

**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
July 23, 2023 Worship Bulletin**

**Gathering for God's Word**

Opening Songs of Praise

#2025, "As the Deer," Sing the Faith Hymnal  
As the deer pants for the water  
So my soul longs after you  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship you

You alone are my strength, my shield  
To you alone may my spirit yield  
You alone are my hearts desire  
And I long to worship you

Text & Music: Martin J. Nystrom, 1984  
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#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  
Worthy is Your name  
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Worthy is Your name

Text & Music: Dennis L. Jernigan, 1990  
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#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

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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\*Welcome & Passing the Peace of Christ

Announcements

Time of Silence & Ringing the Bell

## Preparing for God's Word

\*Call to Worship

[based on Psalm 9:1-2]

Leader: We will give thanks to you, O Lord, with our whole heart; we will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

**People: We will be glad and exult in you; we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

Leader: Praise the Lord.

**People: The Lord's name be praised!**

\*Hymn of Adoration

#475, "Come Thou Font of Every Blessing"

Come Thou fount of every blessing

Tune my heart to sing Thy grace

Streams of mercy never ceasing

Call for songs of loudest praise

Teach me some melodious sonnet

Sung by flaming tongues above

Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it

Mount of God's unchanging love

Here I raise my Ebenezer

Hither by Thy help I've come

And I hope by Thy good pleasure

Safely to arrive at home  
Jesus sought me when a stranger  
Wandering from the fold of God  
He to rescue me from danger  
Interposed His precious blood

O, to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be  
Let that grace now like a fetter  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee  
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it  
Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it  
Seal it for Thy courts above

Text: Robert Robinson, 1758 alt.

Music: Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813  
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## Prayer of Confession

*[time of silent personal confession]*

**All: Lord, you come to us, but we do not always recognize you; you call, but we often fail to follow; you command, but we do not always obey, you bless us, but we often forget to thank you. Please forgive and help us.**

*Men: Lord, you accept us, but we do not always accept others; you forgive us, but we do not always forgive those who wrong us; you love us, but we do not always love our neighbors.*

**All: Lord, please forgive and help us.**

Women: Lord, you showed us how to carry out your mission, but we often stubbornly insist on our own way; you identified yourself with outcasts, the needy, and the poor, but we often do not even bother to find out what is happening to them; you suffered and died for the sake of all, but we have such a hard time giving up our comfortable lives.

**All: Lord, please forgive and help us. We ask all this through the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

[based on 1 Timothy 1: 15; 1 Peter 2: 24]

Leader: Hear the Good News: This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

**People: He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.**

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**People: Thanks 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.

## Hymn of Preparation

#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.

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 Illumination

### New Testament Reading: Romans 10: 1-13

10:1 Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved. 2 For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge. 3 Since they did not know the righteousness that comes from God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. 4 Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes. 5 Moses describes in this way the righteousness that is by the law: "The man who does these things will live by them." 6 But the righteousness that is by faith says: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) 7 "or 'Who will descend into the deep?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). 8 But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: 9 That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe

and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. 11 As the Scripture says, “Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame.” 12 For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile — the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, 13 for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

## Sermon

“The Trickier Bits... Descended into Hell”

## 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 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.**

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**

#649, "Amazing Grace," vs. 1, 2, 4  
Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now am found  
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace, my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

The Lord has promised good to me  
His Word my hope secures  
He will my Shield and Portion be  
As long as life endures

Text: Stanzas 1-4, John Newton, 1772

Music: Columbian Harmony, 1829, arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1920, alt.  
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**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response**

#543, "O Christ, Surround Me," vs 1, 4  
God be the love to search and keep me  
God be the prayer to move my voice  
God be the strength to now uphold me  
O Christ, surround me  
O Christ, surround me

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