

**11th Sunday after Pentecost
August 13, 2023**

Gathering
God invites us to enter His presence

Prelude *Allegro by Telemann*
Flute Duet: Ali Backlund and Pamela Johnson


Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship *(Time for Silent Preparation)*

 **Call to Worship** *(Responsively)*

Jim Fox

*The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;
**for he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.**
Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?
**Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
and do not swear deceitfully.***

 **Invocation** *(Responsively)*

Jim Fox

*Jesus Christ, you come to transfigure us
and renew us in the image of God:
shine in our darkness.
Jesus Christ, light of our hearts, you know our thirst:
lead us to the wellspring of your gospel.
Jesus Christ, light of the world, you shine in every human being:
enable us to discern your presence in each person.
Jesus Christ, friend of the poor:
open in us the gates of simplicity so that we can welcome you.
Jesus Christ, gentle and humble of heart:
renew in us the spirit of childhood.
Jesus Christ, you send your church to prepare your path in the world:
open for all people the gates of your kingdom. Amen.*

 **Hymn 6**

Sing Praise to God who Reigns Above

Confessing
God invites us to be honest with Him

Call to Confession *(Responsively)*

Jim Fox

When humans deface God's image,
The whole world suffers:
We abuse the creation or idolize it.
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.

Prayer of Confession

Jim Fox

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess
our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you.
You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your
ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.
Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry
for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins,
and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Jim Fox

There is now no condemnation
for those who are in Christ 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.*

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

Invitation

With thankfulness we give in gratitude and joy.
With prayerfulness we give in sacrifice and love.
With hopefulness we give in commitment to God.

Offering

Offertory

*This Little Light of Mine
Flute Duet with Piano*

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

Almighty and most merciful God,
from you comes every good and perfect gift.
We give you praise and thanks for all your mercies.
Your goodness has created us, your bounty has sustained us,
your discipline has chastened us, your patience has borne with us,
your love has redeemed us.
Give us a heart to love and serve you,
and enable us to show our thankfulness for all your goodness and mercy
by giving up ourselves to your service
and cheerfully submitting in all things to your blessed will,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Praise Song

I Will Be Still

Verse 1

*Though the earth give way, Though the mountains fall to the sea
Though its waters roar, I will cling to Thee*

Pre-Chorus

There is no fear as I look upon you

Chorus

*I will be still, I will be still
And know, and know, and know You are God.*

Verse 2

*Though the nations rage and creation yearns for the Lord,
Though the earth may melt, I'm forever yours.*

Pre-Chorus

There is no fear as I look upon you

Chorus

*I will be still, I will be still
And know, and know, and know You are God.*

Bridge

*Forever my refuge, forever my strength, forever my helper,
forever my friend!*

Pre-chorus

There is no fear, there is no fear, there is no fear, as I look upon You.

Chorus (2x)

*I will be still, I will be still
And know, and know, and know You are God.*

Proclaiming
God speaks to us through His Word

Children's Sermon

Noah Builds an Ark

Sue Obenschain

Scripture Reading

Genesis 6:5-7:5

⁵ When the LORD saw that human wickedness was widespread on the earth and that every inclination of the human mind was nothing but evil all the time, ⁶ the LORD regretted that he had made man on the earth, and he was deeply grieved. ⁷ Then the LORD said, "I will wipe mankind, whom I created, off the face of the earth, together with the animals, creatures that crawl, and birds of the sky—for I regret that I made them." ⁸ Noah, however, found favor with the LORD.

⁹ These are the family records of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among his contemporaries; Noah walked with God. ¹⁰ And Noah fathered three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

¹¹ Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with wickedness.^[a] ¹² God saw how corrupt the earth was, for every creature had corrupted its way on the earth. ¹³ Then God said to Noah, "I have decided to put an end to every creature, for the earth is filled with wickedness because of them; therefore I am going to destroy them along with the earth.

¹⁴ "Make yourself an ark of gopher^[b] wood. Make rooms in the ark, and cover it with pitch inside and outside. ¹⁵ This is how you are to make it: The ark will be 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high.^[c] ¹⁶ You are to make a roof,^[d] finishing the sides of the ark to within eighteen inches^[e] of the roof. You are to put a door in the side of the ark. Make it with lower, middle, and upper decks.

¹⁷ "Understand that I am bringing a flood—floodwaters on the earth to destroy every creature under heaven with the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish. ¹⁸ But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark with your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives. ¹⁹ You are also to bring into the ark two of all the living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. ²⁰ Two of everything—from the birds according to their kinds, from the livestock according to their kinds, and from the animals that crawl on the ground according to their kinds—will come to you so that you can keep them alive. ²¹ Take with you every kind of food that is eaten; gather it as food for you and for them." ²² And Noah did this. He did everything that God had commanded him.

⁷ Then the LORD said to Noah, "Enter the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. ² You are to take with you seven pairs, a male and its female, of all the clean animals, and two of the animals that are not clean, a male and its female, ³ and seven pairs, male and female, of the birds of the sky—in order to keep offspring alive throughout the

earth. ⁴Seven days from now I will make it rain on the earth forty days and forty nights, and every living thing I have made I will wipe off the face of the earth.” ⁵And Noah did everything that the LORD commanded him.

Sermon

“God Prepares Noah”

Rev. Tim Latham



Hymn 347

Be Still, My Soul

Responding

We respond to God’s Word



Profession of Faith *(Belgic Confession)*

What do you believe about God?

**We all believe in our hearts
and confess with our mouths
that there is a single and simple
spiritual being,
whom we call God—
eternal, incomprehensible,
invisible, unchangeable,
infinite, almighty;
completely wise,
just, and good,
and the overflowing source of all good.**

Prayers of the People

Commissioning

God sends us out into the world as His witnesses



Praise Song

Cornerstone

Verse 1 (2x)

*My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly trust in Jesus’s name.*

Chorus

*Christ alone, Cornerstone; weak made strong in the Savior’s love.
Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all.*

Verse 2

*When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.*

Chorus

Verse 3

*When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone. Faultless stand before the throne.*

Chorus

 **Benediction & Blessing**

 **Postlude**

*Today's prayer partners are
Bernie Hughes and Jim Fox*