#### 13th Sunday after Pentecost August 27, 2023

## Gathering God invites us to enter His presence

**Prelude** 

**Welcome & Announcements** 

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

Call to Worship (Responsively)

Dan Obenschain

Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

We desire to live in God's house and to seek
God in his holy temple.

We have come with shouts of joy, to sing
and to make music to the Lord.

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

Teach us your ways and make straight our
paths in this hour of worship and always.

Invocation (Responsively)

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God of goodness and grace, we long for your presence, for the peace your promises bring, and for the assurances we have received through the gift of your Son.

May we, your people, this day and every day, have open eyes to see and open ears to hear your presence among us.

Open us to your Holy Spirit, Lord, and prepare us for worship. Amen.

∳ Hymn 2

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

## Confessing God invites us to be honest with Him

Call to Confession (Responsively)

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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** (In Unison)

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Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Time for Silent Confession** 

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

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Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you, says the Lord.

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

I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

**Timmons** 

Offertory

## 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

Ever-present God, with this offering we present also ourselves, all that we have been, all that we are, all that we shall become, and our resolve to walk in your way. Accept us and our offering, we pray, for Jesus' sake. **Amen.** 

### Praise Song

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Jesus I my cross have taken, All to leave and follow Thee Destitute, despised, forsaken Thou from hence my all shalt be Perish every fond ambition, All I've sought or hoped or known Yet how rich is my condition, God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me
They have left my savior too
Human hearts and looks deceive me,
Thou art not like them untrue
Oh while thou dost smile upon me,
God of wisdom, love and might
Foes may hate and friends disown me,
Show thy face and all is bright.

Man they trouble and distress me, Twill but drive me to thy breast Life with trials hard may press me, Heaven will bring me sweeter rest Oh 'tis not in grief to harm me, While thy love is left to me Oh 'twere not in joy to charm me, Were that joy unmixed with thee.

Go then earthly fame and treasure, Come disaster, scorn and pain In thy service pain is pleasure, With thy favor loss is gain
I have called thee Abba Father,
I have stayed my heart on thee
Storms may howl and clouds may gather,
All must work for good to me.

Soul then know thy full salvation
Rise o'er sin and fear and care
Joy to find in every station,
Something still to do or bear
Think what Spirit dwells within thee,
Think what Father's smiles are thine
Think that Jesus died to win thee,
Child of heaven, canst thou repine.

Haste thee on from grace to glory, Armed by faith and winged by prayer Heaven's eternal day's before thee, God's own hand shall guide thee there Soon shall close thy earthly mission, Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days Hope shall change to glad fruition, Faith to sight and prayer to praise.

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

Children's Sermon Noah: A Rainbow of Promises Susan Obenschain

#### Scripture Reading Genesis 8:20-9:17

<sup>20</sup> Then Noah built an altar to the LORD. He took some of every kind of clean animal and every kind of clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. <sup>21</sup> When the LORD smelled the pleasing aroma, he said to himself, "I will never again curse the ground because of human beings, even though the inclination of the human heart is evil from youth onward. And I will never again strike down every living thing as I have done

- <sup>22</sup> As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, and day and night will not cease."
- **9** God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. <sup>2</sup> The fear and terror of you will be in every living creature on the earth, every bird of the sky, every creature that crawls on the ground, and all the fish of the sea. They are placed under your authority. <sup>3</sup> Every creature that lives and moves will be food for you; as I gave the green plants, I have given you everything. <sup>4</sup> However, you must not eat meat with its lifeblood in it. <sup>5</sup> And I will require a penalty for your lifeblood; I will require it from any animal and from any human; if someone murders a fellow human, I will require that person's life.
- <sup>6</sup> Whoever sheds human blood, by humans his blood will be shed, for God made humans in his image.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> But you, be fruitful and multiply; spread out over the earth and multiply on it."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Then God said to Noah and his sons with him, <sup>9</sup> "Understand that I am establishing my covenant with

you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup> and with every living creature that is with you—birds, livestock, and all wildlife of the earth that are with you—all the animals of the earth that came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup> I establish my covenant with you that never again will every creature be wiped out by floodwaters; there will never again be a flood to destroy the earth."

<sup>12</sup> And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all future generations: <sup>13</sup> I have placed my bow in the clouds, and it will be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup> Whenever I form clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, <sup>15</sup> I will remember my covenant between me and you and all the living creatures: water will never again become a flood to destroy every creature. <sup>16</sup> The bow will be in the clouds, and I will look at it and remember the permanent covenant between God and all the living creatures on earth." <sup>17</sup> God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and every creature on earth."

Sermon "God's Covenant with Noah" Rev. Tim Latham

Hymn 43 Great is Thy Faithfulness

## Responding We respond to God's Word

Profession of Faith (Psalm 46)

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; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. 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 is 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 is our refuge.

**Prayers of the People** 

# Commissioning God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

Hymn 66	To God be the Glory
Benediction & Bless	sing
Postlude	

Today's prayer partner is Doreen Newby