

The Lord's Day, September 13, 2020
The Christian Year: The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM Morning Service

*"Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed,
for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

***Call to Worship: Zephaniah 3:14-17**

Minister: Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!

People: The Lord has taken away the judgments against you; you shall never again fear evil.

Minister: Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak! The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save!

People: He will rejoice over you with gladness; He will quiet you by His love; He will exult over you with singing!

Unison: Come! Let us sing and praise our God!

***Hymn of Adoration: "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" (No. 76)**

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who, like me, his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him,
praise him, praise him,
praise the everlasting King.

2 Praise him for his grace and favor
to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless;
praise him, praise him,
praise him, praise him,
glorious in his faithfulness.

3 Father-like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes;
praise him, praise him,
praise him, praise him,
widely as his mercy goes.

4 Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish,
blows the wind and it is gone;
but while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on.
Praise him, praise him,
praise him, praise him,
praise the High Eternal One.

5 Angels, help us to adore him;
you behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space,
praise him, praise him,
praise him, praise him,
praise with us the God of grace.

***Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Invocation**

God of all good: I bless You for the means of grace, and especially, this day, for the sacrament of holy communion. By Your Spirit enliven my faith rightly to discern and spiritually to apprehend the Savior. As the outward elements nourish my body, so may Your indwelling Spirit invigorate my soul, until that day when I hunger and thirst no more, and sit with Jesus at His heavenly feast. This we ask, in the Name of Him who is our One Lord, Redeemer and Friend. Amen.

From The Valley of Vision

***Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism, Q 75**

Minister: How does the Lord's Supper remind you and assure you that you share in Christ's one sacrifice on the cross and in all His gifts?

People: **In this way: Christ has commanded me and all believers to eat this broken bread and to drink this cup. With this command He gave this promise: First, as surely as I see with my eyes the bread of the Lord broken for me and the cup given to me, so surely His body was offered and broken for me and His blood poured out for me on the cross. Second, as surely as I receive from the hand of the one who serves, and taste with my mouth the bread and cup of the Lord, given me as sure signs of Christ's body and blood, so surely He nourishes and refreshes my soul for eternal life with His crucified body and poured-out blood. Thanks be to God!**

***Hallelujah (Tune: Hyfrydol)**

**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, Your God, O Zion, joyful hallelujahs sing!**

Psalter Reading: Psalm 51

Minister: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;

People: **according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.**

Minister: Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

People: **For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.**

Minister: Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,

People: **so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.**

Minister: Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

People: **Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.**

Minister: Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;

People: **wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.**

Minister: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

People: **Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.**

Minister: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

People: **Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.**

Minister: Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

People: **Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you.**

Minister: Save me from bloodguilt, O God, the God who saves me, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.

People: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

Minister: You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

People: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Minister: In your good pleasure make Zion prosper; build up the walls of Jerusalem.

People: Then there will be righteous sacrifices, whole burnt offerings to delight you; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

Hymn of Confession: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (No. 252, verses 1, 2)

1 When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ my God:
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

Public Confession: Isaiah 53

All: He was oppressed, and He was afflicted; yet it was the will of the LORD to crush Him; He has put Him to grief.

Minister: He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.

People Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

Minister: But He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed.

People: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way;

All: And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Hymn of Confession: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (No. 252, verse 3)

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down:
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Private Confession

Pastoral Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. (Romans 8:1, 3, 4)

***Hymn of Thanksgiving: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (No. 252, verse 4)**

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology (Tune: Old Hundredth)**

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

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

***Reading of The Holy Scriptures: Genesis 39:1-23**

***The Prayer for Illumination**

Sermon: "The Lord Was with Joseph" (Rev. Seth Wallace)

***Hymn of Preparation: "Man of Sorrows! What a Name" (No. 246)**

1 Man of Sorrows! what a name
for the Son of God, who came
ruined sinners to reclaim:
Hallelujah! what a Savior!

2 Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
in my place condemned he stood,
sealed my pardon with his blood:
Hallelujah! what a Savior!

3 Guilty, vile, and helpless, we;
spotless Lamb of God was he;
full atonement! can it be?
Hallelujah! what a Savior!

4 Lifted up was he to die,
"It is finished!" was his cry:
now in heav'n exalted high:
Hallelujah! what a Savior!

5 When he comes, our glorious King,
all his ransomed home to bring,
then anew this song we'll sing:
Hallelujah! what a Savior!

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation and Instructions

All who have professed faith in Jesus Christ and have been baptized and who are communicant members in good standing in an evangelical church are invited to come to participate in this sacred Sacrament of the Church. This is not a Presbyterian table, and we do not restrict it as such; it is the Lord's Table. However, the church alone grants access to the table and must guard it from the leaven of unrighteousness (1 Cor. 5:6-8). Therefore, if you have not repented and trusted in Christ or if you are harboring sin in your life or if there is any person from whom you are estranged, please do not participate in this meal. We invite you instead to use this time to reflect and ask God to speak to your heart and give you more light and understanding. Children who have not been admitted to the table by the church should also refrain from partaking of the Supper.

***Departing Hymn: "Arise, My Soul, Arise" (No. 305)**

1 Arise, my soul, arise,
shake off your guilty fears:
the bleeding Sacrifice
in my behalf appears:
before the throne my Surety stands,
before the throne my Surety stands,
my name is written on his hands.

2 He ever lives above,
for me to intercede,
his all-redeeming love,
his precious blood to plead;
his blood atoned for ev'ry race,
his blood atoned for ev'ry race,
and sprinkles now the throne of grace.

3 Five bleeding wounds he bears,
received on Calvary;
they pour effectual prayers,
they strongly plead for me.
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

4 My God is reconciled;
his pard'ning voice I hear;
he owns me for his child,
I can no longer fear;
with confidence I now draw nigh,
with confidence I now draw nigh,
and "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.

***Benediction**

Postlude

**Denotes congregation standing, if able.*

The deacons encourage you to consider supporting their work among those in need by giving an offering as you leave worship this morning. This offering will be used to provide assistance to those in our congregation and wider community who have financial and material needs. Many thanks to you.

If you would like someone to pray with you, an Elder will be available at the front of the sanctuary following the service.