

**23rd Sunday After Pentecost
November 13, 2022 Worship Bulletin**

Gathering for God's Word

Prelude

*Welcome & Passing the Peace of Christ

*Song of Praise

#319, "Shout to the North"

Men of faith rise up and sing
Of the great and glorious King
You are strong when you feel weak
In your brokenness complete

Chorus:

Shout to the North and the South
Sing to the East and the West
Jesus is savior to all
Lord of heaven and earth

Rise up women of the truth
Stand and sing to broken hearts
Who can know the healing power
Of our awesome King of love

Rise up church with broken wings
Fill this place with songs again
Of our God who reigns on high
By God's grace again we'll fly

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Announcements

Stewardship Minute

Time of Silence & Ringing of the Bell

Preparing for God's Word

*Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 124: 8)

Leader: "Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth." What did God do to help us?

People: God chose the people of Israel to make a new beginning. They received God's covenant and prepared the way for Jesus, our Savior, to come with a new and even greater covenant.

Leader: Let us worship the God of the covenant, the God of heaven and earth.

*Hymn of Adoration

#838, "Standing on the Promises," vs. 1-3

Standing on the promises of Christ, my King,
Through eternal ages let His praises ring;
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God.

Refrain:

Standing, standing,
Standing on the promises of God, my Savior;
Standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail.
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises of Christ, the Lord,
Bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord,
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
Standing on the promises of God.

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Prayer of Confession

[time of silence for private confession].

All: Heavenly Father, there are many times we think we love you and others well. But when we hear of your call to love you with all our heart, and all our mind, and all our strength and to love our neighbor as ourselves, we realize just how much we still have to grow in love.

Gracious God, we confess that our love for you is often a diluted love, flattened by other less important loyalties and by our own divided hearts. Our love seems pure only for brief moments and then our affections are drawn away to other things. How easily our devotion dies. Forgive us, Lord. Have mercy on us and spare us. In your grace, help us experience anew the sort of love Jesus ' displayed for us and allow it to rekindle our love for you and those you put in our lives. 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!

Leader: In Christ, we are forgiven. 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

#443, "There is a Redeemer"

There is a redeemer
Jesus, God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah
Holy One

Refrain:

Thank you, oh my father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit
'Til the work on Earth is done

Jesus my redeemer
Name above all names
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah
Oh, for sinners slain

When I stand in Glory
I will see His face

And there I'll serve my King forever
In that Holy Place

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Veterans Day Prayer

New Testament Reading: Mark 2: 1-12

2:1 A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. 2 So many gathered that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. 3 Some men came, bringing to him a paralytic, carried by four of them. 4 Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and, after digging through it, lowered the mat the paralyzed man was lying on. 5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

6 Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, 7 "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

8 Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, "Why are you thinking these things? 9 Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'?" 10 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins. . . ." He said to the paralytic, 11 "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." 12 He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all.

This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

Sermon

"Our Miraculous King... Jesus as Priest"

Responding to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith

[The Apostles 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,” Christ’s Ambassadors, New Presbyterian Church

*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

#363, “Rejoice, the Lord is King”

Rejoice, the Lord is King:

Your Lord and King adore!

Rejoice, give thanks and sing,

And triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Our Savior, Jesus, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains,
He took his seat above;
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus giv'n:
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord and judge shall come
And gather all the saints
To their eternal home:
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1746, alt.
Music: John Darwall, 1770
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*Benediction

*Benediction Response

#2069, "All Hail King Jesus," Sing the Faith Hymnal

All hail King Jesus
All hail Emmanuel
King of Kings
Lord of Lords
Bright Morning Star
And throughout eternity

I'll sing Your praises
And I'll reign with You throughout eternity

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*Postlude

*Please Stand if Able