

October 31, 2021

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

**All may stand as able*

Liturgist: Julie Helmers

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Julie Helmers

Prelude *How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place*

J. McBeth Bain
arr. N. Lyons Smith

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord."

People: There is a feeling of life and wholeness here that we need for living.

Leader: There is a sense of Christ's presence here that renews our spirits.

People: Here our spirits are renewed as we hear God's word proclaimed and apply it to our daily living.

Leader: Let us rejoice in His Presence.

People: Let us celebrate the glories of His Name.

*** HYMN OF PRAISE 438** *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

TOPLADY

INVOCATION (Unison)

Dr. Dawson Harmon

Lord of host, who spoke to us in ancient times through the law and through the prophets, and who visited us in Jesus Christ, come now in Spirit and make your presence known. Remind us of our salvation. Grant us mercy for all our sins. Renew our spirits within us so that we might be able to follow the example of Christ and show mercy to others as we serve Him with love and joy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

CONFESSING TO GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of infinite mercy, grant that we who have experienced your mercy may rejoice in your forgiveness and gladly forgive others for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior who is alive with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

(Silent Prayers of Confession)

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God's heart is like the cedars rising above the wilderness.

People: God's forgiveness is plentiful, and God's mercy is abundant.

Leader: God hears us when we pray and forgives us when we earnestly repent.

People: Surely goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives, and we shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.

***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

Julie Helmers

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 2:1-12

ANTHEM

We Sing the Mighty Power of God arr. Dale Grotenhuis

We sing the mighty power of God, that made the mountains rise, that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.

We sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day; the moon shines full at His command and all the stars obey.

we sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food; He formed the creatures with His word and then pronounced them good.

Lord, how Your wonders are displayed, where'er we turn our eyes; if we survey the ground we tread or gaze upon the skies.

There's not a plant or flower below but makes Your glories known, and clouds arise and tempests blow by order from Your throne; while all that borrows life from You is ever in Your care, and everywhere that we can be, You, God are present there.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18:21-22

SERMON

"The Healing Power of Forgiveness"

Dr. Dawson Harmon

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

*** AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from Enter Every Trembling Heart
by John Killinger

We believe in the love of God which forms the basis for all human love: the love parents have for their children, the love children have for their parents, the love of friends who care, and every little act of kindness bestowed as a gift in the human community.

We believe that God loved the world through Christ, who showed what it means to love another by laying down His life for all those who would come after Him, even in our own time.

We believe that love will eventually triumph in the world, despite all envy, hate, and greed, despite wars and rumors of war, despite the fact that it seems so rare.

For love is of God and God is love, and God will not rest until all are reconciled in Christ.

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Worthy of Worship

Mark Blakenship

Joe Carter, organ Kay Carter, piano arr. G.C. Sikes

*** 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 PRAYRS

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 649 *Amazing Grace,* AMAZING GRACE
How Sweet the Sound

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Dr. Dawson Harmon

* CHORAL BENEDICTION *Go in His Name* Cindy Berry

* Postlude *God Is Our Refuge and Strength* Lani Smith

Prayer Concerns

for our church family . . .

George McLean	Margaret Linville	Anne Thomas
Wayne Hughins	Melissa Scholl	Jim Gillespie
Nellie Songer	Al Greenberg	Martha Martin
Vernon Clark	Laura Reichert	Jean Camp
Terri Clark	Serena Jenkins	

for our extended family . . .

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

grieving the loss of loved ones . . .
the family of John Holcomb



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