

Order of Public Worship of God

The Twenty-Seventh Day of August, Two Thousand Twenty-Three

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

“Nostalgia, the word actually means a longing for home. So, define home. Is it just some big overarching wish or desire for a simpler time, or a time when my attention and all the parts of my brain aren’t pulled in a thousand directions at once every day? Maybe.”

- Rustin Dodd and C. Trent Rosecrans, “‘The Sandlot,’ 30 years later:
Remembering the enduring magic of a baseball classic,”
www.theathletic.com, 23Aug2023

“We all are born into the world looking for someone looking for us, and that we remain in this mode of searching for the rest of our lives.”

- Curt Thompson, *The Soul of Shame*

“Lord, I praise you that you created us in your image—to live well only in deep, loving relationships. Thank you for your great gift of the church, your family. Help me make my church not merely a club or association but a band of brothers and sisters, especially for those who are otherwise alone. Amen.”

- Tim Keller, *The Songs of Jesus*



OPENING PRAYER

Lord of Creation

Bless this liturgy, our worshipful work:

fill the forms to fit our hearts for Heaven

Breathe your Spirit

into Word, Sacrament, and Prayer

That we might be renewed in Your image

and bring glory to Your Name.

Amen.

† HYMN OF WORSHIP | “Come Ye Sinners”

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore;

Jesus, ready, stands to save you, full of pity, joined with power.

He is able, he is able; he is willing, doubt no more.

Come ye needy; come, and welcome, God’s free bounty glorify;

True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.

Without money, without money, come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall;

If you tarry ’til you’re better, you will never come at all.

Not the righteous, not the righteous, sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;

All the fitness he requires is to feel your need of him.

This he gives you, this he gives you, ’tis the Spirit’s rising beam.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended, pleads the merit of his blood;

Venture on him, venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.

None but Jesus, none but Jesus can do helpless sinners good.

† CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 68:4-6

Sing to God, sing praises to his name;

lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts;

his name is the Lord; exult before him!

Father of the fatherless and protector of widows

is God in his holy habitation.

God settles the solitary in a home;

he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,

but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

† HYMNS OF THANKSGIVING | “His Mercy is More”

What love could remember no wrongs we have done

Omniscient, all knowing, he counts not their sum

Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore

Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam

What father, so tender, is calling us home

He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor

Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

Refrain:

Praise the Lord! His mercy is more!

Stronger than darkness, new every morn

Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

What riches of kindness he lavished on us

His blood was the payment, his life was the cost

We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford

Our sins they are many, his mercy is more (*refrain*)

What glory of presence, the Lamb on the throne,

Now tending a garden of our future home:

A city of nations where tears are no more,

The table is ready, his mercy outpoured.

“In You, O Lord, I am Found”

O Lord, you know me and search me out:

My habits and thoughts, my secret doubts,

My dreams at night, the words of my mouth.

In you, O Lord, I am found;

Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.

I know not all my own heart and mind,

My wandering soul, my sleepless eyes;

I long for you but from you I hide.

In you, O Lord, I am found;

Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.

Before my birth, you composed my frame.

You gazed in my eyes and knew my name;

You wrote with love each one of my days.

In you, O Lord, I am found;

Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.

Where can I run from your love so deep,

So boundless and strong, so rich, so free?

No height, nor depth can separate me:

In you, O Lord, I am found;

Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.

Though darkness covers my hope and sight

And night overtakes my troubled mind

In darkness you, my Daylight will shine

In you, O Lord, I am found;

Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.

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 | Psalms 68: 1-6

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON | Series: Saturate

Sermon: “The Lonely in Families”

- Rev. James M. Holland

PRAYER FOR GRACE AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Merciful Father,
We confess that we have brought nothing to this table:
Our vows were often empty words;
Our vanities, the loves of empty hearts;
Our vision for ourselves pursued with empty actions;
Our violence toward our idols, empty threats.
Apart from you we can do nothing.
Please pardon the iniquity of this people,
according to the greatness of your steadfast love,
in Christ Jesus, our all in all.
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON | Numbers 14:20-21

Then the Lord said, "I have pardoned, according to your word... truly, as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord..."

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 | "Thy Mercy, My God"

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue.
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affection and bound my soul fast.

Without thy sweet mercy, I could not live here,
For sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But through thy free goodness my spirits revive,
And he that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart.
Dissolved by thy goodness, I fall to the ground
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, thy goodness I own
And the covenant love of thy crucified Son.
All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine!

† BENEDICTION | Psalm 72:19 & Habakkuk 2:14

Blessed be his glorious name forever;
 may the whole earth be filled with his glory!
Amen and Amen! For the earth will be filled
with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

*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.*



ST. PATRICK

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH EPC



Now Available!
New ways to give to St. Patrick:



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. The unrestricted operating cash reserve began the current fiscal year with approximately \$914 thousand. Below is the latest financial update as of the month ended July 31, 2023:

	<u>Month</u>
Actual unrestricted tithes and offerings	\$ 99,296
Budgeted unrestricted tithes and offerings	106,193
Favorable (unfavorable)	(\$ 6,897)

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As of July 31, 2023 we have approximately \$2.3 million in total debt and approximately \$115 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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