

Sunday Morning Worship

August 20, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. If you are visiting with us, please introduce yourself to the pastor following the service.

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Our Approach to God

Prelude Praeludium and Fuge in C-Dur Bach

The Call to Worship

Come, let us worship God. For God is merciful and gracious.

We praise you, O God. May all people praise you!

God guides the nations of the earth and rules them justly.

May all the nations know of God's salvation.

May the nations be glad and sing for joy. Come, let us worship God.

We praise you, O God, from whom all blessings flow!

*The Hymn of Praise My Faith Looks Up to Thee 383

*The Call to Confession

The Bible tells us that the wages of sin is death. But the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. In humility and faith, let us confess our sin to God.

*The Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have not loved you with all our heart, soul, and strength. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.

We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. We confess our sins and ask for your mercy.

[Silent confession.]

O God, in your loving kindness and great compassion, cleanse us from our sin that we may live holy lives to the glory of your name through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

While it is true that we have all sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. All who humbly seek the mercy of God have the assurance that in Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

*The Gloria Patri Glory Be to the Father 579
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

The Anthem Make Me a Channel of Your Peace Temple

The Word of God

The Old Testament Reading Isaiah 56:6-8 page 804 OT

The Psalm Psalm 67 page 636 OT

The Gospel Reading Matthew 15:21-28 page 22 NT

The Time with the Children

The Sermon Rev. Ruth Estell

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) hymnal page 14

*The Hymn In Christ There Is No East or West 439

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)

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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts
 The Offertory Lord, I Want to Be a Christian Bish
 *The Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow 592
**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.**
 *The Prayer of Dedication

*The Hymn Called as Partners in Christ's Service 343

*The Charge and Benediction

Postlude Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven Smith

* Congregation Standing - for those who are able.

Liturgist: Genie Herter

Greeter:

Ushers: Wally & Anne Schmidt

Coffee Hour Host: Ruth Anderson



Pastor Ruth will be on vacation beginning Wednesday 8/23/2023 through
 Wednesday 9/6/2023. Please call the office @ 989-792-1023 for Pastoral care.
 Sonia will be in the office Monday 8/21/2023 – Wednesday 8/23/2023
 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. but, as unforeseen circumstances may occur, please call
 989-792-1023 to be sure that she is in the office before you drive to the church.
The Church office will be closed Thursday 8/24/2023.

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Prayer of Illumination

Almighty and merciful God,
The true understanding of your holy Word helps us to grow into the fulness of the salvation you so freely offer in Christ. May our hearts, being freed from worldly affairs, hear and grasp your holy Word. May we rightly understand your gracious will, cherish it, and live by it, all to your praise and honor. Through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Isaiah 56:6-8

⁶ And the LORD says to those foreigners who become part of his people, who love him and serve him, who observe the Sabbath and faithfully keep his covenant: ⁷ “I will bring you to Zion, my sacred hill,^[a] give you joy in my house of prayer, and accept the sacrifices you offer on my altar. My Temple will be called a house of prayer for the people of all nations.” ⁸ The Sovereign LORD, who has brought his people Israel home from exile, has promised that he will bring still other people to join them.

Psalm 67

⁶⁷ God, be merciful to us and bless us;
look on us with kindness,
² so that the whole world may know your will;
so that all nations may know your salvation.
³ May the peoples praise you, O God;
may all the peoples praise you!
⁴ May the nations be glad and sing for joy,
because you judge the peoples with justice
and guide every nation on earth.
⁵ May the peoples praise you, O God;
may all the peoples praise you!
⁶ The land has produced its harvest;
God, our God, has blessed us.
⁷ God has blessed us;
may all people everywhere honor him.

Matthew 15:21-28

²¹ Jesus left that place and went off to the territory near the cities of Tyre and Sidon. ²² A Canaanite woman who lived in that region came to him. “Son of David!” she cried out. “Have mercy on me, sir! My daughter has a demon and is in a terrible condition.”
²³ But Jesus did not say a word to her. His disciples came to him and begged him, “Send her away! She is following us and making all this noise!”
²⁴ Then Jesus replied, “I have been sent only to the lost sheep of the people of Israel.”
²⁵ At this the woman came and fell at his feet. “Help me, sir!” she said.
²⁶ Jesus answered, “It isn’t right to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.”
²⁷ “That’s true, sir,” she answered, “but even the dogs eat the leftovers that fall from their masters’ table.”
²⁸ So Jesus answered her, “You are a woman of great faith! What you want will be done for you.” And at that very moment her daughter was healed.