

Sermon  
The Importance of Confession

The Rev. Brian Evans

\*The Apostles' Creed  
Jan Watsell 8:30  
Chris Dorsch 10:00

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, dead 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.

Sacrament of Holy Communion  
The Rev. Peter Larson

### WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

\*Closing Hymn

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

Rejoice, the Lord is King:  
your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,  
and triumph evermore:  
lift up your heart, lift up your voice.  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

The Lord the Savior reigns,  
the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our stains  
he took his seat above:  
lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail,  
he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
the keys of death and hell  
to Christ the Lord are given:  
lift up your heart, lift up your voice.  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope!  
Our Lord the Judge, shall come,  
and take his servants up  
to their eternal home.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Benediction  
The Rev. Brian Evans

Postlude  
*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* arr. Kyle Mazur  
Kyle Mazur

*\* Please stand if you are able*

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# Sunday, August 2, 2020

8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Worship Service

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## WE GATHER

Welcome and Announcements The Rev. Peter Larson

Prelude Kyle Mazur

*Children Of The Heavenly Father* arr. Kyle Mazur

\*Call to Worship (Psalm 32) The Rev. Peter Larson

Leader: Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

**People:** Blessed is the one whose sins the Lord does not count against them, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Leader: When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long,

**People:** For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

Leader: Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity.

**People:** I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Leader: Therefore, let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found.

**People:** You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

**All:** Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

\*Hymn

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,  
to his feet your tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore his praises sing.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favor  
to all people in distress.  
Praise him, still the same forever,  
slow to chide and swift to bless.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glorious in his faithfulness!

Fatherlike, he tends and spares us;  
all our hopes and fears he knows.  
In his hands he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Widely as his mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore him,  
you behold him face to face.  
Sun and moon, bow down before him;  
all who dwell in time and space.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace.

## WE PRAY

Prayer of Confession The Rev. Randy Fannin

Almighty and gracious God, our world today is broken. Our nation is torn by conflict, hatred and division. In our cities, we see a rising tide of mob violence and lawlessness. In the media, we are flooded with immorality. The institution of marriage which you ordained, today is under attack. Millions of people are plagued by depression and anxiety. Thousands of lives are lost to drug and alcohol abuse. Mass-shootings have become the new normal. Families are fractured, and many children grow up not knowing their father or mother. We wonder why these things are happening. We search for someone to blame. But deep down, the problem is spiritual. Our nation has turned away from God. We have broken your commands. We have rejected our Creator, and set up man-made gods that we worship. Lord, forgive us. Help us to confess our sins to you, freely and honestly, that you would heal our land. We pray in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, AMEN.

Assurance of Pardon

\* Response *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. Amen! Amen!

## WE GIVE BACK TO GOD

Prayer of Dedication Keegan Kempf

Offertory Kyle Mazur

*Will You Come and Follow Me* arr. Kyle Mazur

## WE HEAR THE WORD

First Scripture Reading Cindy Jaynes 8:30

*1 John 1:5 to 2:6* Rachel Jaynes 10:00

<sup>5</sup> This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. <sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. <sup>8</sup> If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us. **2** My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. <sup>2</sup> He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. Love and Hatred for Fellow Believers. <sup>3</sup> We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. <sup>4</sup> Whoever says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. <sup>5</sup> But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: <sup>6</sup> Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

\*Hymn

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise his name--I'm fixed upon it--  
name of God's redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer,  
hither by thy help I've come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
bought me with his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee:  
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, O, take and seal it;  
seal it for thy courts above.

Scripture Reading

*Nehemiah 1:1-11*

In the month of Kislev in the twentieth year, while I was in the citadel of Susa, <sup>2</sup> Hanani, one of my brothers, came from Judah with some other men, and I questioned them about the Jewish remnant that had survived the exile, and also about Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> They said to me, "Those who survived the exile and are back in the province are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire." <sup>4</sup> When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven. <sup>5</sup> Then I said: "Lord, the God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments, <sup>6</sup> let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant is praying before you day and night for your servants, the people of Israel. I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself and my father's family, have committed against you. <sup>7</sup> We have acted very wickedly toward you. We have not obeyed the commands, decrees and laws you gave your servant Moses. <sup>8</sup> "Remember the instruction you gave your servant Moses, saying, 'If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the nations,' <sup>9</sup> but if you return to me and obey my commands, then even if your exiled people are at the farthest horizon, I will gather them from there and bring them to the place I have chosen as a dwelling for my Name.' <sup>10</sup> "They are your servants and your people, whom you redeemed by your great strength and your mighty hand. <sup>11</sup> Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give your servant success today by granting him favor in the presence of this man." I was cupbearer to the king.