

**14th Sunday After Pentecost  
September 11, 2022**

**Gathering**  
***God invites us to enter His presence***

**Prelude**

*Meditation*

*Roubetz*


**Welcome & Announcements**

**Preparation for Worship** (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

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

*Hob Pusey*

In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.  
**Christ dwells among us and is one with us.**  
Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.  
**He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.**  
Come now, all who thirst,  
**and drink the water of life.**  
Come now, all who hunger,  
**and be filled with good things.**  
Come now, all who seek,  
**and be warmed by the fire of love.**

 **Invocation** (*Responsively*)

*Hob Pusey*

O LORD, God of Israel,  
there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath,  
keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants  
who walk before you with all their heart.  
Blessed be the LORD,  
who has given rest to his people Israel  
according to all that he promised;  
not one word has failed of all his good promise,  
which he spoke through his servant Moses.  
**The LORD our God be with us,**  
**as he was with our ancestors;**  
**may he not leave us or abandon us,**  
**but incline our hearts to him,**  
**to walk in all his ways,**  
**and to keep his commandments,**  
**his statutes, and his ordinances,**  
**which he commanded our ancestors.**

 **Hymn 8**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*



**Confessing**  
**God invites us to be honest with Him**

**Call to Confession**

*Hob Pusey*

"Come now, let us settle the matter,"  
says the LORD.  
"Though your sins are like scarlet,  
they shall be as white as snow;  
though they are red as crimson,  
they shall be like wool."

**Prayer of Confession** *(Responsively)*

*Hob Pusey*

Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.  
**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.**  
For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.  
**Against you, you alone, have I sinned,  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence  
and blameless when you pass judgment.**  
You desire truth in the inward being;  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.  
**Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.**  
Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.  
**Do not cast me from your presence,  
and do not take your holy spirit from me.**

**Time for Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

*Hob Pusey*

Can a woman forget her nursing child,  
or show no compassion for the child of her womb?  
As a mother comforts her child,  
so will I comfort you, says the Lord.

*Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord*  
**All: Thanks be to God!**







result in praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, you love him; though not seeing him now, you believe in him, and you rejoice with inexpressible and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup> because you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

<sup>10</sup> Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who prophesied about the grace that would come to you, searched and carefully investigated. <sup>11</sup> They inquired into what time or what circumstances the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating when he testified in advance to the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. <sup>12</sup> It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you. These things have now been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—angels long to catch a glimpse of these things.

**Sermon**

*God's Good Gift*  
*Rev. Tim Latham*

**Responding**  
***We respond to God's Word***



**Hymn 345**

*Blessed Assurance*



**Profession of Faith** (Romans 8)

**We believe there is no condemnation  
for those who are in Christ Jesus;  
for we know that all things work together for good  
for those who love God,  
who are called according to God's purpose.  
We are 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.**

**Commissioning**  
***God sends us out into the world as His witnesses***



**Hymn**

*Abide With Me*

*Abide with me, fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.  
When other helpers, fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, abide with me.*

*Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile;  
And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile.  
Thou hast not left me, oft as I left Thee,  
On to the close Lord, abide with me.*



*I need Thy presence, every passing hour.  
What but Thy grace, can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.*

*I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight, tear lose their bitterness.  
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?  
I triumph still, abide with me.*

*Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.  
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.*

### **Benediction & Blessing**

### **Postlude**

*Great is the Lord*

*Smith and Smith*