

Order of Public Worship of God

The Third Day of September, Two Thousand Twenty-Three

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

“Stories are verbal acts of hospitality.”

- Eugene Peterson, *Christ Plays in Ten Thousand Places*

“So we grow up in a sea of stories told in a way that fits what we want others to know about us. The stories told in most families are a kind of propaganda.”

- Dan Allender, *To Be Told*

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

- John 1:14



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 | “Come, Thou Almighty King”

Come, thou Almighty King,

Help us thy name to sing; help us to praise!

Father all glorious, o’er all victorious,

Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!

Come, thou Incarnate Word,

Gird on thy mighty sword; our prayer attend!

Come, and thy people bless, and give thy word success,

Spirit of holiness, on us descend!

Come, Holy Comforter,

Thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.

Thou who Almighty art, now rule in every heart,

And ne’er from us depart, Spirit of power!

To thee, great One in Three,

Eternal praises be; hence, evermore

Thy sovereign majesty, may we in glory see,

And to eternity, Love and adore!

† 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 | “Dawning Light Of Our Salvation”

Long in darkness Israel wandered; long in mortal shadows, we

Walked in bondage and self-pity, trod in paths of sin and grief.

In the prophets’ words He told us, long the God of Israel spoke;

He alone in strength would save us from the hands of all our foes.

Refrain:

Every valley be exalted!

Every mountain be made plain!

Crooked ways repent and straighten;

all creation bend in praise!

He shall raise a mighty Savior; Born of David’s lineage, He

Comes in cov’nant love to claim us from our sins to set us free.

Light to those who dwell in darkness, life to those from death who flee;

Joy unto the earth, and gladness, to your pathways dawning peace! (*refrain*)

Jesus, Lord, and mighty Savior, David’s Son and yet his King,

Dawning light of our salvation, of your saving pow’r we sing!

Stand, oh lame, and dance ye broken, know the Savior’s healing grace;

Come, oh deaf, and hear him singing; turn, oh blind, behold his face! (*refrain*)

“Come Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted”

Bowed with fruitless sorrow down;

By the broken law convicted,

Through the cross, behold the crown;

Look to Jesus; Look to Jesus; Look to Jesus;

Mercy flows through Him alone.

Take His easy yoke and wear it;

Love will make your obedience sweet;

Christ will give you strength to bear it,

While His grace shall guide your feet

Safe to glory, Safe to glory, Safe to glory,

Where His ransomed captives meet.

Blessed are the eyes that see Him,

Blest the ears that hear His voice;

Blessed are the souls that trust Him,

And in Him alone rejoice;

His commandments, His commandments, His commandments

Then become their happy choice.

Sweet as home to pilgrims weary,

Light to newly opened eyes,

Like full springs in deserts dreary,

Is the rest the cross supplies;

All who taste it, All who taste it, All who taste it

Shall to rest immortal rise.

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 | Psalms 22: 25-31

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON | Series: Saturate

Sermon: “Stories of Saturation”

- Rev. Joshua Smith

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 | "And Can It Be"

**And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me who caused His pain! For me who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, should die for me?**

Refrain:

**Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, should die for me!
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, should die for me!**

**He left his Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace!
Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for O my God, it found out me! *(refrain)***

**Long my imprisoned spirit lay, fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth and followed Thee. *(refrain)***

**No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown thru Christ my own.
*(refrain)***

† 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
<u>Budgeted unrestricted tithes and offerings</u>	<u>106,193</u>
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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