

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day November 5, 2017  
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Eternal God, neither death nor life can separate us from your love. Grant that we may serve you faithfully here on earth, and in heaven rejoice with all your saints who ceaselessly proclaim your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord all the earth!

People: Sing to the Lord, bless His name: tell of his salvation from day to day. Psalm 96:1-2

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: The Lord's name be praised!

\*Hymn: *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* #267

\*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Holy One, Holy Three, you call all who dwell on earth to follow you, singing songs of praise. We confess, however, that your song has been silenced within us. We are unwilling to sing new songs – or to embrace sisters and brothers whose songs are different from our own. We sing as we live – as if pleasing ourselves were more important than pleasing you. Forgive us. Cleanse our hearts of all that stifles your voice within us. Join our songs with your whole Church so that in all we sing, speak, or do, we may act to your glory, not our own.

Time for Personal Confession

Response: *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us* Dvořák

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

Christ, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;

Christ, have mercy; Christ, have mercy.

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

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

People: He bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good.

Leader: Friends, this is the good news of the gospel!  
1 Timothy 1:15, 1 Peter 2:24

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. 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; #606  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination:

Almighty God, we give thanks that your word is eternal – your truths do not change and you are ever faithful. May we hear your word, respond to it, and allow it to lead us in your ways. By your Holy Spirit help us to remember what you would tell us this day, and understanding your laws, may we be saved from living careless lives. For we pray in Jesus' name. Amen. Based on Psalm 119:89-96

Psalter: Psalm 98

Tune: HOLY MANNA #396; *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

Leader: Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations. He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

People: Sing new songs to God Almighty, Marvel at God's majesty  
In the face of foes around us, God has brought us victory!  
Nations all shall see God's promise: love endure and faith prevail;  
Evermore will God be gracious to the house of Israel.

Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—shout for joy before the LORD, the King.

People: Joyful songs of praise and honor Earth shall sing with one accord;  
Horn and trumpet raise a mighty shout of tribute to our Lord!  
Seas and floods rejoice with gladness, all the earth God's gifts profess:  
Endless grace conceived in mercy, justice born in righteousness.

Leader: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

People: Let the waters clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy

Leader: at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth.

People: He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

Scripture Reading: Mark 14:22-26

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: *When in Our Music God Is Glorified* #641

Scripture: Colossians 3:12-17

Sermon: Songs of the Saints

\*Affirmation of Faith: Nicene Creed hymnbook page 34

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

RESPONSE: *The First Song of Isaiah* Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,  
And he will be my Savior.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Anthem: *Come Away* Ken Medema

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 to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

RESPONSE: *Holy, Holy, Holy* Argentine folk song

Holy, holy, holy, My heart, my heart adores You!  
My heart knows how to say to you: You are holy, Lord!

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

Christ has died; Christ is risen, Christ will come again.  
Christ has died; Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

## REMEMBRANCE

Sarah Ellen Rogers entered the Church Triumphant on January 2, 2017

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.

PRESENTING AND TAKING THE ELEMENTS

CLOSING PRAYER:

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: and all that is within me bless God's holy name!

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: and forget not all God's benefits.

All: God of the ages, we praise you for all your servants, who have done justice, loved mercy, and walked humbly with their God. For apostles and martyrs and saints of every time and place, who in life and death have witnessed to your truth,

For all your servants who have faithfully served you, witnessed bravely, and died in faith, who still are shining lights in the world,

For those no longer remembered, who earnestly sought you in darkness, who held fast their faith in trial, and served others,

For those we have known and loved, who by their faithful obedience and steadfast hope, have shown the same mind that was in Christ Jesus,

Keep us grateful for their witness, and, like them, eager to follow in the way of Christ. Then at the last, bring us with them to share in the inheritance of the saints in light; through Jesus Christ the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who lives, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

\*Hymn: *For All the Saints* #326

\*Benediction

Closing Voluntary

\*Please stand if you are able

#### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Ushers: Gary Atkins Charlotte Bock  
Jane Brister Rick Bock

Shepherd: Michele Peck

Liturgist: Sue Atkins

Reader: Deborah Dalton

Preparing Communion: Clarence and Barbara Bahs

Serving Communion: Al Hejl Charlotte Sanderson  
Terri Moehring David Sanderson  
Sharon Templeman

#### TODAY'S FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers have been placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God by Robert and Fran Monroe in loving memory of his parents, Bob and Juanita Monroe.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

##### Sunday, November 5

12:00 noon Communion Reception hosted by the Session  
5:00 pm Youth

##### Monday, November 6

5:15 pm Soul Sisters

##### Tuesday, November 7

7:00 pm Theology on Tap

##### Wednesday, November 8

5:30 pm Handbell Practice

7:30 pm Choir Practice

##### Sunday, November 12

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Children's Choir

11:00 am Worship Service

12:00 noon Fall Stewardship Luncheon

5:00 pm Youth

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MINISTERS: All the Members of the Congregation

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With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. Colossians 3:16b