

**Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 18, 2023**

Gathering
God invites us to enter His presence

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship *(Time for Silent Preparation)*



Call to Worship *(Responsively)*

Jim Fox

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever:
With my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.
I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;
Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.
You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to my servant David:
'I will establish your descendants forever,
and build your throne for all generations.'"
Praise the Lord!



Invocation

Jim Fox

Praise be to you, Lord, the God of our father Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting,
**Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power
and the glory and the majesty and the splendor.**
For everything in Heaven and Earth is yours,
Yours, Lord, is the Kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.
Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things.
**In your hands are strength and power
To exalt and give strength to all.**
Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name!



Hymn 10

O Worship the King

Confessing
God invites us to be honest with Him

Call to Confession

Jim Fox

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

Prayer of Confession

Jim Fox

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgement.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed;
And grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image;
Through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. AMEN.

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Jim Fox

Jeremiah 33 says "I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me."

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

Recognition of Kelly Fox, 2023 High School Graduate!

Invitation As we come before God with our tithes and offerings,
let us remember the words of Micah 6:
What does the Lord require of us?
To act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God.
Thus, we bring our money, gifts, and whole lives
as an offering to our God.

Offering

Offertory *Thou Art Holy
Dennis Leshner*

Doxology

God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise

***Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.***

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, everything we have comes from you. You fill us with good things. Our hearts and lives overflow with your abundance. With thanksgiving, we bring to you our time, talents, and tithes. Use these gifts that you have given us to feed others as we have been fed, to serve others as we have been served, and to bless others as we have been blessed, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

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*

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*

Proclaiming ***God speaks to us through His Word***

Children's Sermon

The Gospel in a Nutshell

Dan Baker

Scripture Reading

1 John 5:14-21

¹⁴ This is the confidence we have before him; if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that he hears us whatever we ask, we know that we have what we have asked of him.

¹⁶ If anyone sees a fellow believer committing a sin that doesn't lead to death, he should ask, and God will give life to him—to those who commit sin that doesn't lead to death. There is sin that leads to death. I am not saying he should pray about that. ¹⁷ All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin that doesn't lead to

death.

¹⁸ We know that everyone who has been born of God does not sin, but the one who is born of God keeps him, and the evil one does not touch him. ¹⁹ We know that we are of God, and the whole world is under the sway of the evil one. ²⁰ And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding so that we may know the true one. We are in the true one—that is, in his son, Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

²¹ Little children, guard yourselves from idols.

Sermon
Tim Latham

"Knowing God!"

Rev.



Lord, I Need You

Verse 1

*Lord, I come, I confess;
Bowing down, I find my rest.
And without you, I fall apart.
You're the one that guides my heart.*

Chorus

*Lord, I need you, oh I need you.
Every hour I need you.
My one defense, my righteousness,
Oh God, how I need you!*

Verse 2

*When sin runs deep, Your grace is more.
Where grace is found is where You are.
And where You are, Lord I am free.
Holiness is Christ in me.*

Bridge

*So teach my song to rise to You, when temptation comes my way.
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my hope and stay.
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my hope and stay.*

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



Profession of Faith (Psalm 46) (Responsively)

God is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble.
Therefore, we will not fear, though the Earth should change,
Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
The holy habitation of the Most High,
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.
The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;

He utters his voice, the Earth melts.
The Lord of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob our refuge.
Come, behold the works of the Lord;
See what desolations He has brought on the Earth.
He makes wars cease to the end of the Earth;
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear.
He burns the shields with fire.
'Be Still and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the Earth.'
The Lord of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob our refuge

Prayers of the People

Commissioning
God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

 **Hymn 375** *Jesus Calls Us*

 **Benediction & Blessing**

 **Postlude**