

8th Sunday after Pentecost
ORDER OF WORSHIP
10:00 a.m.

Sunday, July 31, 2022

Seasonal Color: Green

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

*(Please take a moment to silence your cell phones and electronic devices.
And, with the gift of music, let us prepare our hearts, minds, and souls
for this special time with God and with one another.)*

Moment for Mission: "Parade of Cans"

Bob Neill

Prelude: "Etude Progressive, Opus 46, No. 8"

Stephen Heller

(Please stand in body or spirit and let us join together in the Call to Worship)

*Call to Worship

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good, whose steadfast love endures forever.

Those gathered from east and west and north and south are the redeemed of the Lord.

Those who cried to the Lord in times of trouble God delivered them from their distress.

Let them thank the Lord for steadfast love and wonderful works to humankind.

Let us worship God!

*Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Great Shepherd of Israel, you hear the voices of our supplications; you defend your people as their strength and shield. Through Christ you have established our eternal birthright; by your Spirit you make us to know your godly decree. As we dwell evermore in the fold of your heavenly heritage, we blend our voices with the multitudes and sing to you our songs of praise.

*Opening Hymn: "The Lord Is God"

GTG # 63

WE ARE RENEWED IN GRACE

*Litany of Assurance:

In Christ the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness of life in Christ.

As therefore you received Christ Jesus, abound in thanksgiving.

You were buried with Christ in baptism and were raised with Christ through faith in the working of God.

As therefore you received Christ Jesus, abound in thanksgiving.

You, who were dead in trespasses, God made us alive together with Christ, having forgiven us all our trespasses.

As therefore you received Christ Jesus, abound in thanksgiving.

God disarmed the principalities and powers and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in Christ.

As therefore you received Christ Jesus, abound in thanksgiving.

*Congregational Response: "The Steadfast Love of the Lord"

GTG #59

(sing twice)

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;

God's mercies never come to an end.

They are new every morning, new every morning;

Great is your faithfulness, O Lord, great is your faithfulness.

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

Anthem:

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Thomas Chisholm/arr. Craig Courtney

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,

There is no shadow of tuning with Thee;

Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;

As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

(refrain) Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,

Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above

Join with all nature in manifold witness

To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. (refrain)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,

Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,

Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (refrain)

Time for Young Disciples

David Roquemore

Prayer of Illumination

Living God, help us to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture: Hosea 11:1-11

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Sermon: "A Different Way to Look at God the Father"

David Roquemore

*Hymn: "Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us"

GTG #44

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

*Affirmation of Faith: Brief Statement of Faith, Part II

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God

in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father, who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of the People and 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.

*Doxology: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

GTG # 606

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.

Offering Our Gifts

*Prayer of Dedication

Righteous God, you cast out fear and open the doors to your dominion. We come bearing alms, as Christ would have us do. All that we own you have given to us. We set it apart to your glory and honor. Who we are is due to your graciousness; we commit our efforts to your service. Possess us and guide us through your Holy Spirit and we shall live out our days praising your name.

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

*Closing Hymn: "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

GTG # 435

*Benediction

*Postlude: "This Little Light of Mine"

Spiritual/arr. Mark Hayes

(* Please stand in body or spirit.)

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