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**Worship**  
**Time After Pentecost**  
**July 24, 2022**

**GATHERING**

**Greeting and Announcements**  
**Preparation for Worship**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*You are invited to stand as you are comfortable.*

*A Lord Teach us to pray*  
**C So that we may awaken to the wonder of your presence.**  
*A Lord Teach us to pray*  
**C So that we feel gratitude for your gift of life today.**  
*A Lord Teach us to pray*  
**C So that we forgive those who have wronged us.**  
*A Lord Teach us to pray*  
**C So that we discover your Kingdom.**  
*A Lord Teach us to pray*  
**C So that we love you with our whole hearts and our neighbors as ourselves.**  
**AMEN.**

**GATHERING HYMN – “My Life Flows on in Endless Song” ELW 763 (1,2,4)**

**My life flows on in endless song;  
above earth's lamentation,  
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn  
that hails a new creation.**

***Refrain***

***No storm can shake my inmost calm  
while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?***

**Through all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul.  
How can I keep from singing? *Refrain***

**The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his!  
How can I keep from singing? *Refrain***

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose steadfast love endures forever.

**C** **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Merciful God,

**C** **we confess that we have not followed your path  
but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,  
we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,  
we have too often passed by on the other side.**

**Set us again on the path of life.**

**Save us from ourselves  
and free us to love our neighbors.**

**Amen.**

**P** Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins  
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves.

**C** **Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE – “Glory to God” (Bolduc)**

*(Refrain)*

***Glory! Glory to God in the highest. Glory! Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.***

**We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you.**

**We give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King,**

**O God, almighty Father.**

*(Refrain)*

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;**

**You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.**

*(Refrain)*

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,**

**You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,**

**With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.**

***Glory! Glory to God in the highest. Glory! Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will. Amen.***

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**A** Let us pray:

**C** Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*You may be seated*

## **THE WORD**

**First Reading – Genesis 18:20-32**

*Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.*

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Reading – Colossians 2:6-15**

*Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.*

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

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### **Gospel Acclamation -**

***Alleluia.* Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. *Alleluia.***

**P** The holy Gospel according to Luke.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **Gospel Reading – Luke 11:1-13**

**P** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*You may be seated*

### **Sermon**

**HYMN OF THE DAY – “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” ELW 742, LBW 439**

**What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;  
oh, what needless pain we bear--  
all because we do not carry  
ev'rything to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged--  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--  
take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge--  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake you?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you;  
you will find a solace there.**

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820-1886

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### **AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH**

A We affirm our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed

**C I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

*You may be seated*

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

A Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

A Rooted and built up in Christ, we pray for the church. Embolden church leaders to take risks for the sake of the gospel, and equip the baptized to proclaim your extravagant love for the whole world. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A Rejoicing in the works of your hands, we pray for the natural world. Make rivers and lakes, oceans and all waterways, sparkle with your radiance. Protect water sources and strengthen those who defend them. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A Interceding on behalf of the vulnerable, we pray for the peoples of the world. Inspire all rulers and governing authorities with your justice. Guide the work of legislators and public officials, that they advocate for the well-being of those they serve. Merciful God,  
**C receive our prayer.**

A Persistent in prayer, we pray for our neighbors in need. To all who have hunger, give daily bread. To all who have bread, give hunger for justice. Open us to the cries of those who suffer especially our loved ones; Evie, Ethel, Sondra, Kathy, Jennie, Jane, Gene, and Courtney. Merciful God,  
**C receive our prayer.**

A Abounding in thanksgiving, we pray for this congregation. Bless the prayer and fellowship ministries in this place. Call us together in times of praise and blessing, trouble and sorrow, in your holy name. Merciful God,  
**C receive our prayer.**

A What else do the people of God want to lift up to God this day?.....Merciful God,  
**C receive our prayer.**

A Buried with Christ in baptism and raised with him to new life, we give thanks for your saints who rest in your eternal presence. Join our voices with theirs as we sing of your great glory. Merciful God,  
**C receive our prayer.**

P Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.  
**Amen.**

## **THE MEAL**

**OFFERING HYMN – “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High” ELW 857**

**Lord, I lift your name on high,  
Lord, I love to sing your praises.  
I’m so glad you’re in my life,  
I’m so glad you came to save us.  
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,  
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay,  
From the cross to the grave,  
From the grave to the sky;  
Lord, I lift your name on high.**

### **OFFERTORY – “Make Me a Servant”**

**Make me a servant, humble and meek.  
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.  
And may the prayer of my heart always be;  
Make me a servant, make me a servant,  
Make me a servant today.**

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### **OFFERING PRAYER**

**A** Let us pray.

**C** **God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

### **PREFACE**

**P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**“Holy, Holy, Holy”** (Haugen)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

**P** Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, Heaven and earth are full of you glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

*P* In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

*P* Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

*P* Remembering, therefore, his death, his resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

*P* Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**C Amen, amen, amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*A* Gathered into one, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**C 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. AMEN.**

### **COMMUNION INVITATION**

*P* In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

*You may be seated*

### **COMMUNION HYMN**

Kristan

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### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*A* Let us pray.

**C Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.**

**Amen.**

## SENDING

### BENEDICTION

P The God of peace, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

C Amen.

### CLOSING HYMN – *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” ELW 858 (1,2,4) LBW 543*

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!**

**O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!**

**Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,  
joining in glad adoration!**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning  
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.**

**Have you not seen all that is needful has been  
sent by his gracious ordaining?**

**Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!**

**All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!**

**Let the amen sound from his people again.**

**Gladly forever adore him!**

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

### DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C Thanks be to God.

**Bethany's Mission Statement –  
Accepting  
Serving  
Loving . . .  
We Share God's Embrace**

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