

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

***HYMN**

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

July 11, 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 VOLUNTARY

Toccata in F

Dieterich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

INTROIT

arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams
(1872-1958)

Today we all are called to be
disciples of the Lord,
to help to set the captive free,
make plowshare out of sword,
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst,
make love and peace our fast,
to serve the poor and homeless first,
our ease and comfort last.

CALL TO WORSHIP *(adapted from Psalm 30)*

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!**

Johann Jacob Schütz, 1675
Trans. Frances Elizabeth Cox, 1864; alt. Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesang*, 1566

1. Sing praise to God, who reigns a - bove, The God of all cre -
2. What God's al-might - y power hath made, God's gra - cious mer - cy
3. The Lord is nev - er far a - way, But through all grief dis -
4. Thus all my glad - some way a - long, I sing a - loud Thy

a - tion, The God of power, the God of love, The God of
keep - eth; By morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade God's watch - ful
tress - ing, An ev - er pres - ent help and stay, Our peace, and
prais - es That all may hear the grate - ful song My voice un -

our sal - va - tion; With heal - ing balm my soul is filled, And
eye ne'er sleep - eth; With - in the king - dom of God's might, Lo!
joy, and bless - ing; As with a moth - er's ten - der hand, God
wea - ried rais - es. Be joy - ful in the Lord, my heart, Both

ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stilled:
all is just and all is right: To God all praise and glo - ry!
gent - ly leads the cho - sen band:
soul and bod - y take your part:

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 forevermore. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON

Kile Smith
(b. 1956)

Musical score for Kyrie Eleison, featuring three staves of music. The first staff is for Cantor/Choir and Congregation, with lyrics: Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy. The second staff is for Cantor/Choir and Congregation, with lyrics: Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy. The third staff is for Cantor/Choir and Congregation, with lyrics: 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 score for Gloria Patri, featuring three staves of music. The first staff has lyrics: Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and. The second staff has lyrics: to the Ho - ly Spir - it, as it was in the be - gin - ning, is. The third staff has lyrics: now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men. The tempo marking "Slower" is placed above the final staff.

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.

EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined

according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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

PSALTER

Psalm 85:8-13

PLAINSONG

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying,
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth have met together,
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring up from the earth
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness shall go before him,
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

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.

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 6:14-29

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.' For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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

SERMON

"Discomfort"

Brian Russo

***HYMN**

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

Robert L. Edwards, 1961 *The Sacred Harp, 1844*
Harm. James H. Wood, 1958



1. God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, From Your rich and
2. Skills and time are ours for press - ing Toward the goals of
3. Trea - sure too You have en - trust - ed, Gain through powers Your



end - less store, Na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom,
Christ, Your Son: All at peace in health and free - dom,
grace con - ferred; Ours to use for home and kin - dred,



Cost-ly cross, grave's shat - tered door: Gift-ed by You, we turn
Rac-es joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
And to spread the gos - pel Word, O - pen wide our hands, in



to You, Of - fering up our - selves in praise; Thank-ful
la - bor, Lest we strive for self a - lone; Born with
shar - ing, As we heed Christ's age - less call, Heal - ing,



song shall rise for - ev - er, Gra-cious do - nor of our days.
tal - ents, make us ser - vants Fit to an - swer at Your throne.
teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, Serv-ing You by lov - ing all.

***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

from *Elijah*

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

“If with all your hearts ye truly seek me,
ye shall ever surely find me.”
Thus saith our God.
Oh! that I knew where I might find him,
that I might even come before his presence!

***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.

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Leader: Let us pray.
All: Living God, from whom all blessings flow, take the gifts we offer, and transform them for your use, that our service in your name might reflect your love for the world. We pray in Christ's name and for his sake. Amen.

OLD HUNDREDTH

***HYMN**

Live Into Hope

TRURO

Jane Parker Huber, 1976 TRURO LM Thomas Williams, 1789
Harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

1. Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, Of sight re -
 2. Live in - to hope the blind shall see With in - sight
 3. Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, The right to
 4. Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed From chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
 and with clar - i - ty, Re - mov - ing shades of
 speak, the right to be, The right to have one's
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see The year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
 pride and fear— A vi - sion of our God brought near.
 dai - ly bread, To hear God's word and thus be fed.
 full re - lease To faith and hope and joy and peace.

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***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Fugue in C

Buxtehude

**Congregation standing*

LEADING WORSHIP: Brian D. Russo, Associate Pastor; John Wilkinson, Pastor

LITURGIST: Alison Rudolf

MUSIC: Steve Williamson, tenor and Ken Lovett, Organist

GREETERS: Elder: Melissa Montgomery; Deacon: Emily Barth

USHERS: Narthex: Shannon Cavanaugh; Hallway Door: Jill Bown

FLOWER GUILD: Jane Kaufman and Alison Rudolf

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