

Order of Public Worship of God

The Twenty-Ninth Day of October, Two Thousand Twenty-Three

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

“But when I realized for the first time that my justification, my station before God, is not established on the basis of my own naked righteousness, which will always fall short of the demands of God. Rather, it instead rests solely and completely on the righteousness of Jesus Christ, which I must hold on to by a trusting faith. And when I understood that, for the first time in my life I understood the gospel. And I looked and beheld the doors of Paradise swung open, and I walked through.”

- F. W. Boreham, *A Bunch of Everlasting: or, Texts that Made History*
and R. C. Sproul, *The Insanity of Luther*

“As long...as we judge according to our own perceptions, we walk on the earth; and while we do so many clouds arise, and Satan scatters ashes in our eyes, and wholly darkens our judgement, and thus it happens, that we lie down altogether confounded. It is hence wholly necessary...that we should tread our reason under foot, and come nigh to God himself...let the word of God become our ladder.”

- John Calvin, *Institutes*, IV, 5



OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God,
before whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
That we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy Name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

† HYMN OF WORSHIP | “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

**A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.**

**Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God’s own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabbaoth, his name, from age to age the same,
And he must win the battle.**

**And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.**

**That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God’s truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever.**

† CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 34:1-6

Fret not yourself because of evildoers;
be not envious of wrongdoers!
For they will soon fade like the grass
and wither like the green herb.

**Trust in the Lord, and do good;
dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.**

Delight yourself in the Lord,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him, and he will act.

**He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,
and your justice as the noonday.**

† HYMNS OF THANKSGIVING | “God the Spirit”

**Holy fount of inspiration by whose gift the great of old
Spoke the word of revelation marvelous and manifold**

Refrain:

**God the Spirit we adore Thee, in the Triune Godhead One
One in love and power and glory with the Father and the Son**

**Author of the new creation, giver of the second birth
May thy ceaseless renovation cleanse our souls from stains of earth (refrain)**

**When we wander Lord direct us, keep us in the Master’s way
Let thy strong swift sword protect us warring in the evil day (refrain)**

“The Church’s One Foundation”

**The church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord,
She is his new creation, by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her and for her life he died.**

**Elect from every nation, yet one over all the earth;
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.**

**Though with a scornful wonder, men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed;
Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, “How long?”
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.**

**Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
‘Til, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blessed,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.**

**Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.**

INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts
as we forgive our debtors,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.**

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING

† CORPORATE PROFESSION OF FAITH | The Apostles’ 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 Ghost,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into Hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead
He ascended into heaven
and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.**

† 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. Amen.**

† GREETING

*Junior Worship begins for children age four through first grade. Please escort children to the following classrooms.
Preschool - Room 10; Kindergarten and First Grade - Room 9. Children will return to sit with their families
before communion.*

READING OF GOD’S WORD | Habakkuk 2:2-4

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON | Series - Habakkuk: The Righteous Shall Live By Faith

Sermon - “The Just Shall Live by Faith”
- Rev. James M. Holland

PRAYER FOR GRACE AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

**Most 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;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name.
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON | from Hebrews 7

It was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens... He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND SHARING OF THE CUP

How do we take communion at St. Patrick?

When directed, please come forward to receive the bread and the cup. The white chalices contain wine; the darker ones on the tables have grape juice. The crackers on the tables are gluten-free. The elder will distribute the bread and then follow with the wine chalice. We will practice intinction, where you will dip the bread in the wine. If you prefer grape juice or need gluten-free bread, indicate your preference when the elder comes to you, then go to the table for your elements. After receiving communion, you will proceed to the outside aisle to return to your seats.

Who comes to the Table?

Communion is open to all baptized believers who have made a profession of faith in Jesus. If you have children who have not made a profession of faith, they are not ready to partake of the elements, but please bring them forward to be blessed by one of our elders. If you are not a believer but want to know more about Jesus, you are invited to come forward and simply bypass the table, letting one of the leaders know that you would like to learn more about what it means to know and belong to Jesus.

† HYMN OF ASSURANCE | “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!**

**All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed;
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.**

**Mortals, join the happy chorus, which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning over us, brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us Sunward in the triumph song of life.**

† BENEDICTION | Adapted from a Franciscan Blessing

May God bless you with a restless discomfort,
that you may seek truth and love deep within your heart.
May God bless you with holy anger,
that you may tirelessly work for justice, freedom and peace for all.
May God bless you with the gift of tears,
that you may reach out your hand with empathy to comfort the brokenhearted.
May God bless you with enough foolishness to embrace the cross,
that you are able, by God’s grace, to do what others claim cannot be done.
Thanks be to God.

*Scripture tells us to make our needs known to God, and to call others to pray with and for us.
If you would like prayer, elders will be standing in the front of the sanctuary (pulpit side)
immediately following the service to pray with you.*



Upcoming Events and Giving:



Fiscal Fitness

The budget for our fiscal year that began on July 1, 2023 and ends on June 30, 2024 is based on unrestricted giving of \$1.695 million, which represents a 2.6% increase. Below is the latest financial update as of the month ended September 30, 2023:

| | <u>Month</u> | <u>Year-to-date</u> |
|---|---------------|---------------------|
| Actual unrestricted tithes and offerings | \$103,480 | \$290,965 |
| <u>Budgeted unrestricted tithes and offerings</u> | <u>90,849</u> | <u>303,700</u> |
| Favorable (unfavorable) | \$ 12,631 | (\$ 12,735) |

The unrestricted operating cash reserve began the current fiscal year with approximately \$914 thousand. As of September 30, 2023, we have approximately \$2.3 million in total debt and approximately \$109 thousand in cash restricted for our facility. This restricted cash balance will be used to fund any unplanned maintenance needs for our facility.

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