

Sunday Worship

August 22, 2021,

9:30 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. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you.

*Congregation standing for those who are able.

Our Approach to God

Prelude *Praise the Lord, the Almighty* arr. Smith
One License #111467

The Call to Worship

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous;
God's ears are open to their cry.

Let us worship the One who cloths us in strength
and quenches our souls with mercy.

The Hymn of Praise *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*
(Congregation does NOT sing)

The Call to Confession Psalm 34:17
When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears, and rescue them from all trouble. Let us confess our sins to God who is merciful.

*The Prayer of Confession

O Lord, you are near to the brokenhearted, and you save the crushed in Spirit.

Be near to us in our brokenness and love us into wholeness.

You are near to people who are hurting,

but we keep our distance to avoid hard conversations.

You envision a world where all needs are met,

but we hoard our possessions and cling to our power. Be near to us in our brokenness, and love us into wholeness. By your mercy, forgive our sins. By your grace, free us to try again.

O Lord, hear us now as we approach you in the silence of our hearts with our individual intentions. (Silence)

Have mercy on us and shine your light in our darkness O Lord, guide us back to our place in you. Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

Brothers and Sisters, the living God hears our cries and forgives our sins!

The Lord is a sun and shield, bestowing favor, and honor to us, through Christ, the bread of heaven, who brings us back to God and feed us with strength. In Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*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 Special Music *There is a Balm in Gilead* arr. Tornquist
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The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Old Testament Reading Psalm 84 650 OT

The New Testament Reading Ephesians 6:10-20 263 NT

The Sermon "The Protective Gear" Pastor Philomena

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith (From A brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

In a broken and fearful world,

the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Amen.

*The Hymn *God of Grace and God of Glory* 420
(verses 1,3 & 4)

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 *It is Well with My Soul* arr. Tornquist
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*The 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.

*The Prayer of Dedication

*The Charge and Benediction

Postlude *In My Heart There Rings a Melody* arr. Innes
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**Our guest musicians today are – Ruth Estell, piano and Deanna Patton, soloist!
Thank You Deanna and Ruth!**

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**Be strong in the Lord
and in the strength of
His might.**

Ephesians 6:10-20



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Announcements and Upcoming Events

Thank You

A huge thank You to Mike and Deanna Patton for clearing 8 wheelbarrows full of weeds from the perimeter of the church. It looks wonderful! Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

White Elephant Sale

Clean out your garages and closets this summer and keep in mind we'll have our annual White Elephant Sale on Saturday, September 25. Don't bring your items yet but keep the date in mind! **If you are able to help during set-up, during the sale, or clean-up, sign-up sheets are on the table in the main hallway or call Carol Poole @ 793-7485.**

Fish Fry

We are in the planning stages for a **possible** drive-thru Fish Fry on Friday, October 15, 2021. We need many hands to make the fish fry a success. Before we go forward with advertising we really need to know if we can get enough help. We want to put on a great event, but we can't if we do not have enough help. There will be many opportunities to help throughout the week leading up to the fish fry if you cannot help during. Please let one of the following individuals know if you are willing the help in any way:

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