

# Order of Public Worship of God

The Eighth Day of October, Two Thousand Twenty-Three

*Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

## PRELUDE

“Faith properly exercised drinks deeply from the springs of grace and sees that Christ is not only perfectly equipped to become the Savior, but actually is my savior.”

- Sinclair Ferguson, *The Whole Christ*

“Faith is a living, daring confidence in God’s grace, so sure and certain that a man can stake his life on it a thousand times.”

- Martin Luther, *Commentary on Romans*

“It is not the strength of your faith but the object of your faith that actually saves you. Strong faith in a weak branch is fatally inferior to weak faith in a strong branch.”

- Tim Keller, *The Reason for God*



## 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 | “Rejoice the Lord Is King”

**Rejoice the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore;  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing and triumph evermore:**

*Refrain:*

**Lift up your hearts! Lift up your voice, rejoice,  
Again, I say rejoice!**

**Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love.  
When he had purged our stains, he took his seat above: *(refrain)***

**His Kingdom cannot fail! He rules o’er earth and heav’n;  
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv’n: *(refrain)***

**Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord the Judge shall come  
And take his servants up to their eternal home: *(refrain)***

## † 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 | “Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”

**Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior’s name,  
He has hushed the law’s loud thunder, he has quenched Mount Sinai’s flame.  
He has washed us with his blood, he has washed us with his blood,  
He has washed us with his blood, he has brought us nigh to God.**

**Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies,  
Called us by his grace and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes.  
He has washed us with his blood, he has washed us with His blood,  
He has washed us with his blood, he presents our souls to God.**

**Let us sing though fierce temptation, threaten hard to bear us down,  
For the Lord our strong salvation, holds in view the conqueror’s crown.  
He who washed us with his blood, he who washed us with his blood,  
He who washed us with his blood soon will bring us home to God.**

**Let us wonder grace and justice, join and point to mercy’s store,  
When through grace in Christ our trust is, Justice smiles and asks no more.  
He who washed us with his blood, he who washed us with his blood,  
He who washed us with his blood has secured our way to God.**

**Let us praise and join the chorus, of the saints enthroned on high,  
Here they trusted him before us, now their praises fill the sky.  
Thou hast washed us with thy blood, thou hast washed us with thy blood,  
Thou hast washed us with thy blood, thou art worthy Lamb of God.**

“Jesus I Come”

**Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of my sickness into Thy health,  
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,  
Out of my sin and into Thyself,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.**

**Out of my shameful failure and loss,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of earth’s sorrows into Thy balm,  
Out of life’s storms and into Thy calm,  
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.**

**Out of unrest and arrogant pride,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into Thy blessed will to abide,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,  
Out of despair into raptures above,  
Upward forever on wings like a dove,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.**

**Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into the joy and light of Thy home,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of the depths of ruin untold,  
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,  
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,  
Jesus, I come to 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 | Galatians 3:10-14

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

Sermon - "By Faith Alone"

- Rev. Greg Aydt

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 | "Amazing Grace"

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!**

**I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;**

**How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;**

**'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.**

**And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess, within the veil, a life of joy and peace.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.**

† 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 August 31, 2023:

	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
Actual unrestricted tithes and offerings	\$ 88,190	\$187,486
<u>Budgeted unrestricted tithes and offerings</u>	<u>106,657</u>	<u>212,850</u>
Favorable (unfavorable)	(\$ 18,467)	(\$ 25,364)

The unrestricted operating cash reserve began the current fiscal year with approximately \$914 thousand. As of August 31, 2023, we have approximately \$2.3 million in total debt and approximately \$110 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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