

**22nd Sunday after Pentecost
ORDER OF WORSHIP
10:00 a.m.**

Sunday, November 6, 2022

Seasonal Color: White

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

+GATHERING

Our gathering time is for you to introduce yourself and visit with others, sign the fellowship register, and extend the love of Christ to one another.

+CHIMING OF THE HOUR

+WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Moment for Mission: "Stewardship" Membership & Personnel Cmtes.

PRELUDE: "Kremser" (We Gather Together) arr. Neil Harmon

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; your greatness, O God, is unsearchable.

You fulfill the desire of all who fear you; you hear their cries and save them.

My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and bless your holy name forever and ever.

Let us worship God!

*PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

You are worthy of all praise, O God; your judgment is sure. Like a refiner's fire, you purify your people and temper their desires. The heat is your love for them; the flame is the Spirit's power within. The light is the light, which illuminates the world. Come, fire from above, and fill our being, as we worship and adore our maker. Amen.

*HYMN: "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

GTG # 367

WE ARE RENEWED IN GRACE

*LITANY OF ASSURANCE

Brothers and sisters, we must always give thanks to God for you.

God is faithful and will strengthen you and guard you from evil.

God chose you as the firstfruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth.

God is faithful and will strengthen you and guard you from evil.

Brothers and sisters, stand firm, and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

God is faithful and will strengthen you and guard you from evil.

Now may God, who loved us, and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts in every good work and word.

May the Savior direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "Glory Be to the Father" GTG # 581

**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.**

ANTHEM: "O God Beyond All Praising" arr. Dan Forrest (ASCAP)

O God beyond all praising, we worship You today

And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;

For we can only wonder at every gift You send,

At blessings without number and mercies without end;

We lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your word.

We honor and adore You, our great and mighty Lord.

For we can only wonder at every gift You send,

At blessings without number and mercies without end;

For Christ, Your gift from heaven, from death has set us free,

And we through Him are given the final victory.

Then, hear, O gracious Saviour, accept the love we bring,

That we who know Your favor may serve You as our King;

And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,

We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless You still;

To marvel at Your beauty and glory in your ways,

Make a joyful duty our song of praise. Our sacrifice of praise.

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Haggai 1:15-2:9

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TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Laura Sparks

SECOND LESSON: Luke 20:7-38

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SERMON: "God Holds the Key"

David Roquemore

*HYMN: "O God of Every Nation"

GTG # 756

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by The Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

(You are invited to make known your prayer needs, both for yourself and others in your life, by using the Prayer Request Card in your pew.)

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offertory: "The Feast Is Ready"

arr. Aaron David Miller

*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.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious Comforter, we have sought to render true judgment, show kindness, accompany the sojourner, and devise no evil with our own hearts. May the tribute we render be worthy of the trust you place in us. Accept our offerings of praise and thanksgiving, as in Christ's name we pray. Amen.

WE ARE SEALED IN GOD'S GRACE

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING...

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

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

(The prayer continues, ending with "who forever sing to the glory of your name." Congregation joins in singing the Sanctus, GTG # 556)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the Lord's name.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the Lord's name.

Hosanna in the highest.

(The prayer continues until "Great is the mystery of Faith." Congregation joins in singing: 'Christ Has Died; Christ Has Risen' GTG # 557)

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. (repeat)

... 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.

(After the Lord's Prayer, congregation join in singing 'Amen' GTG # 558)

Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen, amen, amen, amen, amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(Please come forward to take communion by intinction. You are asked to receive a piece of bread and dip it in the cup.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: The Song of Simeon Luke 2:29-32

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace, your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Amen.

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

- *HYMN: “As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought” GTG # 712
- *BENEDICTION
- *POSTLUDE: “Joyful, Joyful” arr. Diane Bish

(+ Ushers will seat worshippers.) (* Please stand in body or spirit.)

Lay Leader this morning is Amy Loyer.

Elder on Call this week is Brenda Eckard.

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1. You are in God’s House. We want you to feel God’s presence.
2. All around you are Christian people. They will want to shake your hand and greet you in the name of Christ. Won’t you meet them with a friendly smile? We would not have you leave this place without a warm welcome and a feeling that you want to come back.
3. Please sign the Friendship Book.
4. Those interested in membership information or who desire to join are asked to speak to David Roquemore, Pastor, call the church office, or check the Friendship Book.

CHILDREN’S CHURCH: (10:00am) Worship bags for children are located in the entryway. In addition, children (ages 3 yrs. old – 2nd grade) are welcome to stay with their families for the entire service, or they may attend B.L.A.S.T. Children’s Church following the *Time for Young Disciples*, when children will be led from the Sanctuary to our Children’s Church room and they will return to the sanctuary before the closing hymn.

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