A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

July 30, 2023
10:00 am

*All who are able may stand.
Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING . . .

The Prelude

Benedictus

Gordon Young

The Welcome and Announcements
This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

The Introit
Praise the Lord! God’s Glories Show  (#33)

The Call To Worship
Try my heart; visit me in the night.

I call upon you, Lord, and you answer me.

Wondrously show your steadfast love, O Savior of those who seek refuge.

Waking, I behold your face, O God, and am satisfied. You are a great God!

The Prayer of Adoration

God of mysterious presence, we give thanks that you abide with us, come to us, find us. For your power, we are grateful. For your mercy, we are more grateful still. That you contend with us at all, we offer our praise, even as we also contend with you. Make yourself known, we dare to pray, so that we may understand more deeply who we are in your presence. In fearful wonder we pray.

Amen.

*The Hymn 664

Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain’s new fall sunlit from the heaven, like the first dew fall in the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God’s feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation; praise every morning, God’s recreation of the new day!

*The Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, giver of all grace, we confess our sins, which are many. We fall short of who we mean to be and of who you desire us to be. Sometimes we willfully deceive others; sometimes we simply disappoint them by being who we truly are. We would rather cover our faults than correct them. Forgive us, we pray. Lead us into truer paths and into the light. Do not let us go until we are blessed by your mercy and named, again, as your very own…silent prayer…Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

All we, like sheep, have gone astray. And yet the Good Shepherd knows his own, and his own know him. When he calls, they recognize his voice.

In baptism, Christ calls us and names us as his own. Thanks be to God for the gift of forgiveness, grace, and the chance to begin again!

*The 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
*The Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you all. And also with you!

(Please stand to greet one another in the name of Christ. For those worshiping at home, please share Christ’s peace with someone outside Your home this week.)

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD...  

The Prayer for Illumination

The Psalter Lesson: Psalm 17:1-7, 15

The Epistle Lesson: Romans 9:1-5

The Anthem

Song of the Apostle

John Ness Beck

All things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

He that spared his own Son, but delivered him up for us all. How will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

All things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

All things work together, shall work for good to those who love God.

The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 14:13-21

A Moment with the Children

*The Hymn 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

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.

What God’s almighty power has made God’s gracious mercy keepeth:

by morning glow or evening shade God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.

Within the kingdom of God’s might, lo! all is just and murmur stilled:

to God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,
an ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing,
as with a mother’s tender hand God gently leads the chosen band:

to God all praise and glory.

Thus all my toilsome 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.

The Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 32:22-31

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

Go: Rejoicing with a Limp

Kim Clayton

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD...  

*Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.
The Prayers of the People

The 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.

Tithes and Offerings Presented

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

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

GOING FORTH AND SERVE IN GOD’S NAME

*The Hymn 459

O Word of God Incarnate

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high, O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O light of our dark sky: we praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page, a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

The church from you, dear Savior, received this gift divine; and still that light is lifted on all the earth to shine. It is the chart and compass that, all life’s voyage through, amid the rocks and quicksands still guides, O Christ, to you.

O make your church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold to bear before the nations your true light, as of old: O teach your wandering pilgrims by this our path to trace, till, clouds and storms thus ended, we see you face to face.

*The Charge and Benediction

Postlude

March Pontificale

Gordon Young

The flowers on the pulpit are given anonymously.

Precious Lord, let us not forget and forsake your earth and grant us the wisdom and peace to care for it.

Today’s Worship Leaders:

Preacher: Kimberly Clayton
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Choirmaster: Patti Kerns
Organist: Amy Shirk

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