12th Sunday After Pentecost August 28, 2022

Gathering God invites us to enter His presence

Prelude

O That Will Be Glory All the Way My Savior Leads Me Peterson Mason

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (Time for Silent Preparation)

Call to Worship (Responsively)

Bonnie Mecaughey

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

Invocation (Responsively)

Bonnie Mecaughey

Let us join our voices to praise the spotless Lamb, Jesus Christ, who has redeemed us from sin and death.

We, whom he has redeemed,

will sing praises and shout for joy this hour;

because in Christ the Lamb we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our sins in accordance with the riches of his grace.

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law

by becoming a curse for us.

Let us praise him by saying:

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,

to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength

and honor and glory and praise!

To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb

we give worship this hour and forever and ever. Amen.

∯ Hymn 10

O Worship the King

Confessing
God invites us to be honest with Him

Call to Confession

Bonnie Mecaughey

Seeing that we have a great High Priest who has entered the inmost heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us therefore approach the throne of grace with fullest confidence,

that we may receive mercy for our failures and grace to help in the hour of need. In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

Prayer of Confession (Responsively)

Bonnie Mecaughey

Merciful God,

for the things we have done that we regret,

forgive us;

for the things we have failed to do that we regret,

forgive us;

for all the times we have acted without love,

forgive us;

for all the times we have reacted without thought,

forgive us;

for all the times we have withdrawn care,

forgive us;

for all the times we have failed to forgive,

forgive us.

For hurtful words said and helpful words unsaid,

for unfinished tasks

and unfulfilled hopes,

God of all time,

forgive us and help us

to lay down our burden of regret. Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Bonnie Mecaughey

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.
O Israel, hope in the LORD!
For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.
It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

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 What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to

me? I will give what I have promised in the presence

of all God's people.

Offering

Offertory Forever with Great Is Thy Faithfulness - Tornquist

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

Giving God, just as we love because you first loved us, we give because you first gave to us.

Out of gratitude we bring gifts of money to be used for your kingdom work.

With these gifts we also pledge to you our whole selves.

We give you our bodies as living temples; may we be your hands and feet.

We give you our minds; may our thoughts support others and glorify

We give you our time; may our presence encourage others.

We give you our relationships; may our interactions be a light to the world.

We give you our work; may we always strive to do our best and help others do theirs.

We give you our play; may our leisure bring joy to many.

We give you our hopes and our dreams; may our goals reflect your mission.

Use these gifts, great God, through the power of your Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

New Members

Donna Jackman

Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God and without hope for your salvation except in His sovereign mercy? **I do.**

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and the Savior of sinners, and do you receive and depend upon Him alone for your salvation as He is offered in the gospel? **I do.**

Do you now promise and resolve, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ? **I do.**

Do you promise to serve Christ in His Church by supporting and participating with this congregation in its service of God and its ministry to others to the best of your ability? **I do.**

Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and to the spiritual oversight of this Church Session, and do you promise to promote the unity, purity and peace of the Church? **I do.**

Y Hymn 347

Be Still, My Soul

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

Scripture Reading

Psalm 133

A song of ascents. Of David.

¹ How delightfully good when brothers live together in harmony!
² It is like fine oil on the head, running down on the beard, running down Aaron's beard onto his robes.
³ It is like the dew of Hermon falling on the mountains of Zion.
For there the LORD has appointed the blessing—life forevermore.

Sermon

Psalm 133 Rev. Tim Latham

Responding We respond to God's Word

Mymn 262

Holy, Holy, Holy

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 death—to 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

Commissioning God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

Hymn

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song; This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My comforter, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone—who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe. This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save. Till on that cross, as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied; For every sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain; Then bursting forth in glorious day Up from the grave He rose again! And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me, For I am His and He is mine— Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me; From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no schemes of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand; Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

This morning's Prayer Partners are Linda Gyrath, Jim Fox

Postlude Trumpet Jubilee

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