

**August 8, 2021 Worship**

**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**Welcome**

**Songs:** Come Just as You Are; Everlasting God

**Call to Worship:**

L: God is our refuge and strength!

C: The Lord of hosts is with us!

L: Be still and know the God who created you!

C: And come into the dwelling place of the Lord!

L: These courts, this place—this is our true home.

C: We will dwell in the Lord's house forever!

L: Come, enjoy the goodness of God's holy temple!

C: You are the hope of all the ends of the earth.

L: By God's strength were the mountains established.

C: You bring peace to the seas—and to your people.

L: Come to God's house; all are welcome.

C: The Son of Man is lord of the sabbath.

L: Sisters and brothers,

C: We gather today

L: To unite and to reunify,

C: To reconcile and to forgive!

L: With reconciliation and forgiveness in our hearts, we worship now  
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

A: Amen!

**Songs:** *10,000 Reasons; He Knows My Name*

**Scripture Reading:** *Psalm 46, Acts 2:37-42*

## **Children's Message**

**Message:** *Is*

**Songs:** *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

## **Affirmation of Faith**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **Offering**

You have given us the greatest gift of all: your Holy Spirit. Bless us and these offerings we place before you as a thanksgiving for everything we have received as your children. Use them to bless our entire earthly family, that the Spirit's work may know no bounds and your name might be known in every place. Amen.

## **Confession**

L: We confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

L: Loving God,

C: You have granted us every blessing on earth, but we do not mirror your generosity to the world. We turn inward and hold tightly to things that aren't even ours. We make others uncomfortable to be around us instead of welcoming as you would. And we regularly forget the grace that has been freely offered. Forgive us for not living each day as your beloved, chosen children, for the sake of Jesus. Forgive these sins and also the sins we lift in silence...

L: We do not continue in sin in order that grace may abound, for God's mercy is not something which can be taken from us. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by his authority alone, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all of your sins. You are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit! Go forth in the sure and certain knowledge that you are forgiven, made new, and strengthened to serve another day in God's kingdom.

A: Amen!

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times

and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and call to mind that on the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying; Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Just as the disciples of old, we dedicate ourselves to teaching, fellowship, prayer, and the breaking of bread. In this meal you take the ordinary and make it sacred, just as you take our common lives and make them extraordinary by the power of your amazing grace. Gather us now to be fed and fortified for our ongoing journey as your followers.

## **Communion**

**Song:** *Surrender*

## **Prayers and The Lord's Prayer**

C: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Ministry Opportunities**

### **Blessing**

As people of faith we have gathered for worship, And we now return to the world. Go out to share the story of faith, the story of life, with the world around you. We share the faith in word and in deed, in speech and in action. As you go out to give a living witness, as you go out to testify to God's love active in the world, go knowing that God goes with you, sharing the laughter and the hope, the fears and the tears. We leave this time of worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

**A: Amen!**

**Song:** *That's Why We Praise Him*

### **Dismissal**

L: This worship service is over. Now let the service to others begin. Let us go in peace to love and serve our Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

**Next Sunday:** *Psalm 84, Romans 6:1-11*

*A few questions to consider throughout the week ...*

- What constitutes a sacrament?
- What happens in a sacrament?
- What isn't baptism?
- What is baptism for you?