

# Order of Public Worship of God

The Fifteenth Day of October, Two Thousand Twenty-Three

*Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*

## PRELUDE

“Where is the Life we have lost in living?”

- T. S. Eliot, “Choruses from “The Rock””

“I see a beautiful city and a brilliant people rising from this abyss. I see the lives for which I lay down my life, peaceful, useful, prosperous and happy. I see that I hold a sanctuary in their hearts, and in the hearts of their descendants, generations hence. It is a far, far better thing that I do, than I have ever done; it is a far, far better rest that I go to than I have ever known.”

- Charles Dickens, *A Tale of Two Cities*

“[W]hat God promises will never come so soon, but that it seems to us to tarry; according to an old proverb, ‘Even speed is delay to desire.’”

- John Calvin, *Commentary on Hebrews*



## 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 | “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

**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,**

† *Congregation Stands*  
**Bold - Congregational Response**

**Let new and nobler life begin!  
Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on,  
Until thy glorious victory’s won.**

## † 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 | “Come Thou Fount”

**Come thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the Mount! I’m fixed upon it, Mount of thy redeeming love.**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I’ve come;  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.**

**O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here’s my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.**

“It Is Well”

**When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, thou has taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well, with my soul.**

*Refrain:*

**It is well, (it is well), with my soul, (with my soul)  
It is well, it is well, with my soul.**

**Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
And hath shed his own blood for my soul. (*refrain*)**

**My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!  
My sin, not in part but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (*refrain*)**

**And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,  
Even so, it is well with my soul. (*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 | Hebrews 10:32-39

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

SERMON | Series - Habakkuk: The Righteous Shall Live By Faith  
Sermon - “Recalled to Life!”  
- 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 | “On Jordan’s Stormy Banks”

**On Jordan’s stormy banks I stand and cast a wishful eye  
 To Canaan’s fair and happy land where my possessions lie.**

**All o’er those wide extended plains shines one eternal day;  
 There God the Son forever reigns and scatters night away.**

*Refrain*

**I am bound, I am bound  
 I am bound for promised land.  
 I am bound, I am bound  
 I am bound for promised land.**

**No chilling winds nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore;  
 Sickness, sorrow, pain and death are felt and feared no more. *(refrain)***

**When shall I reach that happy place and be forever blessed?  
 When shall I see my Father’s face and in his bosom rest? *(refrain)***

† 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
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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