

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 4, 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

Three Settings of *Liebster Jesu*

J. S. Bach  
(1685-1750)  
Andreas Armsdorff  
(1670-1699)

INTROIT

Ralph Vaughan Williams  
(1872-1958)

I got me flowers to strew thy way;  
I got me boughs off many a tree:  
but thou wast up by break of day  
and brought'st thy sweets along with thee.

The Sun arising in the east  
though he give light, and the east perfume;  
if they should offer to contest  
with thy arising, they presume.

Can there be any day but this  
though many suns to shine endeavour?  
We count three hundred, but we miss:  
there is but one, and that one ever.

CALL TO WORSHIP *(adapted from Psalm 48)*

Leader: We ponder your steadfast love,  
O God, in the midst of your temple.

People: **Your name, O God, like your praise,  
reaches to the ends of the earth.**

Leader: Your right hand is filled with victory.

People: **Let Mount Zion be glad, let the town of Judah rejoice  
because of your judgments.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

\*HYMN

*Blessed Jesus, at Your Word*

LIEBSTER JESU

Tobias Clausnitzer, 1663  
Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858; alt. 1972

Johann Rudolph Ahle, 1664  
Harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750); alt.

1. Bless - ed Je - sus, at Your word We are gath - ered  
2. All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est  
3. Glo - rious Lord, Your - self im - part! Light of light, from

all to hear You; Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
dark - ness shroud - ed, Till Your Spir - it breaks our night  
God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our ears and heart,

Now to seek and love and fear You; By Your teach - ings  
With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; You a - lone to  
Help us by Your Spir - it's plead - ing; Hear the cry that

true and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love You sole - ly.  
God can win us, You must work all good with - in us.  
we are rais - ing; Hear, and bless our prayers and prais - ing.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you and to one another that we have sinned against you by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not always had in us the mind of Christ. You alone know how often we have grieved you by wasting your gifts, by wandering from your ways. Forgive us, we pray, most merciful Father; and free us from our sin. Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

## 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 lyrics: 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 notation is in 4/4 time and G major. The final phrase "A - men." is marked "Slower".

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

Guardian of the weak, through the teachings of your prophets you have claimed our cities, towns, and homes as temples of your presence and citadels of your justice. Open our hearts to hear your word. Turn the places we live into strongholds of your grace, that the most vulnerable as well as the most powerful among us may find peace in the strong name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

## EPISTLE LESSON

II Corinthians 12:6-10

But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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

**PSALTER**

Psalm 123

PLAINSONG

To you I lift up my eyes,  
to you enthroned in the heavens.

As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,  
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

So our eyes look to the Lord our God,  
until he shows us his mercy.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy,  
for we have had more than enough of contempt.

Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,  
and of the derision of the proud.

**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 6:1-13

He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no

money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*“Taking Nothing for the Journey”*

Austin Crenshaw Shelley

**\*HYMN**

*Lord of All Hopefulness*

SLANE

Words: Jan Struther (1901-1953)  
Music: Slane, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927

**\*NICENE CREED** (*Ecumenical Version*)

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. On 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.

**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**

Max Reger  
(1873-1916)

Wohl denen, die ohne Tadel leben,  
die im Gesetz des HERRN wandeln!  
Wohl denen, die seine Zeugnisse halten,  
die ihn von ganzem Herzen suchen!  
Denn welche auf seinen Wegen wandeln,  
die tun kein Übel.  
Du hast geboten,  
fleißig zu halten deine Befehle.  
Oh daß mein Leben,  
deine Rechte mit ganzem Ernst hielte!  
Deine Rechte will ich halten;  
verlaß mich nimmermehr.

*Blessed are those whose ways are  
blameless,  
who walk according to the law of the Lord.  
Blessed are those who keep his statutes  
and seek him with all their heart—  
they do no wrong but follow his ways.  
You have laid down precepts  
that are to be fully obeyed.  
Oh, that my ways were steadfast  
in obeying your decrees!  
Then I would not be put to shame  
when I consider all your commands.*

**\*DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*This summer, as we transition back to sanctuary worship, communion will be celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. This month, following the communion liturgy, the ushers will invite you to come forward. Please take a small plastic container, that includes juice and a wafer, and return to your seats via the side aisle. When all have received the elements and returned to their seats, you will be invited to partake. Peel off the top layer for the wafer, and the second layer for the juice (yes, this can be a bit challenging!). You may leave the empty containers in the communion racks in the pews.*

**INVITATION**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Minister: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**  
Minister: Lift up your hearts.  
**People: We lift them to the Lord.**  
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Prayers concluding with 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.

**COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

**COMMUNION SOLO**

*Prière*

Gaston Litaize  
(1909-1991)

O Jésus vivant en Marie,  
Venez et vivez en vos serviteurs,  
Dans votre esprit de sainteté,  
Dans la plénitude de votre force,  
Dans la perfection de vos voies,  
Dans la vérité de vos vertus,  
Dans la communion de vos mystères,  
Dominez toute puissance ennemie, dans votre  
esprit, A la gloire du Père! Ainsi soit-il.

*O Jesus, living in Mary,  
Come and live in your servants,  
In your spirit of holiness,  
In the fullness of your strength,  
In the perfection of your ways,  
In the truth of your virtue,  
In the communion of your mysteries,  
Dominate all enemy power, in your spirit,  
To the glory of the Father! So be it.*

**PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION** (*unison*)

Loving God, you graciously feed us, who have received these holy mysteries, with the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation. May we who have received this sacrament, be strengthened in your service; we who have sung your praises tell of your glory and truth; we who have seen the greatness of your love see you face to face in your kingdom. For you have made us your own people by the death and resurrection of your Son our Lord and by the life-giving power of your Spirit. Amen.

**\*HYMN**

*God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

NATIONAL HYMN

Daniel Crane Roberts, 1876; alt. George William Warren, 1892

*Trumpets may be played with each stanza*

1. God of the a - ges, whose al - might - y hand  
 2. Thy love di - vine hath led us in the past;  
 3. From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti - lence,  
 4. Re - fresh Thy peo - ple on their toil - some way,

Leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band  
 In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;  
 Be Thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense;  
 Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

Of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,  
 Be Thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay;  
 Thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease;  
 Fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

Our grate - ful songs be - fore Thy throne a - rise.  
 Thy word our law, Thy paths our cho - sen way.  
 Thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.  
 And glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er Thine.

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

*The Rejoicing (Fireworks Music)*

George Frideric Handel  
(1685-1759)

*\*Congregation standing*

**LEADING WORSHIP:** Brian D. Russo, Associate Pastor; Austin Crenshaw Shelley, Associate Pastor

**LITURGIST:** Matthew Ward

**MUSIC:** Jackson Williams, Baritone Soloist, Ken Lovett, Organist

**GREETERS:** Kelly Baughman and Charlotte Baughman

**USHERS:** Narthex: Michael Baughman; Hallway Door: Robert Bausman

**FLOWER GUILD:** Linda Pettengill and Susan White

*Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of  
Andrew C. and Amy Jirsa  
by Anne and Ed Pringle.*

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