

**3rd Sunday After Pentecost
June 18, 2023 Worship Bulletin**

Gathering for God's Word

Opening Songs of Praise

"Beautiful One"

Wonderful, so wonderful is Your unfailing love,
Your cross has spoken mercy over me.
No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no heart could fully know
How glorious, how beautiful You are.

Beautiful One I love,
Beautiful One I adore,
Beautiful One my soul must sing.

Powerful, so powerful, Your glory fills the skies,
Your mighty works displayed for all to see.
The beauty of Your majesty awakes my heart to sing:
How marvelous, how wonderful You are.

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"A Shield About Me"

Thou, O Lord, are a shield about me.
You're my glory;
You're the lifter of my head.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,
You're the lifter of my head.

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"Come People of the Risen King"

Come, people of the risen King who delight to bring Him praise.
Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of Grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him.
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice, O church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun and those weeping through the night.
Come those who tell of battles won and those struggling in the fight.

For His perfect love will never change and His mercies never cease.
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace.

Come, young and old from ev'ry land, men and women of the faith.
Come those with full or empty hands, find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world His people sing, shore to shore we hear them call.
The truth that cries through ev'ry age, "Our God is all in all!"

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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 36: 5-9]

Leader: O God, your constant love reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness extends to the skies.

People: Your righteousness towers like the mountains, your justice is deeper than the sea.

Leader: All find protection under the shadow of your wings. We feast on the abundance you provide.

People: You are the source of all life, and in your light, we see light.

Leader: Let us give all glory to the Lord!

*Hymn of Adoration

#265, "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun," vs 1, 2, 4

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does it successive journeys run;

His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head;
His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns; the prisoners leap to loose their chains;
The weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.

Music: Attr. John Hatton, c. 1793

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Prayer of Confession

[time of silent personal confession]

All: O gracious and almighty God, Father of mercy, God of all comfort: we confess before you today the evil of our hearts; we acknowledge that we are often too inclined toward anger, jealousy, and revenge, to ambition and pride, that often leads to discord, hurt, and bitter feelings between us and those around us. Too often we both offend and grieve you. Patient and loving Father, forgive us of our sin and allow us to partake in the incredible blessing you have promised through Christ, which allows us to be adopted as your children. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

[based on Acts 13: 38; Ephesians 1: 7]

Leader: Hear the Good News, through Jesus Christ forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to us all.

People: In Christ we have redemption through his blood and the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.

Leader: All praise be to 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.

Commissioning of the Men of the Church

Leader: In Galatians 3 it reminds us that we are baptized into Christ and are clothed with Christ.

Women: There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female for all of us are one in Christ Jesus.

Leader: We are called by God to be the Church of Jesus Christ, a sign in the world today of what God intends for all humankind.

Women: The great ends of the church are the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.

Leader: We are here today on Father's Day to recommission the men of Union to the ministry God has called each of them to as disciples of Christ. Discipleship is both a gift and a commitment, an offering from God and a responsibility. The men here today are called to serve the Church, in their homes and with their families, in their paid or volunteer work in the community, and even by supporting and engaging in mission throughout the world.

Women: They are called to share the gospel in word and deed, to nurture others in faith, to pray and praise God in all the tasks laid before them, to come alongside those who struggle in faith or in life, and to reflect the light of Christ in all the dark places of the world.

Leader: We know that God has placed a unique call on each of these men. And we commission them here to God's service. Men of Union, will you stand? Who is your Lord and Savior?

Men: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior

Leader: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

Men: I will, with God's help.

Leader: And do you welcome the responsibility of this service as a follower of Jesus Christ to serve those Christ has put in your path with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, relying on God's mercy and empowered by the Holy Spirit?

Men: I do.

Leader: You may be seated and let us pray.

Commissioning Prayer

Hymn of Preparation

#2086, "Open our Eyes," Sing the Faith Hymnal

Open our eyes, Lord

We want to see Jesus

To reach out and touch Him

And say that we love Him

Open our ears, Lord

And help us to listen

Open our eyes, Lord

We want to see Jesus

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Prayer of Illumination

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 4: 12-16

12 For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. 13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

14 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are — yet was without sin. 16 Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Sermon

"You Asked for It... Angel Numbers & Numbers of Angels"

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 Anthem

"Before the Throne of God Above," performed by Hymns of Grace

*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

#134, "Joy to the World," vs. 1, 3, 4

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.

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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