

Order of Public Worship of God

The Twenty-Eighth Day of May, Two Thousand Twenty-Three
Pentecost Sunday

PRELUDE

“Men rush to California and Australia as if the true gold were to be found in that direction but that is to go to the very opposite extreme to where it lies. They go prospecting farther and farther away from the true lead, and are most unfortunate when they think themselves most successful.”

- Henry David Thoreau, “Life Without Principle”

“Maybe our goal should be to form a common life along the lines of Paul waiting for his day before the Emperor – in a house where the struggle for justice meets radical hospitality and where people from every walk of life wander into a space filled with hope, surprise, and very good news.”

- Willie James Jennings, *Acts*



OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God,
Who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord’s resurrection,
may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

† HYMN OF WORSHIP | “Lift Up Your Heads”

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
Behold, the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near;
The Savior of the world is here!

A Helper just he comes to thee,
His chariot is humility,
His kingly crown is holiness,
His scepter, kindness in distress.

Justice and righteousness ordain
Upon the throne of David reign;
A Child is born, eternal Lord,
The Prince of Peace forevermore.

O blest the land, the city blest,
Where Christ the Ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes
To whom this King in triumph comes!

Fling wide the portals of your heart,
Make it a temple, set apart;
The Word made Flesh, descends to dwell
With joy for you who his mercies tell.

So come, my Lord, and enter in,
Let new and nobler life begin!
Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on,
Until thy glorious victory’s won.

† CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.

God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him!

† HYMNS OF THANKSGIVING | “Blessed Quietness”

Joys are flowing like a river,
Since the Comforter has come;
He abides with us forever,
Makes the trusting heart His home.

Refrain:

Blessed quietness, holy quietness,
What assurance in my soul!
On the stormy sea, He speaks peace to me,
How the billows cease to roll!

Bringing life and health and gladness
All around, this heav’nly Guest,
Banished unbelief and sadness,
Changed our weariness to rest. (refrain)

Like the rain that falls from Heaven,
Like the sunlight from the sky,
So the Holy Ghost is given,
Coming to us from on high. (refrain)

See, a fruitful field is growing,
Blessed fruit of righteousness;
And the streams of life are flowing
In the lonely wilderness. (refrain)

“God the Spirit”

Holy fount of inspiration by whose gift the great of old
Spoke the word of revelation marvelous and manifold

Refrain:

God the Spirit we adore Thee, in the Triune Godhead One
One in love and power and glory with the Father and the Son

Author of the new creation, giver of the second birth
May thy ceaseless renovation cleanse our souls from stains of earth (refrain)

When we wander Lord direct us, keep us in the Master’s way
Let thy strong swift sword protect us warring in the evil day (refrain)

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 | Acts 28:16-30

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

SERMON | Series: Heaven Is Local

Sermon: “Hope Unhindered”
- Rev. Joshua Smith

PRAYER FOR GRACE AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN | from Acts 28:26-27

Many prophets have come to us, and said,
“You will indeed hear but never understand,
and you will indeed see but never perceive.”
For our hearts have grown dull,
and with our ears we can barely hear,
and our eyes we have closed;
Lest we should see with our eyes
and hear with our ears
and understand with our heart
and turn, and the Lord would heal us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON | Jeremiah 31:8; 33-34

“With weeping they shall come, and with pleas for mercy;
I will lead them back, I will make them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble...
For this is the covenant that I will make
with the house of Israel, after those days, declares the Lord:
I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts.
And I will be their God, and they shall be my people...
For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

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 | “My Hope Is Built”

**My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly trust in Jesus’ Name.**

Refrain:

**On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness seems to hide his face,
I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil. (refrain)**

**His oath, his covenant, his blood,
Support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my Hope and Stay. (refrain)**

**When he shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in him be found.
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne. (refrain)**

† BENEDICTION | Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and said to them,
“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them
in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.
And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

*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 ends on June 30, 2023 is based on unrestricted giving of \$1.63 million. The unrestricted operating cash reserve fund balance began the current fiscal year with approximately \$835 thousand. Below is the latest financial update for the month ended April 30, 2023:

	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
Actual unrestricted tithes and offerings	\$201,854	\$1,407,324
Budgeted unrestricted tithes and offerings	108,107	1,406,616
Favorable (unfavorable)	\$ 93,747	\$ 708

As of April 30, 2023, we have approximately \$2.3 million in total debt and approximately \$130 thousand in cash restricted for facilities. This restricted cash balance will be used to fund minimum principle payments and cover any unexpected, unplanned maintenance needs for our facility.

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