

**5th Sunday after Pentecost
July 2, 2023**

Gathering
God invites us to enter His presence

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (*Time for Silent Preparation*)



Call to Worship (*Responsively*)

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God calls us to worship, **and we come**,
some with laughter and songs of joy.
God calls us to worship, **and we come**,
some from a sense of obligation or habit.
God calls us to worship, **and we come**,
some with hearts heavy with grief.
God calls us to worship, **and we come**,
some with distraction or exhaustion.
God calls us to worship, **and we come**,
some with eagerness and enthusiasm.
God calls us to worship, **and we come**,
some with stress, loneliness, or depression.
As God's dearly loved children,
we bring all our joy and pain, hurt and hope
into this place of Spirit-given grace, love, and hope.



Invocation

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All glorious God, we give you thanks:
in your Son, Jesus Christ,
you have given us every spiritual blessing
in the heavenly realms.
You chose us, before the world was made,
to be your holy people, without fault in your sight.
You adopted us as your children in Christ.
You have set us free by his blood;
you have forgiven our sins.
You have made known to us your secret purpose,
to bring heaven and earth into unity in Christ.
You have given us your Holy Spirit,
the seal and pledge of our inheritance.
All praise and glory be yours, O God,
for the richness of your grace,
for the splendor of your gifts,
for the wonder of your love.



Hymn 97 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

Confessing
God invites us to be honest with Him

Call to Confession

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The proof of God's amazing love is this:
While we were sinners, Christ died for us.
Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness,
so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion,
let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession *(Responsively)*

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Father, we are sorry for the many times we have left you
and chosen to satisfy our own selfish desires.
For the times we have hurt the members of our families
by refusing to do our share of the family tasks.
Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.
For the times we were unkind and impatient with those who needed our time and concern.
Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.
For the times we were too weak to stand up for what was right
and allowed others to suffer because of our cowardice.
Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.
For the times we refused to forgive others.
Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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There is now no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus.

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 Do good and share what you have, for such sacrifices
are pleasing to God.

Offering

Offertory *Greg Maurer*

! 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

Lord God, we bless you for all your many gifts to us. We return these gifts as a token of our gratitude, longing for the conviction and strength to offer our whole lives to your service. We pray especially today for your blessing on these gifts. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

! Hymn 425 *In the Garden*

Proclaiming
God speaks to us through His Word

Children's Sermon *The First Man* *Dan Baker*

Scripture Reading *Jeremiah 42:1-16*

42 Then all the commanders of the armies, along with Johanan son of Kareah, Jezaniah son of Hoshaiah, and all the people from the least to the greatest, approached ² the prophet Jeremiah and said, "May our petition come before you; pray to the LORD your God on our behalf, on behalf of this entire remnant (for few of us remain out of the many, as you can see with your own eyes), ³ that the LORD your God may tell us the way we should go and the thing we should do."

⁴ So the prophet Jeremiah said to them, "I have heard. I will now pray to the LORD your God according to your words, and I will tell you every word that the LORD answers you; I won't withhold a word from you."

⁵ And they said to Jeremiah, "May the LORD be a true and faithful witness against us if we don't act according to every word the LORD your God sends you to tell us. ⁶ Whether it is pleasant or unpleasant, we will obey the LORD our God to whom we are sending you so that it may go well with us. We will certainly obey the LORD our God!"

⁷ At the end of ten days, the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, ⁸ and he summoned Johanan son of

Kareah, all the commanders of the armies who were with him, and all the people from the least to the greatest.

⁹ He said to them, “This is what the LORD says, the God of Israel to whom you sent me to bring your petition before him: ¹⁰ ‘If you will indeed stay in this land, then I will rebuild and not demolish you, and I will plant and not uproot you, because I relent concerning the disaster that I have brought on you. ¹¹ Don’t be afraid of the king of Babylon whom you now fear; don’t be afraid of him’—this is the LORD’s declaration—‘because I am with you to save you and rescue you from him. ¹² I will grant you compassion, and he will have compassion on you and allow you to return to your own soil.’

¹³ “But if you say, ‘We will not stay in this land,’ in order to disobey the LORD your God, ¹⁴ and if you say, ‘No, instead we’ll go to the land of Egypt where we will not see war or hear the sound of the ram’s horn or hunger for food, and we’ll live there,’ ¹⁵ then hear the word of the LORD, remnant of Judah! This is what the LORD of Armies, the God of Israel, says: ‘If you are firmly resolved to go to Egypt and stay there for a while, ¹⁶ then the sword you fear will overtake you there in the land of Egypt, and the famine you are worried about will follow on your heels there to Egypt, and you will die there.

Sermon

“God’s Provision of Guidance”

Rev. Paul Toms



Hymn 201

Grace Greater than our Sin

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

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 *(Nicene Creed)*

**We believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God,**

Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made;
of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory
to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.
And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.

Commissioning

God sends us out into the world as His witnesses



Praise

Jesus, Firm Foundation

*How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word
What more can He say than to you He has said
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled*

Verse 2

*Fear not He is with us O be not dismayed
For He is our God our Sustainer and Strength
He'll be our Defender and cause us to stand
Upheld by His merciful almighty hand*

Chorus

*How firm our foundation
How sure our salvation
And we will not be shaken
Jesus firm foundation*

Verse 3

*The soul that is trusting in Jesus as Lord
Will press on enduring the darkest of storm
And though even hell should endeavor to shake
He'll never no never no never forsake*

He'll never no never no never forsake

Chorus

Bridge

Age to age He stands faithful to the end

All may fade away but

He will remain He will remain

Chorus

Ending

Jesus, firm foundation! Jesus, firm foundation!

Benediction & Blessing

Postlude

*Today's prayer partners are
Bonnie Mecaughey and Dennis Leshner*