

Order of Public Worship of God

The Twenty-Third Day of July, Two Thousand Twenty-Three

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

“We’re awash in knowledge in 2023, but do you think our general level of understanding is greater? Do you think we’re wiser?”

- Tim Maurer “The Financial Wisdom Found in Proverbs,”
Forbes.com (April 16, 2023)

“Religion begat prosperity and the daughter devoured the mother.”

- Cotton Mather

“The righteous are willing to disadvantage themselves to advantage the community; the wicked are willing to disadvantage the community to advantage themselves.”

- Bruce Waltke, *Proverbs*



OPENING PRAYER | from St. Augustine

Great You are, O Lord, and greatly to be praised;
great is Your power, and Your wisdom is infinite.
You would that we praise without ceasing.
You call us to delight in Your praise,
for You have made us for Yourself,
and our hearts find not rest until we rest in You;
To whom with the Father and the Holy Spirit
all glory, praise, and honor be ascribed,
both now and forevermore. Amen.

† HYMN OF WORSHIP | “Nothing but the Blood”

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain:

Oh! precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my cleansing, this I see,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my pardon this my plea,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus. (refrain)

Nothing can for sin atone,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus. (refrain)

This is all my hope and peace,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus. (refrain)

† CALL TO WORSHIP | from Job 28

“Where shall wisdom be found?

And where is the place of understanding?

Man does not know its worth,

and it is not found in the land of the living.

From where, then, does wisdom come?

And where is the place of understanding?

It is hidden from the eyes of all living.

God understands the way to it,

and he knows its place.

For he looks to the ends of the earth

and sees everything under the heavens.

And he said to man,

‘Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom,

and to turn away from evil is understanding.’”

† 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:

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. (refrain)

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

When I survey the wondrous Cross,

on which the Prince of Glory died,

My richest gain I count but loss,

and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,

save in the death of Christ, My God;

All the vain things that charm me most,

I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,

sorrow and love flow mingled down;

Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,

or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,

that were a present far too small;

Love so amazing, so divine,

demands my soul, my life, my all.

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 | Proverbs 10:22

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON | Series: The Book of Suburbs

Sermon: “Wise Money”

- Rev. James M. Holland

PRAYER FOR GRACE AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God,
We confess that we have done what was right in our own eyes,
failing in fear of the Lord who alone knows the hearts of humanity.
We come now to Him who freely pardons all who repent and turn to Him:
Fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace;
forgiving all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience;
through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON | 1 Corinthians 1:30-31

And because of him you are in Christ Jesus,
who became to us wisdom from God,
righteousness and sanctification and redemption,
So that, as it is written,
“Let the one who boasts, boast in 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 | Romans 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!
“For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?”
“Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?”
For from him and through him and to him are all things.
To him be glory forever. Amen.

*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 Registrations:



Fiscal Fitness

The budget for our fiscal year that began on July 1, 2022 and ended on June 30, 2023 was based on a 3.1% increase in unrestricted giving. Unrestricted giving exceeded budget and finished the fiscal year at a 4.5% increase. Below is the latest financial update as of the month ended June 30, 2023:

	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
Actual unrestricted tithes and offerings	\$116,064	\$1,651,570
Budgeted unrestricted tithes and offerings	106,720	1,630,000
Favorable (unfavorable)	\$ 9,344	\$ 21,570

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.

As of June 30, 2023, we have approximately \$2.3 million in total debt and approximately \$115 thousand in cash restricted for facilities. This restricted cash balance will be used to cover any unplanned maintenance needs for our facility.



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