

**Order of Worship  
for  
The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
October 1, 2023**

**SONG**  
**“Morning Has Broken”**  
**ELW 556**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*On this Sunday we gather for worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Amen!**

*The peace of the Lord be with you always!*

**And also with you!**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**  
**“This is the Feast of Victory”**  
ELW pg 140-141

**PRAYER**

*Let us pray:*

*God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to  
overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way  
of salvation, through Jesus Christ,*

*our Savior and Lord.*

*Amen.*

**SONG**  
**“Way Maker”**

**READING**

Philippians 2:1-13

**The lesson is from Paul’s letter to the Philippians,  
chapter two, verses one through thirteen.**

**Paul writes**

*If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup> make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness.*

*And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.*

*<sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

*Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup> for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.*

## **GOSPEL**

Matthew 21-23-32

**Our Gospel reading is from Matthew,  
chapter twenty-one, verses twenty-three through thirty-two.  
Matthew writes:**

*When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" <sup>24</sup> Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup> Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why, then, did you not believe him?' <sup>26</sup> But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet." <sup>27</sup> So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.*

*"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' <sup>29</sup> He answered, 'I will not,' but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup> The father<sup>[e]</sup> went to the second and said the same, and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. <sup>31</sup> Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup> For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him.*

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*"Riddles, Questions, and Answers"*

Rev. Amanda Ghaffarian

*Jesus asked many questions. What about answers? Pastor Amanda explores some riddles with the kids to find answers.*

## MESSAGE

*“More Than Empty Promises”*

Rev. Amanda Ghaffarian

*Do we make empty promises, or do we do what we say we're going to do? In the parable of the two sons, Jesus asks us who does the will of the father. Pastor Amanda explores how we are to respond to God's call.*

## SONG

*“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”*

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## OUR CONFESSION AND GOD'S FORGIVENESS

*Let us confess our sins together to God, our Creator and Redeemer.*

**Gracious Lord, we are so grateful that we are loved by You, with an unconditional love. It is in that spirit that we come to You and confess our sins. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have at times neglected Your Word. We ask for Your forgiveness, knowing, because of our faith in You, that we always have it, secure in the grace by which we are saved. Amen.**

*As a called and ordained minister of Word and Sacrament and by God's authority, I therefore declare to You the forgiveness of Your sins, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ has covered all our sins by His atoning death on the cross; let us therefore be inspired by Christ to do God's will by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen!*

## **RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM**

*Celebrate with us, as Zoey Ann Hetrick receives the sacrament of Holy Baptism!*

### **Verses About Baptism**

*(Read together from John 11:25, John 3:5; and Matthew 28:19)*

**“I am the resurrection and the life.”**

**“Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, that person cannot enter the Kingdom of heaven.”**

**“Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit and teach them to observe all that I have commanded you.”**

*The Pastor Addresses those wishing to be baptized,  
then turns to the congregation:  
Let us together affirm the faith in which we Baptize.*

*(Congregation stands and faces Baptismal Font)*

*Do you believe in God?*

**We believe in God the Father, almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.**

*Do you believe in Jesus Christ?*

**We believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?*

**We 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.**

*We give You thanks, O God, for in the beginning Your Spirit moved over the waters and by Your Word You created the world, calling forth life in which You took delight. Through the waters of the flood You delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led Your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river Your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection You set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in You.*

*Pour out Your Holy Spirit, the power of Your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To You be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.*

**Amen.**

*Zoey Ann Hetrick, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

*(Baptismal Party moves to the Altar while congregation sings first two verses of "Borning Cry")*

*Let us pray:*

*We give You thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit You give Your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from their sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Zoey with the gift of Your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of*

*knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in Your presence, both now and forever.*

**Amen!**

*Child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.*

*Today we receive you to be part of our Christian community. Let us welcome the newly baptized!*

**Praise God for the gift of new life. We welcome you into the Lord's family and promise to pray for you and show our love for you in the years to come.**

*Receive this lighted candle as a gift from King of Glory. We encourage you to light it every year on the anniversary of your baptism, Zoey. The candle is a symbol that Christ is the Light of the world and a reminder that we are to let the light of Christ shine brightly in and through us so that the world may see that we are indeed the Heart, Hands, and Voice of Christ.*

*O God, the Giver of all life, look with kindness upon Kevin and Stacey. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their daughter. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with Zoey the salvation You have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**Amen.**

*Let us pray. Loving God, You make light to shine in the darkness. You create new life to spring out of old. We give thanks today that You accept Zoey as Your own child. May she come to know You in the fullness of Your love; grow in faith; and always know that she is a part of Your family. We are also grateful for the gift of Your grace that accepts us as we are. May we daily remember that special day when water joined the Word and touched our*

*spirits and claimed us as Your own. In that awareness, grant that each of us may know the joy of abundant life in Christ, inspiring us to be your fully devoted disciples.*

**Amen.**

*(Baptismal Party returns to their seats as congregation sings last two verses of "Borning Cry".)*

### **OFFERING**

*Your offerings are more than just money to keep the lights turned on. Your gifts help to sustain and expand all of our ministries here at King of Glory, including those which provide direct assistance to those in our community who are in need. We are grateful for all of the gifts we receive, and we strive to be good stewards of the resources you provide to us.*

*On the first Sunday of each month, we take up a special offering towards world hunger. If you are giving online, simply select the "World Hunger" option.*

**If you wish to give online, you can [use our app](#)  
Or, go to our website at <https://kogcarmel.org/give>**

### **HYMN**

**"We Are an Offering"**

**ELW 692**

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*During this time, we pray for all those who need God's blessings, and praise Him for the blessings He has bestowed upon us.*

*During the prayers, there will be a time of silence, when we offer our personal prayers to God.*



## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*We prepare to receive the sacraments of Holy Communion, by remembering the words and actions of Jesus during the Last Supper.*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven  
hallowed be Your name,  
Your kingdom come,  
Your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are Yours  
now and forever.  
Amen.**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

***For those worshipping in-house,  
we invite you to come forward if you wish.  
If you prefer to take communion at your seat,  
you may do so.***

***For those joining us online,  
if you are able,  
we invite you to take communion where you are,  
using any kind of bread and either wine or grape juice  
so that you may receive the body and blood of our Lord and Savior,  
Jesus the Christ.***

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

*Now, may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, keep you in His grace and peace, now and forever. Amen!*

**SONG**

**“Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty”**

**BENEDICTION**

*May the Lord bless you and keep you; May the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you God’s peace; in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.*

**SONG**

**“My Lighthouse”**

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