

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 21, 2020

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather in God's Name . . .

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

(for silent prayer during the prelude)

Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labor and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.ⁱ **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 86)

One: There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,

All: nor are there any works like yours.

One: All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord,

All: and shall glorify your name.

One: For you are great and do wondrous things;

All: you alone are God. Let us worship God.

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word" #454

Blessed Jesus, at Your word We are gathered all to hear You; Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and fear You; By Your teachings true and holy, Drawn from earth to love You solely.

All our knowledge, sense, and sight Lie in deepest darkness shrouded, Till Your Spirit breaks our night With the beams of truth unclouded; You alone to God can win us, You must work all good within us.

Glorious Lord, Yourself impart! Light of light, from God proceeding, Open now our ears and heart, Help us by Your Spirit's pleading; Hear the cry that we are raising; Hear, and bless our prayers and praising.

*CALL TO CONFESSION (from Romans 6:1-4)

The Apostle Paul poses a question to the Romans: "Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound?" "By no means!" he replies. Let us now confess our sin and repent that we may be transformed into newness of life. Let us pray.

*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Gracious God, you offer us many benefits: forgiveness for our sins, restoration to God, abundant life, and eternal life. You command us to follow the path of Jesus, though, which can be a hard journey. Forgive our sins, create in us a heart that flees from all sin, and have us die to sin and our old selves so that we may be your light to the world. In the name of our Lord Jesus. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our scriptures assure us that our old selves have been crucified with Christ so that the body of sin might be destroyed and so that we can live no longer enslaved to sin. God is faithful, as we confess our sins, repent, and follow Jesus, know that we are forgiven. Amen.

OFFERING OUR PEACE (*Say*: "The Peace of Christ be with you;" *Respond*: "And also with you.")

ANTHEM: "What a Friend We Have In Jesus" Marie Ahmed

. . . to Proclaim God's Word

FIRST READING Genesis 21:8-21 p. 17

EPISTLE READING Romans 6:1b-11 p. 156

*GOSPEL READING Matthew 10:24-39 p. 10

SERMON "Dying with Christ" Rev. Andy Smothers

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

*CONFESSION OF FAITH *Heidelberg Catechism* (Questions 1-2)

One: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

Many: That I am not my own, but belong — body and soul, in life and in death — to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

One: What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

Many: Three things: first, how great my sin and misery are; second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.

. . . to Give Thanks to God . . .

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*in unison*)

Almighty God, who knows us better than you? You knew us before we were born. Even the hairs on our heads are known to you. Despite our sinfulness, you find value in us and such that you sent your Son that we might be transformed and be given eternal life with you. In thankfulness for all that you have and continue to do for us, we offer these gifts of time, talent, and finances. Use them to your glory through your church. Amen.

. . . and to Be Sent in God's Name.

CLOSING HYMN: "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" #357

O Master, let me walk with Thee In Lowly paths of service free; Tell me Thy secret; help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear, winning word of love; Teach me the wayward feet to stay, And guide them in the

homeward way.

Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee In closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, In trust that triumphs
over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray Far down the future's broadening
way; In peace that only Thou canst give, With Thee, O Master,
let me live.

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

ⁱ *Book of Common Worship, 358.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship this morning! As we continue to social distance, we will not be offering child care for a time. Feel free to keep your children in worship — even if they're a bit noisy. You're also welcome to take them into the coatroom. Weather permitting, we do hope to have coffee hour outside this morning.

Our thanks go to our lay reader Karen Burditt, soloist Marie Ahmed and organist Ernestine Olson.

We will celebrate the Lord's Supper next **Sunday, June 28th** as well as **Sunday, July 19th** and **Sunday, August 16th**.

Please consider signing up to provide refreshments for our outdoor coffee hour this summer. A signup sheet will be on the table near the food after worship.

It is with sadness that we share that Ed Keil went to be with our Lord on May 31st. Please keep his family in prayer during this time. He had most recently been living in Billings.

Last week, combined giving was **\$1,571.00**. In order to meet expenses, we need to average **\$2,588.00** per week.

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