### 6th Sunday after Pentecost July 9, 2023

# Gathering God invites us to enter His presence

Prelude

For All a Full Atonement Made Soliloguy

Howell Broughton

**Welcome & Announcements** 

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

Call to Worship (Responsively)

Bonnie Mecaughey

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

He established them for ever and ever:

he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted;

his glory is above earth and heaven.

He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful,

for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!



Bonnie Mecaughey

We praise you, God almighty, for the power you have shown in creating the world. We thank you for your love in redeeming us from sin and in creating us anew in Christ.

Grant us strength in this life to honor you, Lord God, both in worship and in witness, for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.** 



I Sing the Mighty Power of God

## Confessing God invites us to be honest with Him

#### **Call to Confession**

Bonnie Mecaughey

When humans deface God's image,
The whole world suffers:
We abuse the creation or idolize it.
We are estranged from our Creator, from our neighbor,
from our true selves, and from all that God has made.
Therefore let us confess our sins.

#### **Prayer of Confession**

Bonnie Mecaughey

Lord God, you have provided for us a creation filled with food and water, a universe rich with energy and resources, and charged us to have dominion over all you have created. But we confess that we have often spoiled your gifts, we have put material possessions ahead of everything else, and we have abused the environment you have provided for us. Forgive us, Lord, and make us better stewards of your creation. We pray through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### **Time for Silent Confession**

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

Bonnie Mecaughey

Hear the good news of the gospel about our life in Christ: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. Hear the good news of the gospel about all of creation: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

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** The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world,

and those who live in it.

Offering

Offertory I Know Whom I Have Believed Larson

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 (Responsively)

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God forever. Amen.

## Praise Song

#### Dayspring

Verse 1
Christ whose glory fills the skies,
Christ the true the only light,
Son of righteousness arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night.
Dayspring from on high be near,
Day star in my heart appear.

Verse 2
Dark and cheerless is the morn,
were it ever without Thee Joyless in the day's return,
til thy mercy's beams I see,
Till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes and warm my heart.

Verse 3 Visit then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief, Fill me radiancy divine, scatter all my un belief. More and more thy self display, shining to the perfect day.

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

Children's Sermon And it Was Very Good Celia Weber

**Scripture Reading** Genesis 1:1-2:3

**1** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

<sup>2</sup> Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness covered the surface of the watery depths, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters. <sup>3</sup> Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup> God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." There was an evening, and there was a morning: one day.

<sup>6</sup>Then God said, "Let there be an expanse between the waters, separating water from water." <sup>7</sup>So God made the expanse and separated the water under the expanse from the water above the expanse. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>God called the expanse "sky." Evening came and then morning: the second day.

<sup>9</sup> Then God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup> God called the dry land "earth," and the gathering of the water he called "seas." And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup> Then God said, "Let the earth produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds." And it was so. <sup>12</sup> The earth produced vegetation: seed-bearing plants according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup> Evening came and then morning: the third day.

<sup>14</sup> Then God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night. They will serve as signs for seasons and for days and years. <sup>15</sup> They will be lights in the expanse of the sky to provide light on the earth." And it was so. <sup>16</sup> God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule over the day and the lesser light to rule over the night—as well as the stars. <sup>17</sup> God placed them in the expanse of the sky to provide light on the earth, <sup>18</sup> to rule the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup> Evening came and then morning: the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup> Then God said, "Let the water swarm with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky." <sup>21</sup> So God created the large sea-creatures and every living creature that moves and swarms in the water, according to their kinds. He also created every winged creature according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup> God blessed them: "Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the waters of the seas, and let the birds multiply on the earth." <sup>23</sup> Evening came and then morning: the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup> Then God said, "Let the earth produce living creatures according to their kinds: livestock, creatures that crawl, and the wildlife of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. <sup>25</sup> So God made the wildlife of the earth according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that crawl on the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness. They will rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the livestock, the whole earth, and the creatures that crawl on the earth."

<sup>27</sup> So God created man in his own image; he created him in the image of God; he created them male and female.

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, and subdue it. Rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, and every creature that crawls on the earth." <sup>29</sup> God also said, "Look, I have given you every seed-bearing plant on the surface of the entire earth and every tree whose fruit contains seed. This will be food for you, <sup>30</sup> for all the wildlife of the earth, for every bird of the sky, and for every creature that crawls on the earth—everything having the breath of life in it—I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. <sup>31</sup> God saw all that he had made, and it was very good indeed. Evening came and then morning: the sixth day.

**2** So the heavens and the earth and everything in them were completed. <sup>2</sup> On the seventh day God had completed his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. <sup>3</sup> God blessed the seventh day and declared it holy, for on it he rested from all his work of creation.

Sermon "The First Man"

Rev. Tim Latham

Hymn 64 All Creatures of Our God and King

Responding
We respond to God's Word

Profession of Faith (Apostle's Creed)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty. Maker 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 buried; The third day he rose 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 guick 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

# <u>Commissioning</u> God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

Hymn 578

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Benediction & Blessing

Postlude

Make a Joyful Noise

Ritter

Today's prayer partners are Bernie Hughes and Jim Fox