10th Sunday After Pentecost August 14, 2022

Gathering God invites us to enter His presence

Prelude Joyous Litany Scott
I Shall Not Want Clarke

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (Time for Silent Preparation)

Call to Worship (Responsively)

Jim Fox

Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Who is he, this King of glory?

The LORD Almighty—
he is the King of glory.

Invocation (Responsively)

Jim Fox

O God, you summon the day to dawn, you teach the morning to waken the earth. For you the valleys shall sing for joy, the trees of the field shall clap their hands. For you the kings of the earth shall bow, the poor and the persecuted shall shout for joy. Your love and mercy shall last forever, fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise. Great is your love. Amen.

Hymn 64

All Creatures of Our God and King

Confessing God invites us to be honest with Him

Call to Confession Jim Fox

God's Word assures us: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

Prayer of Confession (Responsively)

Jim Fox

O Lord, our hearts are heavy with the violence of our world, so much suffering through the ages, wars and holocausts, genocide and abuse. We cry on behalf of our violent world:

Lord, have mercy.

O Lord, you love and care for us as a parent; you came to share life with us as a brother. But we confess we have failed to live as your children and instead have broken many bonds. We cry on behalf of our violent world:

Lord, have mercy.

O Lord, you have called us to live together in community, to consider one another as brother and sister, regardless of ethnicity, economic status, or popularity. Yet we prejudge one another, refuse to love one another, and victimize one another. We cry on behalf of our violent world:

Lord, have mercy.

O Lord, giver of all life, you fearfully and wonderfully made us and breathed into our nostrils the breath of life. Yet we endanger the lives of one another, abuse the lives of young children among us, destroy those who are defenseless, and oppress those who are powerless. We cry on behalf of our violent world: Lord, have mercy. Pardon us through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon (Responsively)

Jim Fox

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 Let us be faithful stewards of our time, our talents,

and our money. so that our treasure is in heaven

and our giving pleases God.

Offering

Offertory The wonder of It All (See Insert)

Piano—Dennis Lesher

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

Ever-present God, with this offering we present also ourselves, all that we have been,

all that we are, all that we shall become, and our resolve to walk in your way. Accept us and our offering, we pray, for Jesus' sake. **Amen.**

∮ Hymn

All I Have is Christ

Verse 1
I once was lost in darkest night
Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own
A rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first
I would refuse You still

Verse 2

But as I ran my hell-bound race Indifferent to the cost You looked upon my helpless state And led me to the cross And I beheld God's love displayed You suffered in my place You bore the wrath reserved for me Now all I know is grace

Chorus Hallelujah all I have is Christ Hallelujah Jesus is my life

Verse 3
Now Lord I would be Yours alone
And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands
Could never come from me
O Father use my ransomed life
In any way You choose
And let my song forever be
My only boast is You

Chorus

<u>Proclaiming</u> God speaks to us through His Word

Scripture Reading

Psalm 131

A song of ascents. Of David.

¹LORD, my heart is not proud; my eyes are not haughty.

I do not get involved with things too great or too wondrous for me.

² Instead, I have calmed and quieted my soul like a weaned child with its mother; my soul is like a weaned child.

³ Israel, put your hope in the LORD, both now and forever.

Sermon

Psalm 131

Rev. Tim Latham

Responding We respond to God's Word

Y Hymn 58

This is My Father's World

Profession of Faith (Heidelberg Catechism)

My only comfort in life and in death is that I am not my own, but belong body and soul, in life and in deathto my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Prayers of the People

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

∰ Hymn 455

Come, All Christians, Be Committed

Benediction & Blessing

This morning's Prayer Partners are Carolyn Thompson, Don Titus