

**10th Sunday after Pentecost
August 6, 2023**

Gathering
God invites us to enter His presence

Prelude


Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship *(Time for Silent Preparation)*

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

Susan Obenschain

The earth is the Lord's, for he made it:
Come, let us adore him.
Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:
Come, let us adore him.
The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:
Come, let us adore him.
Lord, open our lips.
And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

 **Invocation** *(Responsively)*

Susan Obenschain

O God, you summon the day to dawn,
you teach the morning to waken the earth.
**For you the valleys shall sing for joy,
the trees of the field shall clap their hands.**
For you the kings of the earth shall bow,
the poor and the persecuted shall shout for joy.
**Your love and mercy shall last forever,
fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.**
Great is your name.
Great is your love. Amen.

 **Praise Song**

Blessed Be Your Name

*Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name*

*Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name*

*Pre-Chorus
Ev'ry blessing You pour out
I'll Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say*

*Chorus
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name*

*Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name*

*Blessed be Your Name
on the road marked with suffering;
Though there's pain in the offering,
blessed be Your Name.*

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

*Bridge (x2)
You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name*

Chorus (x2)

Confessing
God invites us to be honest with Him

Call to Confession *(Responsively)*

Susan Obenschain

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

Susan Obenschain

Have mercy on me, O God, in your faithful love, in your great tenderness wipe away my offences; wash me thoroughly from my guilt, purify me from my sin. For I am well aware of my offences, my sin is constantly in mind. Against you, you alone, I have sinned, I have done what you see to be wrong, that you may show your saving justice when you pass sentence, and your victory may appear when you give judgment, remember, I was born guilty, a sinner from the moment of conception. But you delight in sincerity of heart, and in secret you teach me wisdom. God, create in me a clean heart, renew within me a resolute spirit, do not thrust me away from your presence, do not take away from me your spirit of holiness. Give me back the joy of your salvation, sustain in me a generous spirit. Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will speak out your praise. Sacrifice gives you no pleasure, burnt offering you do not desire. Sacrifice to God is a broken spirit, a broken, contrite heart you never scorn.

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Susan Obenschain

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

Invitation

Let us be faithful stewards of our time, our talents,
and our money. so that our treasure is in heaven
and our giving pleases God.

Offering

Offertory

*Find Us Faithful.
Juliana Leshner*

Words and Music by Jon Mohr

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

All good things come from you, O God, and with gratitude we return to you what is yours. You created all that is, and with love formed us in your image. When our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You gave your only Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Savior. All that we are, and all that we have, is a trust from you. And so, in gratitude for all your gifts, we offer you ourselves, and all that we have, in union with Christ's offering for us. By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Hymn 268

God, Our Father, We Adore Thee

Proclaiming *God speaks to us through His Word*

Children's Sermon

Cain and Abel

Dan Baker

Scripture Reading

Genesis 4:1-16

4 The man was intimate with his wife Eve, and she conceived and gave birth to Cain. She said, "I have had a male child with the LORD's help." ² She also gave birth to his brother Abel. Now Abel became a shepherd of flocks, but Cain worked the ground. ³ In the course of time Cain presented some of the land's produce as an offering to the LORD. ⁴ And Abel also presented an offering—some of the firstborn of his flock and their fat portions. The LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵ but he did not have regard for Cain and his offering. Cain was furious, and he looked despondent.

⁶ Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you furious? And why do you look despondent? ⁷ If you do what is right, won't you be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it."

⁸ Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field." And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.

⁹ Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?"

"I don't know," he replied. "Am I my brother's guardian?"

¹⁰ Then he said, "What have you done? Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground! ¹¹ So now you are cursed, alienated from the ground that opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood you have

shed. ¹² If you work the ground, it will never again give you its yield. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth."

¹³ But Cain answered the LORD, "My punishment is too great to bear! ¹⁴ Since you are banishing me today from the face of the earth, and I must hide from your presence and become a restless wanderer on the earth, whoever finds me will kill me."

¹⁵ Then the LORD replied to him, "In that case, whoever kills Cain will suffer vengeance seven times over." And he placed a mark on Cain so that whoever found him would not kill him. ¹⁶ Then Cain went out from the LORD's presence and lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

Sermon

"Cain and Abel"

Rev. Tim Latham



Praise Song

His Mercy is More

*What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.*

*Chorus
Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn.
Our sins, they are many;
His mercy is more. Praise the mercy is more.*

*What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.*

Chorus

*What riches of kindness He lavished on us.
His blood was the payment; His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.
Our sins they are many: His mercy is more.*

Chorus (2x)

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!**

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 quick 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.

Commissioning

God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

Hymn 292 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

Benediction & Blessing

Postlude

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