

**June 25, 2023**  
**4th Sunday after Pentecost**

**PRELUDE** "Five Bagatelles: II. Romance" Finzi

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL HUNGER OFFERING**

**OPENING SENTENCES**

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. Ps. 118:1  
**God's steadfast love endures forever.**  
Let the redeemed of the Lord rejoice; Ps. 107:2, 31  
**for the steadfast love of God, give thanks!**  
As a deer longs for flowing streams, Ps. 42:1-2  
**so my soul thirsts for the living God.**  
Let us worship God!

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**+HYMN: GTG #239** GELOBT SEI GOTT  
"Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!"

**CALL TO CONFESSION** Isa. 43:2

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God,  
**we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.**  
**We have failed to be an obedient church.**  
**We have not done your will,**  
**we have broken your law,**  
**we have rebelled against your love.**  
**We have not loved our neighbors,**  
**and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy.**

Forgive us, we pray.  
Free us for joyful obedience;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS** Col. 2:12  
... In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**HYMN: GTG #730** "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" GRAND ISLE

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

... Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

+ Those who are able may stand. 1

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Children are dismissed to Kids Church*

**INVITATION TO OFFERING** Heb. 13:16

**OFFERTORY** "Just As I Am" Bradbury

**+RESPONSE: GTG #606** OLD HUNDREDTH  
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *The Heidelberg Catechism*  
(Germany, 1563)

6. Did God create people so wicked and perverse?  
**No. God created them good and in his own image, that is, in true righteousness and holiness, so that they might truly know God their creator, love him with all their heart, and live with God in eternal happiness, to praise and glorify him.**  
7. Then where does this corrupt human nature come from?  
**The fall and disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, in Paradise. This fall has so poisoned our nature that we are all conceived and born in a sinful condition.**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Genesis 21:8-21 O.T. page 13

**PSALM** Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

Bow down your ear, O LORD, and answer me,  
for I am poor and in misery.  
**Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful;**  
**save your servant who trusts in you.**  
Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God;  
I call upon you all the day long.  
**Gladden the soul of your servant,**  
**for to you O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,  
and abundant in mercy toward all who call upon you.  
**Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer,**  
**and attend to the voice of my supplications.**  
In the time of my trouble I will call upon you,  
for you will answer me.  
**Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord,**  
**nor anything like your works.**

All the nations you have made will come and worship you, O Lord,  
and glorify your name.  
**For you are great; you do wondrous things;**  
**and you alone are God.**

Turn to me and have mercy on me;  
give your strength to your servant,  
and save the child of your handmaid.

GTG = *Glory to God* (purple) 2

**Show me a sign of your favor,**  
**so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame;**  
**because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.**

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Romans 6:1b-11 N.T. page 119

**GOSPEL LESSON** Matthew 10:24-39 N.T. page 8

**RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE** Matt. 11:4  
Go and tell everyone what you have seen and heard.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** "As for the Son of the Slave Woman..." Rev. Bill Pinches

**+HYMN: GTG #450** "Be Thou My Vision" SLANE

**+BLESSING** Heb. 13:20-21  
The God of peace,  
who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
make you complete in everything good  
so that you may do God's will,  
working among us that which is pleasing in God's sight,  
through Jesus Christ,  
to whom be the glory forever and ever!  
**Amen!**

**+CHARGE** Phil. 3:14  
Now press on toward the goal  
of the call of God in Christ Jesus.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: GTG #748** TALLIS' CANON  
"Go with Us, Lord"

**POSTLUDE** "Five Bagatelles: III. Carol" Finzi

**You are invited to join us**  
**for fellowship and refreshments**  
**after worship in the Memorial Room.**  
*It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.*

**SERVING US TODAY**  
**Guest Musician:** Chen-Fang Tsai  
**Liturgist:** Monte Shuck  
**Greeters:** Julie Dart and Brandon Leffew  
**Sound:** Marty Subject  
**Livestream:** Tami Chapman  
**Security:** Doreen Chapman  
**Today's flowers are given by**  
Dan and Melissa Baker  
in memory of Duane and Betty Baker

TWC = *The Worshiping Church* (red) 3

## CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

### #40. Lydia:

Paul, Silas, and Timothy cross the Aegean Sea to Philippi, a Roman colony, where a woman named Lydia becomes the first known convert in Europe. (*Acts 16:12-40*) (c. AD 50)

## THE STUDY CATECHISM

### Question 80. What do you mean when you speak of “the forgiveness of sins”?

That because of Jesus Christ, God no longer holds my sins against me. Christ alone is my righteousness and my life; Christ is my only hope. Grace alone, not my merits, is the basis on which God has forgiven me in him. Faith alone, not my works, is the means by which I receive Christ into my heart, and with him the forgiveness that makes me whole. Christ alone, grace alone, and faith alone bring the forgiveness I receive through the gospel.

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**Class of 2025:** Marge Clarke, Julie Dart, Timothy Pinches, Tom Seely.

### DAILY PRAYER

*Book of Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (2018)

### EVENTS THIS WEEK

|                  |   |          |
|------------------|---|----------|
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Lunch Packing for Advent House          | 10:30 am |
|                  | Prayer Fellowship                       | 12:00 pm |
| <b>Friday</b>    | Church Office closed / Pastor’s Sabbath |          |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | Yarners                                 | 10:00 am |

### BIRTHDAYS

|                      |         |
|----------------------|---------|
| Rev. Charlie Herrick | June 28 |
| Karen O’Malley       | June 29 |
| Mary Robinson        | June 30 |

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*Hagar and Ishmael in the Desert*  
by Luigi Alois Gillarduzzi, c. 1941

*The fruit of the Spirit  
is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,  
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.  
(Galatians 5:22-23)*