

Large Print Bulletin & Hymns

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Welcome To
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Order for the Public Worship of God

August 7, 2022

9th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 AM Worship Service

OPENING VOLUNTARY

David Lasky

“Variations on “I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive, based on Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16*)

Leader: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for,

People: the convictions of things not seen.

Leader: Like Abraham, let us follow God,

People: even when we don't know where we are going.

Leader: By faith, let us look forward to the city that has foundations,

People: whose architect and builder is God.

All: Let us worship the God whose promises call and claim us.

*HYMN #634

“To God Be the Glory”

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the glory; great things he has done!

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,

who yielded his life an atonement for sin,

and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain: **Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;**

let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

and give him the glory: great things he has done!

Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;

but purer and higher and greater will be

our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *Refrain*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

God of hope and promise, we confess we do not always believe. We confess our questions and complaints catch up to us. We cannot understand our suffering and the suffering of others. Forgive us when we give up on you and ourselves. Return and restore us to right relationship. Help us to not disengage but remain steadfast in faithful dialogues of grace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(from A Brief Statement of Faith)*

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted in our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families on the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God make us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

ANTHEM

"And Can It Be?"

arr. Dan Forrest

Rachelle Cox, Soprano

And can it be? And can it be? Amazing love, how 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, shouldst 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.
And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?*

*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 through Christ
my own.
Amazing love, how can it be that thou my God shouldst die for me?
Amazing love!*

CALL TO OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*DOXOLOGY #606

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 17:5-6 (NRSV)

SERMON

"It's the Little Things That Matter"
Chris Curvin, Pastor

*HYMN #517

"Here, O Our Lord, We See You"

MORECAMBE

(stanzas 1,2,3)

**Here, O our Lord, we see you face to face.
Here would we touch and handle things unseen,
here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
and all our weariness upon you lean.**

**Here would we feed upon the bread of God,
here drink with you the royal cup of heaven;
here would we lay aside each earthly load,
and taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.**

**This is the hour of banquet and of song;
this is the heavenly table for us spread.
Here let us feast and, feasting, still prolong
the fellowship of living wine and bread.**

WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE SHARING OF THE CUP

(If watching through livestream, please plan to celebrate communion during this service by preparing a small portion of juice—or something to drink—and bread for your use at home)

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN	“A Parting Hymn We Sing”	SCHUMANN
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**A parting hymn we sing around thy table, Lord;
again, our grateful tribute bring, our solemn vows record.**

**Here have we seen thy face, and felt thy presence here;
so may the Savior of thy grace, in word and life appear.**

**The purchase of thy blood, by sin no longer led,
the path our dear Redeemer trod may we rejoicing tread.**

**In self forgetting love be our communion shown,
until we join the church above, and know as we are known.**

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" arr. Gail Pollock

**Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.*

Stephanie Carson, Music Director; David Furr, Organist