

The Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island
Sunday, August 22, 2021
13th Sunday After Pentecost
10:00 AM

Printed words to music and prayers are to use as silent meditation during the service.

“Gathering in God’s presence...

Ringing of the Hour

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Bess Kellett

Prelude

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Akers

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Instrumental Hymn

Lead On, O King Eternal

Lancashire

Lead on, O King eternal, The day of march has come;
Hence forth in fields of conquest Thy tents shall be our home:
Through days of preparation Thy grace has made us strong,
And now, O King eternal, We lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, Till sin’s fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper The sweet amen of peace;
For not with swords’ loud clashing, Nor roll of stirring drums;
With deeds of love and mercy The heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal: We follow, not with fears;
For gladness breaks like morning Where’er Thy face appears;
Thy cross is lifted o’er us; We journey in its light:
The crown awaits the conquest; Lean on, O God of might.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Spirit of God, we confess that we put on airs more often than we put on the armor of God. We are guilty of girding ourselves with lies instead of the truth. We try to protect ourselves with arrogance, superstition, and self-reliance instead of righteousness, faith, and your gift of salvation. Our footsteps do not follow your path of peace. And we are quick to use your Word to attack one another, instead of striking out against the sins we personally commit. Forgive us, Holy God. Gift us with the wisdom and strength to change our ways, so that we may live as your faithful ambassadors of the Good News. Amen.

Musical Response

Come and Fill Our Hearts

Confitemini Domino

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!

Repeat

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Good News: Christ himself is the Word that offers eternal life to all who receive him. This proves his love for us. In the name of Christ, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Musical Response

We Are Forgiven

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Read:

Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵ As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸ Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹ Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Reflection

The Armor of God

Rev. Ashley Sanders

Our Response

Prayers of the People

Sharing of Tithes & Offerings

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Musical Response

Give Thanks

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*Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.*

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*And now let the weak say, "We are strong";
let the poor say, "We are rich
because of what the Lord has done for us!"*

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because of what the Lord has done for us!"
Give thanks.*

Prayer of Dedication

Benediction

Postlude

Together We Serve

San Anselmo

*Together we serve, united by love,
Inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,
Extending God's love to the last and the least.*

*We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,
The busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
We offer a home to those who will come,
Our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.*

...sending in God's name."

Leading Worship:
Liturgy – Bess Kellett
Flute – Laura Staat
Music Director – Sheri Melton
Pastor – Ashley Sanders

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