

**9th Sunday after Pentecost
July 30, 2023**

Gathering
God invites us to enter His presence

Prelude


Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship *(Time for Silent Preparation)*

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

Celia Weber

Sing a new song to the Lord,
who has worked wonders,
whose right hand and holy arm have brought salvation.
**The Lord has made known salvation;
has shown justice to the nations;
has remembered truth and love for the house of Israel.**
All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
**Shout to the Lord, all the earth,
sing out your joy.**
Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp,
with the sound of music.
**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord.**

 **Invocation** *(Responsively)*

Celia Weber

God, our Creator, from nothing you made our world.
You formed us, love us, and give us all that we need.
God, our Redeemer, you rescued us from sin.
You have given us new life and hope of healing to the world.
God, our Comforter, you are with us always.
You comfort us, renew us, and guide us into your truth.
Almighty God, for your gracious love for us, we praise you.
Amen.

 **Hymn 20**

All People that on Earth do Dwell

Confessing
God invites us to be honest with Him

Call to Confession (*Responsively*)

Celia Weber

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

Celia Weber

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and turn them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Celia Weber

All the prophets testify about Christ
that everyone who believes in him
receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

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.*

Sacrament of Baptism

Introduction

Liam Garrett Coffey
Son of Daniel and Arpita Coffey

Isaiah 58:11

"The LORD will guide you continually, giving you water when you are dry and restoring your strength. You will be like a well-watered garden, like an ever-flowing spring."

Questions

Do you acknowledge Liam's need of the cleansing Blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

We do

Do you claim God's covenant promises and benefits for *Liam* by faith and do you look to the Lord Jesus Christ For the salvation of your child as you do your own?

We do

Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and Do you promise by relying on God's power and grace Through the Holy Spirit to live an exemplary life before Your child?

We do

Do you commit yourself to pray with and for your child, to Teach your child the Scriptures and the great articles of Our faith in Jesus Christ?

We do

Do you promise to use every means provided by God, Including faithful participation in the life of the Church, to Bring your child up in the loving discipline of the Lord?

We do

Questions for the Congregation

Do you, the members of this congregation, acting for yourselves and in behalf of the whole Body of Christ, assume responsibility with these parents for the spiritual nurture of this child?

We do

Do you commit yourselves to set a godly example before this child, to provide as far as you are able, all that is necessary to the end that this child may one day confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord?

We do

Baptism

Prayer

Bonnie Mecaughey

Blessing

Pamela Johnson

The LORD bless you and keep you;
And the LORD make his face to shine upon you,
And give you peace, and give you peace.
And give you peace forever.

🕯 **Hymn 382**

Be Thou My Vision

Offering

Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him

Invitation

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Offering

Offertory

Awake My Soul
Solo—Bill Mecaughey

by Chris Tomlin

🕯 **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**

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.

Proclaiming

God speaks to us through His Word

Children's Sermon

Celia Weber

Scripture Reading

Genesis 3:8-24

⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ So the LORD God called out to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"

¹⁰ And he said, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid."

¹¹ Then he asked, "Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

¹² The man replied, "The woman you gave to be with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate."

¹³ So the LORD God asked the woman, "What have you done?"

And the woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴ So the LORD God said to the serpent:

Because you have done this,
you are cursed more than any livestock
and more than any wild animal.
You will move on your belly
and eat dust all the days of your life.
¹⁵ I will put hostility between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring
He will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel.

¹⁶ He said to the woman:

I will intensify your labor pains;
you will bear children with painful effort.
Your desire will be for your husband,
yet he will rule over you.

¹⁷ And he said to the man, "Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, 'Do not eat from it':

The ground is cursed because of you.
You will eat from it by means of painful labor
all the days of your life.
¹⁸ It will produce thorns and thistles for you,
and you will eat the plants of the field.
¹⁹ You will eat bread by the sweat of your brow
until you return to the ground,
since you were taken from it.
For you are dust,
and you will return to dust."

²⁰ The man named his wife Eve because she was the mother of all the living. ²¹ The LORD God made clothing from skins for the man and his wife, and he clothed them.

²² The LORD God said, "Since the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil, he must not reach out, take from the tree of life, eat, and live forever." ²³ So the LORD God sent him away from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. ²⁴ He drove the man out and stationed the cherubim and the flaming, whirling sword east of the garden of Eden to guard the way to the tree of life.

Sermon

"Consequences of Sin"

Rev. Tim Latham



Praise Song

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Chorus

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

Verse 1

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld protected gathered up

Chorus

Verse 2

In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning oh how long
Oh God of Jacob be my strength

Chorus

Verse 3

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together bring shalom

Chorus

Tag – We will feast and weep no more.

Responding

We respond to God's Word



Profession of Faith *(Philippians 2)*

**Christ Jesus,
though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.**

And being found in human form
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
to the glory of God:
Jesus Christ is Lord!

Prayers of the People

Commissioning

God sends us out into the world as His witnesses



Hymn 125

Joy to the World!



Benediction & Blessing



Postlude

Congregational Meeting

*Today's prayer partners are
Carolyn Thompson & Don Titus*