

**13th Sunday After Pentecost
September 4, 2022**

Gathering
God invites us to enter His presence

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

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


Barb Finch

God invites us into his healing presence with these words:
"I am the Lord, who heals you."

**Diseased, depressed, dysfunctional, defeated,
we come hungering for health that only God can provide.**

God calls us to bring open eyes, hearing ears,
and tender hearts turned toward him, the Great Physician.

We bow before him in faith and expectancy!

 **Invocation** (*Responsively*)

Barb Finch

Holy and loving God, we come to you,
with hopes and fears, with convictions and doubts,
with pain and joy. By your Spirit,

**help us to see all things
in the light of your Word,
our Lord Jesus Christ.**

By your Spirit,
**help us to pray honestly,
to listen attentively,
to encourage one another warmly.**

By your Spirit,
**help us grow in the grace and knowledge
of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
who with you and the Holy Spirit
lives and reigns forever.**

All glory to you, both now and forever! Amen.

 **Hymn 3**

Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven

Confessing
God invites us to be honest with Him

Call to Confession

Barb Finch

The apostle John wrote:

My little children,
I am writing these things to you
so that you may not sin.
But if anyone does sin,
we have an advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ the righteous;
and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins,
and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.
In the strength of this assurance,
let us confess our sins to God.

Prayer of Confession *(Responsively)*

Barb Finch

For the times we have lied to one another
and the times we have been lied to,
heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.
For the times we have laughed at another's pain
and the times we have been laughed at,
heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.
For the times we have spoken when we should have remained silent
and the times we have remained silent when we should have spoken,
heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.
For the times we have not respected another's freedom
to be different from us,
heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.
For the times we have betrayed a friend
and the times we have been betrayed,
heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.
O God of heaven and earth,
you emptied yourself of your power
and became a helpless baby
in order that you might heal the sick world.
Teach us to empty ourselves of the things
that destroy us and keep us alone.
Empty us of our jealousy,
of our meanness,
of our fear of others.
For Jesus' sake. Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon *(Responsively)*

Barb Finch

God demonstrates his own love for us in this:
While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness

and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
Therefore, since we have been justified through faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Minute for Mission

The Amars

Invitation I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

Offering

Offertory

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

God of every good and perfect gift, our gifts are not always good, and they are always imperfect. We give, knowing that our motives are mixed and our mission is unclear. Still, we offer these efforts with boldness, knowing that your love is stronger than our impurities and imperfections. Through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Hymn 20

All People that on Earth Do Dwell

Proclaiming
God speaks to us through His Word

Scripture Reading

Psalm 134

A song of ascents.

¹ Now bless the LORD,
all you servants of the LORD
who stand in the LORD's house at night!
² Lift up your hands in the holy place
and bless the LORD!
³ May the LORD,
Maker of heaven and earth,
bless you from Zion.

Sermon

Psalm 134
Rev. Tim Latham

Responding
We respond to God's Word

 **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.*

Sacrament of Communion

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 to give Him thanks and praise!

Invitation to the Table

Leader: For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you
proclaim the Lord's death until He comes Again!

**People: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come
again!**

✠ Profession of Faith (Apostle's Creed)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of Heaven and earth
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into Hell;
The third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church,
The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body and life everlasting.

Commissioning

God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

✠ Hymn 21 *Stand up and bless the Lord, Ye People of His Choice*

✠ Benediction & Blessing

*This morning's Prayer Partners are
Barb Finch, Dan Obenschain*

✠ Postlude

