

The Lord's Day, August 1, 2021

The Christian Year: the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

Psalm 57:5

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship: Psalm 29:1-2

Minister: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

Unison: worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

*Hymn of Adoration: "[Thine Be the Glory](#)" (No. 274)

1 Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain:

Thine be the glory, risen conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.

2 Lo! Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

[Refrain]

3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors, thro' thy deathless
love;

bring us safe thro' Jordan to thy home above.

[Refrain]

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer

We extol you, our God and King, and we will bless your name forever and ever. You are great and greatly to be praised; your greatness is unsearchable. May the glorious splendor of your majesty, your wondrous works, and your awesome deeds be our daily meditation. May our lips proclaim your greatness and abundant goodness; may we ever sing of your righteousness; may we make known to all the glorious splendor of your kingdom. For you, O Lord, are gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. You are good to all, and your mercy is over all you have made. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. Amen.

Based on Psalm 145:1-13

*Affirmation of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 128

Minister: How does the Lord's Prayer conclude?

People: *For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. That is: All this we ask of you because, as our King, having power over all things, you are both willing and able to give us all that is good, and because not we but your holy name should so receive all glory forever.*

Unison: Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri (Tune: Lauda Anima)

Glory be to God the Father, glory be to God the Son, glory be to God the Spirit,
God Almighty, Three in One! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Glory be to him alone.

The Revelation of God's Will: Ex. 20:1-17; Mt. 22:37-40

Unison: And God spoke all these words saying: 'I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. '

Minister: You shall have no other gods before me.

People: You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

Minister: You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.

People: Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates.

Minister: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

People: Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

Minister: You shall not murder.

People: You shall not commit adultery.

Minister: You shall not steal.

People: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Minister: You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

Unison: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul, mind and strength...and your neighbor as yourself."

Hymn of Confession: "[God, Be Merciful to Me](#)" (No. 486)

1 God, be merciful to me,
on thy grace I rest my plea;
plenteous in compassion thou,
blot out my transgressions now;
wash me, make me pure within,
cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

2 My transgressions I confess,
grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against thy grace
and provoked thee to thy face;
I confess thy judgment just,
speechless, I thy mercy trust.

3 I am evil, born in sin;
thou desirest truth within.
thou alone my Savior art,
teach thy wisdom to my heart;
make me pure, thy grace bestow,
wash me whiter than the snow.

4 Broken, humbled to the dust
by thy wrath and judgment just,
let my contrite heart rejoice
and in gladness hear thy voice;
from my sins O hide thy face,
blot them out in boundless grace.

5 Gracious God, my heart renew,
make my spirit right and true;
cast me not away from thee,
let thy Spirit dwell in me;
thy salvation's joy impart,
steadfast make my willing heart.

6 Sinners then shall learn from me
and return, O God, to thee;
Savior, all my guilt remove,
and my tongue shall sing thy love;
touch my silent lips, O Lord,
and my mouth shall praise accord.

Corporate Confession

Almighty and most merciful God and Father: we have erred and strayed from your ways; like lost sheep we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts; we have offended against your holy laws; we have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; spare those, O God, who confess their faults; restore those who are penitent according to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, sober and righteous life to the glory of your holy Name and the salvation of our own souls. Amen.

Silent Confession

Pastoral Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation; He has covered me with the robe of righteousness. Thanks be to God! Isaiah 61:10

*Hymn of Thanksgiving: "[Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing](#)" (No. 457)

1 Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love.

3 O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander – Lord, I feel it –
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God:
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

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: Revelation 12:1-17

*The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: "The Woman and the Dragon" (Rev. Seth Wallace)

*Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear,
and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near. (Rev. 1:3)*

***Hymn of Response: "[Our God, Our Help in Ages Past](#)" (No. 30)**

1 Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:

2 Under the shadow of your throne
your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting you are God,
to endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in your sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

5 The busy tribes of flesh and blood,
with all their lives and cares,
are carried downward by your flood,
and lost in foll'wing years.

6 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

7 Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come:
O be our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

***The Benediction**

Postlude

*Denotes congregational standing, if able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

➤ **Sunday Luncheon**

Linger a little longer after the worship service on **Sunday, August 8th** and join us for a light luncheon. A signup sheet is located in the foyer, or you may signup online. You may sign up to bring sandwiches, a salad, or dessert--enough to feed eight people. The Fellowship Committee will provide the beverages. We look forward to a good turnout.

➤ **Sunday Morning Refreshments Resume**

The Fellowship Committee is seeking two people each month, beginning September 5th to arrange refreshments on trays, make coffee, roll out the tables and stay to clean up. A signup sheet is in the narthex; please indicate the month you would like to participate. A list of duties is posted in the kitchen. If you have any questions, please see Bev Bell or Carolyn Beckett. On behalf of the Fellowship Committee, a heartfelt thank you for your commitment to serve others.