

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day

August 5, 2018

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your Word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that, believing in the One whom you have sent, we may know him to be the true bread of heaven and food of eternal life, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be glory and honor forever and ever. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: Happy are those whose sin is forgiven, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

People: Therefore, let all who are faithful offer prayer to the God of deliverance.

Leader: I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go, as you trust in the Lord

People: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous; shout for joy, all you upright in heart. Psalm 32

All: Let us worship God!

*Hymn: O Worship the King, All Glorious Above! #41

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your loving-kindness: according to the multitude of your tender mercies blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sin. For we acknowledge our transgressions: and our sin is ever before us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence; and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Based on Psalm 51

Time for Personal Confession

Response: Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,

People: That whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Leader: For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,

People: But to save the world through him. John 3:16-17

Leader: This is the good news. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Gloria Patri: Glory Be to the Father #581

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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*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. #606

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination:

Living God, help us to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalter: Psalm 71:1-8, 15-18, 22-24

Leader: In you, LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.

People: In your righteousness, rescue me and deliver me; turn your ear to me and save me.

Leader: Be my rock of refuge, to which I can always go; give the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

People: Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of those who are evil and cruel.

Leader: For you have been my hope, Sovereign LORD, my confidence since my youth.

People: From birth I have relied on you; you brought me forth from my mother's womb. I will ever praise you.

Leader: I have become a sign to many; you are my strong refuge.

People: My mouth is filled with your praise, declaring your splendor all day long.

Leader: My mouth will tell of your righteous deeds, of your saving acts all day long—though I know not how to relate them all.

People: I will come and proclaim your mighty acts, Sovereign LORD; I will proclaim your righteous deeds, yours alone.

Leader: Since my youth, God, you have taught me, and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds.

People: Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your mighty acts to all who are to come.

Leader: I will praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, my God; I will sing praise to you with the lyre, Holy One of Israel.

People: My lips will shout for joy when I sing praise to you. My tongue will tell of your righteous acts all day long.

Scripture Reading: Numbers 22:10-20

Solo: Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees Johnny Brown, tenor

Time for Young Disciples

(Preschool children may return to their pew or gather at the piano door where today's shepherd will lead them in a time of special activities.)

*Hymn: Fairest Lord Jesus #630

Scripture Reading: Revelation 2:12-17

Sermon: The Letter to Pergamum Steve Newton

*Affirmation of Faith: Nicene Creed hymnbook page 34

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Leader: Sisters and brothers, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! They will come from north and south and from east and west to sit at table in the kingdom of God. According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. This is the Lord's table. . . .

Love is always preparing a table –

People: no detail overlooked, no element inconsequential.

Leader: In the presence of enemies, in the valley of the shadow —

People: even there, Love goes boldly ahead of us, comforting us and keeping us safe.

Leader: In the midst of circumstances, Love says, "Sit down and eat" —

People: and goodness and mercy sit down beside us; they are capable of nothing less.

Leader: Love has prepared this table —

People: thanks be to God, there is room for every guest.

Response: I Come with Joy #515 verse 1

GREAT THANKSGIVING:

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks and praise.

People: Invited and welcomed by Christ, how could we do anything less?

Leader: Your love has set the table, God, and your love has welcomed us here. So, of course, we are not here alone — we are here with all those named and claimed by you. Your love has set the table, God, and with the whole company of heaven and earth, we sing the ageless hymn of your glory:

Response: **Holy, Holy, Holy** #552
verse 1

Response: **Christ Has Died, Christ Is Risen** #553

Lord's Prayer

Breaking the Bread

Leader: On the very night he would be betrayed, Jesus gathered his friends around him at a table. He picked up the bread that was on the table. And what did he do with it?

People: **He gave thanks to God for it, blessing it and breaking it, sharing it with his friends.**

Leader: And what did he say?

People: **He said, "Take and eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."**

Leader: As Jesus' friends, let us now take the bread and share with one another.

Offering the Cup

Leader: In the same way, he picked up the cup from the table. And what did he do with it?

People: **He poured it out, in order to share with his friends.**

Leader: And what did he say?

People: **He said, "This cup is the cup of the New Covenant. It is sealed in my blood and shed for the forgiveness of sins. Every time you drink of it, do so in remembrance of me."**

Leader: Let us now share the cup with one another.

Closing Prayer:

Leader: God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

*Response: **Christ, We Do All Adore Thee**

**Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever;
Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever;
For on the holy cross hast Thou the world from sin redeemed.
Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever.
(Interlude)
Christ, we do all adore Thee.**

*Benediction

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Ushers: Terri Moehring Jane Brister
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Shepherd: Martha Holt

Liturgist: Fred Niehaus

Reader: Sharon Templeman

Preparing Communion: James and Dee Allums

Serving Communion: Ron Anderson Betsy Tucker
Bobbie Ann Anderson Vance Rogers

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, August 7

7:00 pm Theology on Tap

Sunday, August 12

9:30 am Elder Breakfast
11:00 am Worship Service

THE INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP at Westminster Church is always open to persons who wish to join us in witness and service to Jesus Christ. If you are interested in church membership or desire more information about this congregation, please indicate on the Friendship Pad or speak to the pastor, or one of the elders following the service.

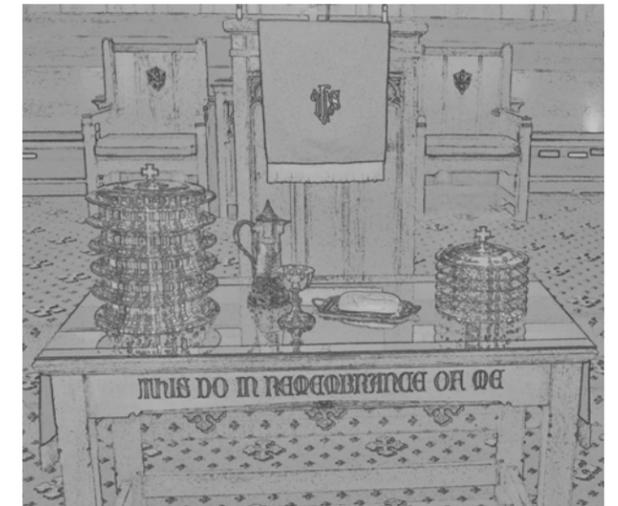
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¹² "And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: These are the words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword:

¹³ "I know where you are living, where Satan's throne is. Yet you are holding fast to my name, and you did not deny your faith in me even in the days of Antipas my witness, my faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan lives. ¹⁴ But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the people of Israel, so that they would eat food sacrificed to idols and practice fornication. ¹⁵ So you also have some who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans. ¹⁶ Repent then. If not, I will come to you soon and make war against them with the sword of my mouth. ¹⁷ Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. To everyone who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give a white stone, and on the white stone is written a new name that no one knows except the one who receives it.

~ Revelation 2:12-17