



Sunday, September 27, 2020

Welcome!

We are thankful that you are worshiping with us today! To learn more about the life of our congregation, join our email list [here](#).

Here are some helpful resources for our younger worshippers:

[Children's Bulletin](#) | [Worship Worksheet for Kids](#)

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

All Creatures of Our God and King
How Great Thou Art

arr. Witkowski
arr. Martinez

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Listen, O people, to holy teaching; tune your ears to hear God's word.

We gather to proclaim our sacred story, to tell of God's wondrous deeds.

Come, O people, into holy space to worship the Lord, our sustainer and guide.

Let us turn to God in prayer and praise.

*OPENING PRAYER

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly cares, but to love that which is above, and even now, while we live among transient things, to hold fast to those things that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

*HYMN 649

Amazing Grace

NEW BRITAIN

- 1. Amazing grace!— how sweet the sound—that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.*
- 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!*
- 3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.*
- 4. The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.*

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Leader: May God be with you in worship there.

Congregation: **May God be with you in worship there.**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

When we pass through deep waters or go through times of fiery trial, the Lord our God is with us. With confidence in God, our creator and redeemer, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you instruct us to look to the interest of others, to be of the same mind that was in Christ Jesus. We are to do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but instead serve you with humility and patience. We know your will, we even say we will do it, and yet too often we fail to follow your commandments. We act out of self-interest. We regard others as less than ourselves. We neglect your teachings to care for the least of these. We refuse to follow you, go our own way and then wonder why we are so lost. Remind us of your mercy, Lord, of your steadfast love and your promise to forgive those who humbly repent and turn to you. Hear our prayer, work within us and enable us to do your will. Amen

Silence is kept for personal prayer

POURING OF THE WATERS & DECLARATION OF PROMISE AND FORGIVENESS

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

Good and upright is the Lord; therefore God instructs sinners in the way. The Lord leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble the way. Friends, believe the good news, through Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since we have been reconciled to God, let us also be reconciled to one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

*SUNG RESPONSE

NEW BRITAIN

*When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, what does it profit us to gain the whole world and lose our souls? In the din of demands and distractions, send your Spirit to help us discern your Word and your will.

Grant us ears to hear and faith to obey your teachings that offer life and life abundant. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Philippians 2:1-13

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25

Foothold

Rienstra/Scheer

Matthew 21:23-32

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

Jeff Moles

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Philippians 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

Come Sunday

Duke Ellington

*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

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. Amen.*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, send us out from our Lord's table to answer his summons into new life and to follow him with joy and gladness. Set our feet in his holy way, that our lives may be signs of his life and all we do may show forth his love. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 624

I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art

TOULON

1. *I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art, my only trust and Savior of my heart, who pain didst undergo for my poor sake; I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.*
2. *Thou art the King of mercy and of grace, reigning omnipotent in every place: so come, O King, and our whole being sway; shine on us with the light of thy pure day.*
3. *Thou art the life, by which alone we live, and all our substance and our strength receive; sustain us by thy faith and by thy power, and give us strength in every trying hour.*
4. *Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness; no harshness hast thou and no bitterness. O grant to us the grace we find in thee, that we may dwell in perfect unity.*
5. *Our hope is in no other save in thee; our faith is built upon thy promise free; Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure, that in thy strength we evermore endure.*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHING

Jeff Moles, Director of Christian Education and Mission

PRESIDING AT THE TABLE

Dennis Jewett, Director of Music

ASSISTING

Stephanie Dube, Director of Youth Ministries & Weekday School

Debbie McCoy, Clerk of Session

MUSICIANS

Patrick Ritsch, Pianist

Nadia Wilkes

Kerry Showers