

October 17, 2021

21st Sunday after Pentecost

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

*\*All may stand as able*

Liturgist: George Fritsma

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

George Fritsma

Prelude

*I Worship You, Almighty God*

arr. Cindy Berry

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On this day, God has called each of us to this place.  
Come, for you are welcome here.

**People: Every day is beautiful in the house of the Lord.**

Leader: Here love abounds.

**People: Here our lives are renewed.**

Leader: God is always our bright and shining hope.

**People: God is the One who fills our hearts with love and joy.**

Leader: It is Sunday morning.

**People: Let us praise God with our songs and prayers.**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE 401 *Here in This Place*  
vs. 1 & 2

GATHER US IN

INVOCATION (Unison)

Dr. Dawson Harmon

**Gather us in, Lord. Receive our praise and hear our prayers.**

**May our speaking and listening, our thinking and our doing give expression to what we believe. It is you that we adore. It is you that we desire to serve. You are our God and you are worthy of all honor and adoration. Amen.**

CONFESSING TO GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of unity and love, place within each of us a spirit of hope and community. Have mercy upon us when we speak without love and act without humility. Cleanse us with the living water of your grace. Create in us willing hearts to live in patience and gentleness, Raise us up, Lord. Help us grow toward maturity in faith and love. Strengthen this church, that we may be a model of self-emptying, sacrificial love for all our community to see. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good news of the Gospel.

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\*GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.**

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

George Fritsma

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 13:1-8a

INSTRUMENTAL ANTHEM *The Majesty*

Tom Fettke

*and Glory of Your Name*

arr. John Innes

Joe Carter, organ

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of Your fingers,  
the moon and stars suspended in space.

O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of Your name,  
transcends the earth and fills the heavens.

Alleluia! The majesty and glory of Your name, Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

John 15:12-17

SERMON

*"Love, Jesus Style"*

Dr. Dawson Harmon

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

\* AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

One the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## WORSHIP OF GOD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *Prayer* Conradin Kreutzer

### \* THE DOXOLOGY

**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 DEDICATION Dr. Dawson Harmon

### INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.**

### SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

\*CLOSING HYMN 730 *I Sing a Song  
of the Saints of God* GRAND ISLE

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Dr. Dawson Harmon

\* CHORAL BENEDICTION *Three-fold Amen* TRADITIONAL

\* Postlude *Largo from Xerxes* G. F. Handel

### *Prayer Concerns*

*for our church family . . .*

George McLean	John Holcomb	Margaret Linville
Wayne Hughins	Melissa Scholl	Jim Gillespie
Nellie Songer	Al Greenberg	Martha Martin
Vernon Clark	Chip Prevatt	Laura Reichert
Terri Clark	Anne Thomas	

*for our extended family . . .*

Mary Hammett	Debra Jackson	Cheryl Kelley
Janice Scholl	Uwe Bach	Ed Vermeulen
David Ross	Charles Taylor	Robert Wilkerson
Carol Brown	Lisa Kraymer Smith	
Derek & Lauren Webber		



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*Dr. Dawson Harmon, Pastor*

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are welcomed, cared for, and supported;  
have the opportunity to grow spiritually;  
and serve God and others in meaningful ways.**

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