7th Sunday after Pentecost July 16, 2023

Gathering God invites us to enter His presence

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (Time for Silent Preparation)

Call to Worship (Responsively)

Hob Pusey

Who is this God whom we have come to worship? God is the creator of all.

The creator of birds and trees, wind and sea?
God is the creator of all things seen and unseen.
Then let us worship the God of creation,
the God of all things great and small.

Invocation (Responsively)

Hob Pusey

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We are estranged from our Creator, from our neighbor, from our true selves, and from all that God has made.
Therefore let us confess our sins.

y Hymn

10,000 Reasons

Chorus
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul.
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul,
I'll worship Your holy name.

Verse 1
The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Chorus

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger Your name is great and Your heart is kind For all Your goodness I will keep on singing Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Chorus

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing The end draws near and my time has come Still my soul will sing Your praise unending Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Chorus

Ending Lord, I'll worship Your holy name Lord I'll worship Your holy name

Confessing God invites us to be honest with Him

Call to Confession (Responsively)

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Prayer of Confession

Hob Pusev

O God, the earth is full of your creatures; in wisdom you have made us all, and you have delivered us into one another's care, asking that we love one another as you first loved us. But we have fostered discord rather than unity, contempt rather than respect, ignorance rather than love. Communities, peoples, creatures, lands, seas—they have been set apart, or torn apart, or driven apart, by conflicting claims and thoughtless ambitions. You know our works and our thoughts, Lord. So do this day as you have promised: Gather together all our tribes and tongues, and restore us to harmony. Reconcile us in your spirit of peace, and from new moon to new moon, and from sabbath to sabbath, all flesh shall worship your name. **Amen.**

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon (Responsively)

Hob Pusey

Our world, broken and scarred, still belongs to God, who holds it together and gives us hope. With the whole creation we join the song:
"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth

and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" He has made us a kingdom of priests to serve our God.

and we will reign on earth.

God will be all in all, righteousness and peace will flourish, everything will be made new, and every eye will see at last that our world belongs to God. Hallelujah! Come, Lord Jesus!

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, Is now and ever shall be, world without end. A-men, A-men.

<u>Offering</u>

Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him

Invitation

God has shown us the meaning of generosity in the beautiful diversity of creation, in the overflowing love of Jesus Christ, in the never-ending gift of the Holy Spirit. God has abundantly blessed us and called us to be a community that honors each other, to serve others with joy, to share our love and material possessions. Let us rejoice in what we have been given and in what is ours to give.

Offering

Offertory Faith of Our Fathers Bill McCaughey

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.

Prayer of Dedication

We are not our own; we belong to you. You have created us and given us life anew, O God, our Creator, Savior, and Sustainer. We extend our arms and open our hands to present our offerings to you. We make these gestures to display outwardly our hearts' overflowing gratitude for all your gifts. Receive these gifts from us, O Triune God, and through them bring life and hope to many. In the name of Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Proclaiming God speaks to us through His Word

Children's Sermon God Created Us Dennis Lesher

Scripture Reading Genesis 2:4-25

⁴ These are the records of the heavens and the earth, concerning their creation. At the time that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵ no shrub of the field had yet grown on the land, and no plant of the field had yet sprouted, for the LORD God had not made it rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground. ⁶ But mist would come up from the earth and water all the ground. ⁷ Then the LORD God formed the man out of the dust from the ground and breathed the breath of life into his nostrils, and the man became a living being.

⁸ The LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he placed the man he had formed. ⁹ The LORD God caused to grow out of the ground every tree pleasing in appearance and good for food, including the tree of life in the middle of the garden, as well as the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰ A river went out from Eden to water the garden. From there it divided and became the source of four rivers. ¹¹ The name of the first is Pishon, which flows through the entire land of Havilah, where there is gold. ¹² Gold from that land is pure; bdellium and onyx are also there. ¹³ The name of the second river is Gihon, which flows through the entire land of Cush. ¹⁴ The name of the third river is Tigris, which runs east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and placed him in the garden of Eden to work it and watch over it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for on the day you eat from it, you will certainly die." ¹⁸ Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper corresponding to him." ¹⁹ The LORD God formed out of the ground every wild animal and every bird of the sky and brought each to the man to see what he would call it. And whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ The man gave names to all the livestock, to the birds of the sky, and to every wild animal; but for the man no helper was found corresponding to him. ²¹ So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to come over the man, and he slept. God took one of his ribs and closed the flesh at that place. ²² Then the LORD God made the rib he had taken from the man into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³ And the man said:

This one, at last, is bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh; this one will be called "woman," for she was taken from man.

²⁴ This is why a man leaves his father and mother and bonds with his wife, and they become one flesh. ²⁵ Both the man and his wife were naked, yet felt no shame.

Sermon "Adam and Eve"

Rev. Tim Latham

Responding We respond to God's Word

Profession of Faith (Heidelberg Catechism)

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 the Son.
I trust God so much that I do not doubt he will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and will turn to my good whatever adversity he sends upon me in this sad world.
God is able to do this because he is almighty God and desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.

Prayers of the People

<u>Commissioning</u> God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

Hymn 60 Morning Has Broken

Benediction & Blessing

Postlude

Today's prayer partners are Barb Finch , Dan Obenschain