

**17th Sunday After Pentecost
October 2, 2022 Worship Bulletin
World Communion Sunday**

Gathering for God's Word

Prelude

*Welcome & Passing the Peace of Christ

*Song of Praise

#519, "You are My All in All"

You are my strength when I am weak

You are the treasure that I seek

You are my all in all

When I fall down You pick me up

When I am dry You fill my cup

You are my all in all

Jesus, Lamb of God

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Announcements

Time of Silence & Ringing of the Bell

Preparing for God's Word

*Call to Worship

[Based on Ephesians 4:4-6; 1 Peter 2: 4,]

Leader: Today we gather around the Lord's table from near and far. Though we differ in language, custom, and tradition

People: Those who gather around the Lord's Table are brothers and sisters in Christ.

Leader: For there is one body, and one Spirit, just as we were called to one hope.

People: There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Leader: Because we come to Christ, the living stone— rejected by humans but Chosen by God,

People: We are God's Chosen people, a royal priesthood, and God's special possession.

Leader: Christ gave himself up for us, so we could be reconciled to God.

People: Come, let us worship the God of our Salvation!

*Hymn of Adoration

#267, "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

[This song was written by Christian Bateman, a pastor of the Congregational Church and Church of England, in the mid 19th century; the music is from Spain a century before]

Come, Christians, join to sing

Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King;

Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice,

Before his throne rejoice;

Praise is his gracious choice:

Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high,

Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky;

Alleluia! Amen!

He is our guide and friend,

To us he'll condescend;

His love shall never end:

Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again;

Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain;

Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore,

His goodness we'll adore,

Singing forevermore,

Alleluia! Amen!

Text: Christian Henry Bateman, 1843

Music: Spanish Folk melody, arr. Benjamin Carr, 1824, harm. David Evans, 1927

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Prayer of Confession

[based on modern Greek Orthodox Prayer of Confession]

All: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, Shepherd and Lamb, you offered your life on the cross to take away the sins of the world. You granted forgiveness to Peter and to the woman who turned to You in tears. You forgave the debts of the two debtors and also said, "him who comes to me I will not cast out." Lord, receive us as sinners now and hear our prayers of Repentance...

[time of silence for private confession].

Leader: Hear our continued prayers, Lord.

All: Lord, we acknowledge our sins and transgressions, voluntary and involuntary, known and unknown and firmly resolve, with the help of your grace, to turn away from our sins and to amend our lives according to your teachings. Help us walk in the way of the righteous and to offer praise to your glorious name forever. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

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

#292, "As The Wind Song"

[This song was written for the Chinese church in the 1930's. The music was composed first. When the lyricist heard the tune, she felt the tune sounded like the moving of the Holy Spirit, both gentle and powerful].

As the wind song through the trees,
As the stirring of the breeze,
So it is with the Spirit of God,
As the heart made strangely warm,
As the voice within the storm,
So it is with the Spirit of God.
Never seen, ever known
Where this wind has blown
Bringing life, bringing power to the world,
As the dancing tongues of fire,
As the soul's most deep desire,
So it is with the Spirit of God.

As the rainbow after rain,

As the hope that's born again,
So it is with the Spirit of God,
as the green in the spring,
As a kite on a string,
So it is with the Spirit of God,
Making worlds that are new,
Making peace come true,
Bringing gifts, bringing love to the world,
As the rising of the yeast,
As the wine at the feast,
So it is with the Spirit of God.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, 2004: Chinese trans. Ee Suen Wong, 2005
Music: Swee Hong Lim, 2004
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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.”

New Testament Reading: Luke 23:38-43

38 There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

39 One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Christ? Save yourself and us!”

40 But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? 41 We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

42 Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

43 Jesus answered him, “I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Sermon

“The Beatitudes... Today You Shall Be With Me In Paradise”

Responding to God’s Word

Anthem

“Remember Me,” by Deborah Govenor

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Prayer of the Presence of Christ

[adapted Latin American Prayer]

People: Lord, with your fatherly hand, sculpt the sign of the cross on our foreheads and in our hearts through this meal. Unite us as brothers and sisters to Christ through his work on the cross. May the cross preside over our lives and from it may we learn to offer you our prayers in trust until your Kingdom comes.

Words of Institution

Partaking of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offering

Offertory

Offertory Hymn

#624, “I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art,” vs. 1-3

[This hymn is often attributed to John Calvin. It was originally written in French and was part of a 1545 Stassburg Psalm book].

I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
My only trust and Savior of my heart,
Who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take

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Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,
Reigning omnipotent in ev’ry place:
So come, O King, and our whole being sway;
Shine on us with the light of thy pure day.

Thou art the Life, by which alone we live,
And all our substance and our strength receive;
Sustain us by thy faith and by thy power
And give us strength in every trying hour

Text: *Psalms*, Strasbourg, 1545, trans. Elizabeth Lee Smith, 1868

Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551

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***Response**

#605, "Praise to God the Father"

[This version of the doxology comes from the Ghanaian people. We are singing an English paraphrase]

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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***Prayer of Dedication**

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

#853, "Siyahamba," vs. 1

[South African Hymn of Praise]

We are marching in the light of God ,we are marching in the light of God
We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God
We are marching, marching, we are marching, O
We are marching in the light of God
We are marching, marching, we are marching, O
We are marching in the light of God

Text: South African, English trans. Gracia Grindal, 1984

Music: South African, arr. Freedom is Coming, 1984

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***Postlude**

***Please Stand if Able**