

# Order of Public Worship of God

The Tenth Day of September, Two Thousand Twenty-Three

*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

## PRELUDE

“Nobody is ever lonely or isolated in the abstract. Loneliness only ever affects people—real, individual people in real, particular circumstances. And it can only be solved by real community... When communal space disappears, communal bonds disappear too.”

- Carl R. Trueman, “The Death of Church and Pub,” *www.firstthings.com*, 08.24.23

“The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.”

- Frederick Buechner

“The proclamation of the gospel, as a Christian would put it, may be first of all the telling of the story, but this gains power and meaning insofar as it is embodied in the total gestalt of community life and action.”

- George Lindbeck, *The Nature of Doctrine*



## 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 | “We Will Feast in the House of Zion”

*Refrain:*

**We will feast in the house of Zion.**

**We will sing with our hearts restored.**

**“He has done great things,” we will say together.**

**We will feast, and weep no more.**

**We will not be burned by the fire;**

**He is the Lord our God.**

**We are not consumed by the flood—**

**Upheld, protected, gathered up. *(refrain)***

**In the dark of night before the dawn,**

**My soul be not afraid;**

**For the promised morning, oh how long!**

**O God of Jacob, be my strength! *(refrain)***

**Every vow we’ve broken and betrayed,**

**You are the faithful One;**

**And from the garden to the grave,**

**bind us together, bring shalom. *(refrain)***

## † 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 | “Be Thou My Vision”

**Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art—  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord:  
Thou my great Father; I thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**

**Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my Treasure thou art.**

**High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.**

“The Breastplate of St. Patrick”

**When my work takes me places I don’t want to go:  
Christ before me.**

**When my heart aches with sorrow as I hit the road:  
Christ, be with me.**

**When the care of my family takes all that I have:  
Christ within me.**

**When I’m worn and exhausted, ashamed that I’m mad:  
Christ, defend me.**

*Refrain:*

**I rise up today in a strength that is not my own  
I’m held by the promise of God  
That I’m never alone.**

**When I’m tossed to the side and I wanna give up:  
Christ beside me.**

**When I’m breaking my back, but it’s never enough:  
Christ beside me.**

**When I work hard, but someone else gets the reward:  
God’s eyes see me.**

**When I ask for promotion, but they shut the door:  
God’s ears hear me. *(refrain)***

**When I climb the first steps toward a long-held dream:  
Christ above me.**

**When I leap out in faith and I hope to find wings:  
Christ beneath me.**

## 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: 14

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON | Series: Saturate

Sermon: “When Deep Gladness Meets Deep Hunger”

- 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 | "The Sands of Time Are Sinking"

**The sands of time are sinking; the dawn of heaven breaks.**

**The summer morn I've sighed for, the fair sweet morn awakes.**

**Dark, dark had been the midnight, but dayspring is at hand**

**And glory, glory dwelleth, in Emmanuel's land.**

**The King there in his beauty, without a veil is seen:**

**It were a well-spent journey, though seven deaths lay between:**

**The Lamb with his fair army, doth on Mount Zion stand,**

**And glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.**

**O Christ, he is the fountain, the deep sweet well of love.**

**The streams of love I've tasted, more deep I'll drink above.**

**There to an ocean fulness, his mercy doth expand**

**And glory, glory dwelleth, in Emmanuel's land.**

**The bride eyes not her garment, but her dear Bridegroom's face;**

**I will not gaze at glory, but on my King of grace!**

**Not at the crown he giveth, but on his pierced hand,**

**The Lamb is all the glory of Emmanuel's land.**

**Oh! I am my Beloved's, and my Beloved is mine!**

**He brings a poor vile sinner, into his house of wine.**

**I stand upon his merit, I know no other stand,**

**Not e'en where glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.**

† 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.*



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. 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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