

Order of Public Worship of God

The Eighteenth Day of June, Two Thousand Twenty-Three

Third Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

“Her quiet and kindly listening had made it possible to speak his thoughts aloud, and sometimes it was only when he spoke his thoughts that he knew he had them. It was surprising how a man’s mind might remain half in shadow until the right confidant appeared.”

- Diane Setterfield, *Once Upon a River*

“Friendship arises out of mere companionship when two or more of the companions discover that they have in common or even taste which the others do not share and which, till that moment, each believed to be his own unique treasure (or burden.) The typical expression of opening Friendship would be something like, “What, you too? I thought I was the only one.”

- C.S. Lewis, *The Four Loves*

“In the early stage of your life, you were shaped most by your family. But for the rest of your life, you will be shaped largely by your friends. You become like the people with whom you spend the most time.”

- Tim Keller, *God’s Wisdom for Navigating Life*



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 | “For The Beauty Of The Earth”

**For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies.**

Refrain:

**Lord of all to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the wonder of each hour,
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon, and stars of light. (refrain)**

**For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild. (refrain)**

**For the church, that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love. (refrain)**

**For Thyself, best Gift Divine.
To our race so freely given,
For that great, great love of Thine,
Peace on earth and joy in Heaven. (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.’”**

INSTALLATION OF TEACHING ELDER | Rev. Greg Aydt

Ordination Vow:

Do you now reaffirm the vows you took upon your ordination, and do you recommit yourself to them in the discharge of your obligations?

Installation Vows:

1. Will you seek to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all your duties as a Christian and a Teaching Elder, whether personal or interpersonal, private or public; and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the gospel in your manner of life, and to walk with exemplary piety before the congregation of which God is making you overseer?
2. Are you now willing to accept the call of this church session as Assistant Pastor and, relying upon God for strength, promise to discharge to it the duties required of that office?

Questions to the Congregation:

1. Are you, the members of this congregation ready to receive Greg Aydt as your Assistant Pastor for Youth?
2. Do you promise to submit to Greg in matters of spiritual discipline, and to receive with humility and love the word of truth?
3. Do you promise to support Greg with your prayers, to give encouragement and assistance in every way as Greg seeks to instruct you in the things of the Lord and to lead you in the building of the Kingdom of God in this place?
4. Do you commit yourselves to fulfill the terms of the call and to make provision for Greg needs that the name of Christ might be glorified?

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

CHARGE TO CONGREGATION AND TO REV. AYDT

† HYMNS OF THANKSGIVING | “Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor”

**Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor,
All for love’s sake becamest poor;
Thrones for a manger didst surrender
Sapphire-paved courts for stable floor.
Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor,
All for love’s sake becamest poor.**

**Thou who are God beyond all praising,
All for love’s sake becamest man;**

**Stooping so low, but sinners raising,
Heav’nward by thine eternal plan.
Thou who art God beyond all praising,
All for love’s sake becamest man.**

**Thou who art love beyond all telling,
Savior and King, we worship thee.
Emmanuel, within us dwelling,
Make us what thou wouldst have us be.
Thou who art love beyond all telling,
Savior and King, we worship thee.**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not,
As thou hast been, thou forever will be.**

Refrain:

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. (refrain)**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (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 | 1 Kings 12:1-8

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

SERMON | Series: The Book of Suburbs

Sermon: "Wise Friendship"
- Rev. Joshua Smith

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 | "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

**O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.**

**O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.**

**O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.**

**O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust, life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.**

† 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:



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