic Christian Church Virtual Men's Choir

*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

#69, "Here I Am Lord"

I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard My people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save
I, who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if You lead me
I will hold Your people in my heart

I, the Lord of snow and rain
I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them
They turn away
I will break their hearts of stone
Give them hearts for love alone
I will speak My words to them
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide
'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give My life to them
Whom shall I send?

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*Benediction

*Benediction Response

#543, "O Christ Surround Me," vs 4

Walking behind to hem my journey
Going ahead to light my way
And from beneath, above, and all ways
O Christ, surround me
O Christ, surround me

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*Postlude

*Please Stand if Able