

Order of Public Worship of God

The Ninth Day of July, Two Thousand Twenty-Three

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

Who saw when this Creation was? Remember'st thou
Thy making while the Maker gave thee being?
We know no time when we were not as now,
Know none before us, self-begot, self-raised
By our own quick'ning power.

- Satan, in John Milton's *Paradise Lost*

“The fear of I AM is the quintessential expression of the spiritual grammar for understanding Proverbs...What the alphabet is to reading, what notes are to music, what numerals are to mathematics, the fear of I AM is to gaining the book's wisdom and instruction. ‘Fools’ lack this prerequisite. They despise God's revelation.”

- Bruce Waltke & Ivan D. V. de Silva, *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 | “Holy Holy Holy”

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

† 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 | “In You, O Lord, I Am Found (Psalm 139)”

**O Lord, you know me and search me out:
My habits and thoughts, my secret doubts,
My dreams at night, the words of my mouth.
In you, O Lord, I am found;
Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.**

**I know not all my own heart and mind,
My wandering soul, my sleepless eyes;
I long for you but from you I hide.
In you, O Lord, I am found;
Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.**

**Before my birth, you composed my frame.
You gazed in my eyes and knew my name;
You wrote with love each one of my days.
In you, O Lord, I am found;
Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.**

**Where can I run from your love so deep,
So boundless and strong, so rich, so free?
No height, nor depth can separate me:
In you, O Lord, I am found;
Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.**

**Though darkness covers my hope and sight
And night overtakes my troubled mind
In darkness you, my Daylight will shine
In you, O Lord, I am found;
Oh, in you, O Lord, I am found.**

“Before the Throne of God Above”

**Before the throne of God above, I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.**

**When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there, who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free,
For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on him and pardon me,
to look on him and pardon me.**

**Behold him there: the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
One with himself, I cannot die; my soul is purchased by his blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,
with Christ, my Savior and my God.**

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 28:14; 29:25

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

SERMON | Series: The Book of Suburbs

Sermon: “Wise Fear: Subverting Self-Creation”
- Rev. William Weir

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 | “How Firm a Foundation”

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
You, who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?**

**“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”**

**“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.”**

**“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to break,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.”**

† 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 fund minimum principle payments and cover any unexpected, unplanned maintenance needs for our facility.

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