

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

August 8, 2021

10:00 a.m.

*The beginning of the opening voluntary is a call to silent, personal meditation.
Please silence all electronic devices as we prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.*

Thank you for continuing to wear a face mask to support our children and those with health concerns.

OPENING VOLUNTARIES

Voluntary in C minor

Maurice Greene
(1695-1755)

Sicilienne

Matthias van den Gheyn
(1721-1785)

INTROIT

JESU DULCIS MEMORIA

Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts,
thou fount of life, thou light of all,
from the best bliss that earth imparts
we turn, unfilled, to heed thy call.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: With all that is within us,
let us bless God's holy name!

People: **Who forgives all our sins,
who heals our diseases and our divisions,**

Leader: who lifts us up from the bottom of the Pit,
who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.

People: **With all that is within us,
let us praise God's holy name!**

***HYMN**

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

TOULON

Attr. John Calvin
French Psalter, Strassburg, 1545
Trans. Elizabeth Lee Smith, 1868

Adapt. from Genevan 124
Genevan Psalter, 1551

1. I greet Thee, who my sure Re - deem - er art,
2. Thou art the King of mer - cy and of grace,
3. Thou art the life, by which a - lone we live,
4. Thou hast the true and per - fect gen - tle - ness,

My on - ly trust and Sav - ior of my heart,
Reign - ing om - nip - o - tent in ev - ery place:
And all our sub - stance and our strength re - ceive;
No harsh - ness hast Thou and no bit - ter - ness:

Who pain didst un - der - go for my poor sake;
So come, O King, and our whole be - ing sway;
Sus - tain us by Thy faith and by Thy power,
O grant to us the grace we find in Thee,

I pray Thee from our hearts all cares to take.
Shine on us with the light of Thy pure day.
And give us strength in ev - ery try - ing hour.
That we may dwell in per - fect u - ni - ty.

5. Our hope is in no other save in Thee;
Our faith is built upon Thy promise free;
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,
That in Thy strength we evermore endure.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Almighty God, you have returned us from the long marches of sleep; you have summoned us from our separate darkness; you have called us to your glorious light. Let our prayers come unto you, fragile and bewildered and broken though they be, until our falsehood tangles with your truth, our sin bows in shame before your grace, and our vanity is shaken by your majesty. Then turn our hands to compassion, our minds to reason and our hearts to trust in Christ who was dead and is alive evermore.

KYRIE ELEISON

Kile Smith
(b. 1956)

Musical notation for Kyrie Eleison, featuring Cantor/Choir and Congregation parts. The notation is in 4/4 time and G major. The lyrics are: Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.
People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

*GLORIA PATRI

Smith

Musical notation for Gloria Patri, featuring a single melodic line. The notation is in 4/4 time and G major. The lyrics are: Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men. The piece concludes with a 'Slower' section.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

O Lord our God, your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to your will and live for your glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Kings 19:4-8

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: 'It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, 'Get up and eat.' He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, 'Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.' He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALTER

Psalm 34:1-8

PLAINSONG

GOSPEL LESSON

John 6:35, 41-51

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

I will glory in the Lord;
let the humble hear and rejoice.

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;
let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me out of all my terror.

Look upon him and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.

I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.

The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him,
and he will deliver them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in him.

Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, ‘I am the bread that came down from heaven.’ They were saying, ‘Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, “I have come down from heaven”?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, “And they shall all be taught by God.” Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.’

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON*“Laying Down (Part 1)”*

Brian D. Russo

CHILDREN’S MOMENT AND DISMISSAL

Children through fifth grade may process to the Chapel to meet for the Gathering.

HYMN *(seated)*

TALLIS’ CANON

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way,
Through this and every coming day,
That in your Spirit strong and true,
Our lives may be our gift to you.

***HYMN**

O Word of God Incarnate

MUNICH

William Walsham How, 1867
As in *Psalter Hymnal*, 1987

Neuvermehrtes Meiningsches Gesangbuch, 1693
Adapt. Felix Mendelssohn, 1847

1. O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2. The church from You, dear Sav - ior, Re - ceived this gift di - vine,
3. O make Your church, dear Sav - ior, A lamp of pur - est gold

O Truth un - chang - ed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky;
And still that light is lift - ed On all the earth to shine.
To bear be - fore the na - tions Your true light, as of old;

We praise You for the ra - diance That from the hal - lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass That, all life's voy - age through,
O teach Your wan - dering pil - grims By this our path to trace,

A lan - tern to our foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.
A - mid the rocks and quick - sands, Still guides, O Christ, to You.
Till, clouds and storms thus end - ed, We see You face to face.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*unison*)

The Apostles' Creed

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.

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.

OFFERING

Offering plates are available at each sanctuary door, where you may share your offering, as you enter or depart. You may continue to send pledges and other gifts to the church office, or give online.

OFFERTORY SOLO

Be Thou Faithful Unto Death
(from *St. Paul* 1836)

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

Be thou faithful unto death,
and I will give to thee a crown of life.
Be not afraid,
my help is nigh.

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

OLD HUNDREDTH

***HYMN**

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

Stanzas 1-4, John Newton, 1779
Stanza 5, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790

Virginia Harmony, 1831
Arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1900

1. A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears re - lieved;
3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;
4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His word my hope se - cures;

I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.
How pre - cious did that grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
He will my shield and por - tion be As long as life en - dures.

5. When we've been there ten thousand
years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Leader: Let us pray.
All: **Eternal God, we thank you for your mercy and grace. Help us to use the good things of this present life that we do not neglect those of eternal worth. Keep us faithful in service, for we pray in Christ's name. Amen.**

***HYMN**

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound
(see opposite page)

AMAZING GRACE

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Chaconne

Louis Couperin
(c. 1626-1661)

**Congregation standing*

LEADING WORSHIP: Brian D. Russo, Associate Pastor

LITURGIST: Edie Russo

MUSIC: Steve Williamson, tenor soloist; Ken Lovett, organist

GREETERS: Elder: Robert Fles; Deacon: Courtney Franklin

USHERS: Joan Demme and Robert Bausman

FLOWER GUILD: Sandra Connelly and Barbara Frazier

*Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
Faith and Harry Dunlop,
parents of Alison Rudolf.*