

Order of Public Worship of God

The Seventeenth Day of September, Two Thousand Twenty-Three

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

“People become attached to their burdens sometimes more than the burdens are attached to them.”

- George Bernard Shaw, *A Treatise on Parents and Children*

“Just as Christian came up to the Cross, his burden loosed from off his shoulders, fell from off his back, and began to tumble down the hill, and so it continued to do till it came to the mouth of the sepulchre. There it fell in, and I saw it no more!”

- John Bunyan, *The Pilgrim's Progress*

“We never know how God will answer our prayers, but we can expect that He will get us involved in His plan for the answer. If we are true intercessors, we must be ready to take part in God's work on behalf of the people for whom we pray.”

- Corrie ten Boom, *The Hiding Place*



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 | “Holy, Holy, Holy!”

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

† 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 | “By Thy Mercy”

Jesus, Lord of life and glory,
bend from heav'n thy gracious ear;
While our waiting souls adore thee,
friend of helpless sinners, hear:

Refrain:

By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.
By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.

From the depth of nature's blindness,
from the hardening power of sin,
From all malice and unkindness,
from the pride that lurks within: *(refrain)*

When the world around is smiling,
in the time of wealth and ease,
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling,
in the day of health and peace: *(refrain)*

In the solemn hour of dying,
in the awful judgment day,
May our souls, on thee relying,
find thee still our Rock and Stay: *(refrain)*

“Before the Throne of God Above”

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart,
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When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there, who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free,
For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on him and pardon me,
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there: the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
One with himself, I cannot die; my soul is purchased by his blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,
with Christ, my Savior and my God.

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 1:1

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

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

Sermon - “Burdens We Can't Unsee”
- Rev. Joshua Smith

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 | “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine’s blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust, life’s glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

† 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.*



ST. PATRICK

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH EPC



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
Budgeted unrestricted tithes and offerings	106,657	212,850
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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