

WELCOME!

We are glad to welcome you today as we gather together to worship God! Please be sure you complete the salmon insert inside your bulletin and turn it in to the usher at the time of communion.

This bulletin will assist you in participating in worship. All parts spoken by the congregation are listed in **bold print and preceded by "C:"**

There are also instructions printed in *italics* that will indicate other helpful descriptions of the service. Large Print Hymns are available. Please see an usher.

Thank you for turning off your cell phones or putting them on "silent" during the service.



*We are committed to **invite** and **welcome** all to Jesus Christ, to **equip** all with an active faith that works in real life, and together go into the world to **serve** in Jesus' name.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: Be Thou My Vision

arr. by Dale Wood

The prelude is based on the opening hymn tune, whose lyrics probably date from the 8th century in Ireland. "Slane" is an Irish folk tune which originated in the Irish village of Slane. It was first published with the poem "Be Thou My Vision" in a collection of hymns from 1909 but has been used as the tune for many other popular hymns.

Please stand

INVOCATION, CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Q:

[Silence for reflection and self-examination]

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

HYMN 793 "Be Thou My Vision"



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God _____ in the high -



est, and _____ peace to God's peo-ple on earth. _____ Glo-ry to



God _____ in the high - est, and _____ peace to God's



peo-ple on earth. _____ Lord _____ God, heav-en - ly King, al -



might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we _____



praise you for your glo-ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord _____



God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have _____



mer - cy on _____ us; you sit at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re -



ceive our _____ prayer. _____ Glo - ry to God _____

in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and

peace to God's peo-ple on earth. For you a - lone are the

Ho - ly One, you are the Lord, you are the Most High, Je - sus

Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa -

Final refrain

ther. Glo - ry to God in the high -

est. A - men, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2,12-14; 2:18-23

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me —and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labours under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity. **R:** The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!
R: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia,
— Lord, to whom — shall we go? — You have the words
— of e - ter - nal life. — Al - le lu - ia. —

P: The Holy Gospel according to the 12th chapter of Luke.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Patti Morlock

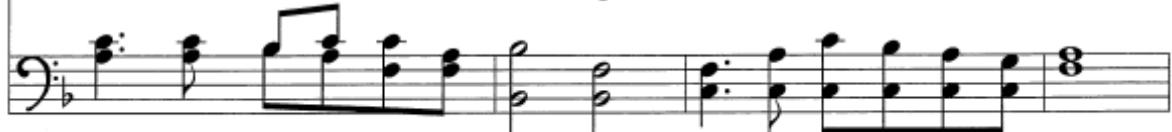
HYMN 742 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"



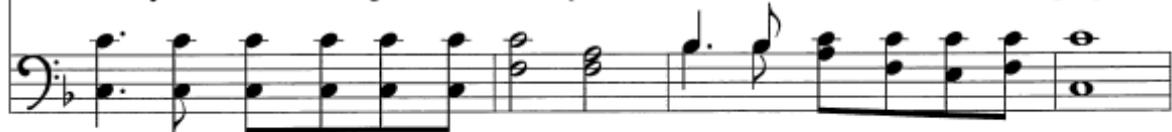
1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.



APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response:

P: ...Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

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...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY HOLY HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,



Lord God of pow-er and might, —

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-

Lord God of pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-

san - na in the high - est. Bless-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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,

forever and ever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

- ◆ *Persons who know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and believe in his real presence in the sacrament are invited to commune.*
- ◆ *Grape juice is available in the center of the tray.*
- ◆ *Adults who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. Please indicate you desire a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.*
- ◆ *Children not yet communing may come forward with their parents to receive a blessing.*
- ◆ *If you are not able to come forward to receive communion, please let the pastor know by raising your hand as he/she scans the congregation. The pastor will come to you.*

BLESSING, PRAYER and BENEDICTION

HYMN "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"



1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, As sol - diers of the cross,
2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The trum - pet call o - bey;
3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Stand in his strength a - lone;
4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, The strife will not be long;



Lift high his roy - al ban - ner; It must not suf - - fer loss.
Stand forth in might - y con - flict In this his glo - rious day.
The arm of flesh will fail you, You dare not trust your own.
This day the din of bat - tle, The next the vic - tor's song.



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry His ar - my he shall lead,
Let all his faith - ful serve him A - gainst un - num - bered foes;
Put on the Gos - pel ar - mor; Each piece put on with prayer.
The sol - diers, o - ver - com - ing, Their crown of life shall see,



Till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished And Christ is Lord in - deed.
Let cour - age rise with dan - ger, And strength to strength op - pose.
Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there.
And with the King of glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.



DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: Fantasia on “Webb”

by Franklin Ritter

The postlude is based on the tune “Webb,” which is the tune used for “Stand Up, Stand Up, for Jesus.”

Psalm 49:1-12

Hear this, all you peoples;
give ear, all inhabitants of the world,
both low and high, rich and poor together.
My mouth shall speak wisdom;
the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.
I will incline my ear to a proverb;
I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp.
Why should I fear in times of trouble,
when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me,
those who trust in their wealth
and boast of the abundance of their riches?
Truly, no ransom avails for one's life,
there is no price one can give to God for it.
For the ransom of life is costly,
and can never suffice
that one should live on forever
and never see the grave.
When we look at the wise, they die;
fool and dolt perish together
and leave their wealth to others.
Their graves are their homes forever,
their dwelling places to all generations,
though they named lands their own.
Mortals cannot abide in their pomp;
they are like the animals that perish.



But God will
redeem my soul
from the power
of the grave,
**For He shall
receive me.**

- Psalm 49:15

Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 13) – July 31, 2022

*“For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting;
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.”*

–Psalm 100:4–

Psalm 100. It's one of the shorter psalms in the Bible, but that hasn't affected its impact on Christians. The psalmist calls us to worship God, making a joyful noise and praising with song. “Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth” (v. 1).

As one who loves nature and the outdoors, I find myself admiring the work of our Creator. Have you ever noticed how God's creation seems to praise God, making its own joyful noise? When I visited Niagara Falls years ago, I can still remember the loud sound of rushing water, falling over the rocks. Hiking along the Superior National Hiking Trail in Northeast Minnesota, I would pass by small streams and babbling brooks. The sound of the wind in the trees, causing leaves and branches to sway and hum. Birds singing – especially the first few birds that emerge after winter – their sweet songs, each unique. It really does seem as though all of creation has a way of making a joyful noise.

We certainly don't need a reason to make a joyful noise, praising and worshipping God. The verse above summarizes it nicely for us. God is good. His mercy is everlasting. His faithful endures (v. 4). God has every good reason to give up on humanity. For millennia God's people have sinned and fallen short of his glory. But what about God? Did God ever give up on humanity? Definitely not. As a mom of three kids ages ten and under, I am truly astounded by God's level of patience. Not only has not given up on sinful human beings, but he has also done everything he can to make the relationship perfect. His mercy is unending. His faithfulness endures for all eternity. His love is unfailing.

God saw that humanity was always going to be broken. And just when it would've made sense to give up, he didn't. In fact, he chose to come down from above, to be born as one of us humans, to live an earthly life with all its heartache and suffering. Indeed, God's love is a love like no other. And it is the beating heart of reasons to praise God with thanksgiving, making a joyful noise unto him. May we join all of God's creation singing aloud our praises unto him!