

The Order of Worship

June 14, 2020

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather in God's Name . . .

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

(for silent prayer during the prelude)

Eternal God, your Son Jesus Christ, now exalted as Lord of all, pours out his gifts on the church. Grant us that unity which your Spirit gives, keep us in the bond of peace, and bring all creation to worship before your throne; for you live and reign, one God, forever and ever.¹ Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 118)

One: What shall we return to the Lord for all his bounty to us?

All: **We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. We will pay our vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.**

One: In the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem, and throughout the world.

All: **Praise the Lord! Let us worship God.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"

(vv. 1 & 4) #483

Sing praise to God, who reigns above, The God of all creation, The God of power, the God of love, The God of our salvation; With healing balm my soul is filled, And every faithless murmur stilled: To God all praise and glory!

Thus all my gladsome way along, I sing aloud Thy praises That all may hear the grateful song My voice unwearied raises. Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, Both soul and body take your part: To God all praise and glory!

*CALL TO CONFESSION

As the Apostle Paul notes in Romans, we are still weak. Rather than allowing suffering to produce endurance in us and endurance to produce character and character to build hope,

which does not disappoint, we too often shy away from God's transformative ways. Let us pray.

*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

God of grace, we too often shy away from suffering when it is placed in our path. Build in us a willingness to be transformed and to work to transform the world. May your kingdom come and be exhibited through all the earth. As we encounter suffering, be true to your world and produce within us endurance, character, and hope. We pray this in the name of the One who modeled suffering for your purposes. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from Romans 5:6-8)

Know that when we come before God, confess our sins, and repent or turn the other way, God is faithful. For while we were still weak, Christ died for the ungodly. God proves his love for us in that while we were still were sinners Christ died for us. Know that you are forgiven. Amen.

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

ANTHEM: "He" Susan Emrick

. . . to Proclaim God's Word

FIRST READING Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7 p. 14

EPISTLE READING Romans 5:1-8 p. 155

*GOSPEL READING Matthew 9:35-10:8 p. 9

SERMON "Peace, Hope, and Joy" Gary Klette

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 12-15)

One: According to God's righteous judgment we deserve

punishment both now and in eternity: how then can we escape this punishment and return to God's favor?

Many: **God requires that his justice be satisfied. Therefore the claims of this justice must be paid in full, either by ourselves or by another.**

One: Can we make this payment ourselves?

Many: **Certainly not. Actually, we increase our debt every day.**

One: Can another creature — any at all — pay this debt for us?

Many: **No. To begin with, God will not punish any other creature for what a human is guilty of. Furthermore, no mere creature can bear the weight of God's eternal wrath against sin and deliver others from it.**

One: What kind of mediator and deliverer should we look for then?

Many: **One who is a true and righteous human, yet more powerful than all creatures, that is, one who is also true God.**

. . . to Give Thanks to God . . .

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*in unison*)

Merciful God, without Jesus and his work on the cross, we are left in misery. Unable to save ourselves from sin, from self-centeredness, and from the ways of the world, we had little hope. Thank you for sending your Son to teach us the ways of heaven and to die so that we might be saved and might live eternally. You offer us faith, which justifies us. You offer us peace even with God. Thank you for the many blessings you offer us. In response, we offer these offerings and ask that you would bless them for the work of the church, the bride of Christ. In the name of the One to whom we owe salvation. Amen.

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

CLOSING HYMN: "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing" #538
(vv. 1 & 3)

Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing; Fill our hearts with joy and peace; Let us each, Thy love possessing Triumph in redeeming grace. O refresh us, O refresh us, Traveling through this wilderness.

So that when Thy love shall call us, Savior, from the world away,
Let no fear of death appall us, Glad Thy summons to obey. May we ever, May we ever Reign with Thee in endless day.

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Book of Common Worship, 357.

Announcements

Welcome to worship this morning! It is very good to have some of you back physically in the sanctuary and to continue to have some of you join electronically. 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. We're reserving the cry room for now in case we would need to quarantine someone during worship. Weather permitting, we do hope to have coffee hour outside this morning.

Our thanks go to our guest preacher Gary Klette, lay reader Amy Zimbelman, soloist Susan Emrick and organist Ernestine Olson.

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 **\$1,699.00**. In order to meet expenses, we need to average **\$2,588.00** per week.

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