

October 15, 2023
20th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE "Sonetto 104 del petrarca" Liszt

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. Ps. 118:1
God's steadfast love endures forever.
How can a mortal receive eternal life? Mark 10:17, 27
For God all things are possible.
The Lord will make a feast for all people Isa. 25:6-7
and destroy the power of death forever.
Let us worship God!

INTROIT "A Joyful Call to Praise" Larson

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+**HYMN: GTG #645** MIT FREUDEN ZART
"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

CALL TO CONFESSION Heb. 4:14-16

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.
We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.
We have not loved you with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not done justice, loved kindness,
or walked humbly with you, our God.
Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.
In your great compassion,
cleans us from our sin.
Do not cast us away from your presence,
or take your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

... In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN: GTG #775 "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" WALK WITH ME

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

+ Those who are able may stand. 1

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN Debbie Shellenbarger

Children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

INVITATION TO OFFERING Rom. 12:1

OFFERTORY "Sarabande in d" Bach

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

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

50. Why the next words: "and is seated at the right hand of God"?
**Because Christ ascended to heaven to show there that he is
head of his church, the one through whom the Father rules all
things.**

51. How does this glory of Christ our head benefit us?
**First, through his Holy Spirit he pours out gifts from heaven
upon us his members. Second, by his power he defends us and
keeps us safe from all enemies.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 32:1-14 O.T. page 60

PSALM Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
Hallelujah! Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,
for God's mercy endures forever.

**Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD
or proclaim in full God's praise?**

Happy are those who act with justice
and always do what is right.
**Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have for your people,
and visit me with your salvation;**
that I may see the prosperity of your elect
and be glad with the gladness of your people,
that I may glory with your inheritance.
**We have sinned as our forebears did;
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.**

They made a bull-calf at Horeb
and worshiped a molten image;
**thus they exchanged their glory
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.**

They forgot God their Savior,
who had done great things in Egypt,
**wonderful deeds in the land of Ham,
and fearful things at the Red Sea.**
So you would have destroyed them,
had not Moses your chosen stood in the breach,
to turn away your wrath from consuming them.

GTG = *Glory to God* (purple) 2

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GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 22:1-14 N.T. page 19

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE

The word of God.
We praise you, O Lord.

ANTHEM "Better Is One Day" Redman, arr. Rouse

SERMON "Israel and Gaza: The Long View" Rev. Bill Pinches

+**HYMN: GTG #372** "O for a World" AZMON

+**BLESSING** 2 Cor. 13:13
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
Amen!

+**CHARGE** Col. 3:12-14
As God's own,
clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, and patience,
forgiving one another as the Lord has forgiven you,
and crown all these things with love,
which binds everything together in perfect harmony.
Thanks be to God!

+**CHORAL BENEDICTION** Schubert, arr. Hopson
"Christ, Now Go Before Us"

POSTLUDE "Träumerei" Schumann

**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
Liturgist: Jane Hamelink
Greeters: Evelyn and Keren Tayong
Sound: Marty Subject
Livestream: Tami Chapman
Security: Dan Baker

Today's flowers are given by
Mary & Peter Robinson
and by Sally & Dave Trout
in memory of Lovicia & R. C. Dart
and Gertrude Dart Smith & Lawrence Smith

TWC = *The Worshiping Church* (red) 3

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#56. Arrest:

In Jerusalem, Paul tells the apostles about the Gospel's spread. He worships in the temple, where a mob tries to kill him. A tribune arrests him. (Acts 21:17-36) (c. AD 57)

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 101. Why set aside one day a week as a day of rest?

First, working people should not be taken advantage of by their employers (Deut. 5:14). My job should not be my tyrant, for my life is more than my work. Second, God requires me to put time aside for the regular study of Holy Scripture and for prayer, not only by myself but also with others, not least those in my own household.

Question 102. Why do we Christians usually gather on the first day of the week?

In worshipping together on the first day of the week, we celebrate our Lord's resurrection, so that the new life Christ brought us might begin to fill our whole lives.

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DAILY PRAYER

Book of Common Worship: Daily Prayer (2018)

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	Adult Sunday School (<i>The Chosen</i>)	11:15 am
	Explorers Class	11:15 am
Tuesday	Women's Association Craft and Lunch	10:30 am
Wednesday	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:30 am
	Prayer Fellowship	12:00 pm
	Wonderful Wednesday (children/youth)	4:00 pm
	Wednesday Night Dinner	6:00 pm
	Bell Choir rehearsal	6:30 pm
	Choir rehearsal	7:10 pm
Thursday	Session	7:00 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor's Sabbath	
Saturday	Yarners	

BIRTHDAYS

Mary Garland Jackson Oct. 15
Linda Peterson Oct. 15
Sam VanDyke Oct. 17

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