

Order of Public Worship of God

The Eleventh Day of June, Two Thousand Twenty-Three

Second Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

“The only wisdom we can hope to acquire is the wisdom of humility: humility is endless.”

- T.S. Eliot, *East Coker*

“If wishes were horses, then beggars would ride.”

- Old Scottish Proverb

Gandalf to Pippin: “...if I had spoken sooner, it would not have lessened your desire, or made it easier to resist. On the contrary! No the burned hand teaches best. After that advice about fire goes to the heart.”

- J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Two Towers*



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 | “Satisfied”

**All my lifelong I had panted for a drink from some cool spring
That I hoped would quench the burning of the thirst I felt within.**

Refrain:

**Hallelujah! He has found me, the One my soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings, through his blood I now am saved.**

**Feeding on the filth around me, ’til my strength was almost gone;
Longed my soul for something better, only still to hunger on. *(refrain)***

**Poor I was and sought for riches, something that would satisfy
But the dust I gathered ‘round me only mocked my soul’s sad cry. *(refrain)***

**Well of water, ever springing, Bread of life so rich and free,
Untold wealth that never faileth, my Redeemer is to me. *(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.’”

† HYMNS OF THANKSGIVING | “Tis So Sweet”

**’Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to take him at his word;
Just to rest upon his promise;
Just to know, thus saith the Lord.**

Refrain:

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him,
How I’ve proved him o’er and o’er,
Jesus, Jesus, Precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust him more.**

**O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to trust his cleansing blood;
Just in simple faith to plunge me,
’Neath the healing, cleansing flood. *(refrain)***

**Yes, ’tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life, and rest, and joy, and peace. *(refrain)***

**I’m so glad I learned to trust thee,
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that thou art with me,
Wilt be with me to the end. *(refrain)***

“Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah”

**Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days.
Put no confidence in princes, nor for help on man depend;
He shall die, to dust returning, and his purposes shall end.**

**Happy is the man that chooses Israel's God to be his aid;
He is blest whose hope of blessing on the Lord his God is stayed.
Heaven and earth the Lord created, seas and all that they contain;
He delivers from oppression, righteousness He will maintain.**

**Food He daily gives the hungry, sets the mourning prisoner free;
Raises those bowed down with anguish, makes the sightless eyes to see.
Well Jehovah loves the righteous, and the stranger He befriends;
Helps the fatherless and widow, judgment on the wicked sends.**

**Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days.
Over all God reigns forever, through all ages He is King;
Unto Him, thy God, O Zion, joyful hallelujahs sing.**

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 3:1-12

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON | Series: The Book of Suburbs

Sermon: “The School of Wisdom: Subverting Technique”

- Rev. James M. Holland

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 | “Thy Mercy, My God”

**Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue.
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affection and bound my soul fast.**

**Without thy sweet mercy, I could not live here,
For sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But through thy free goodness my spirits revive,
And he that first made me still keeps me alive.**

**Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart.
Dissolved by thy goodness, I fall to the ground
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.**

**Great Father of mercies, thy goodness I own
And the covenant love of thy crucified Son.
All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine!**

† 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 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:

	Month	Year-to-date
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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