

June 23, 2024
5th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE "Passacaglia in g" Handel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES

God alone laid the foundations of the earth. *Job 38:4*
The morning stars sang together *Job 38:7*
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy.
From the midst of the whirlwind, God speaks with power. *Job 38:1*
We have seen the deeds of the Lord, *Ps. 107:24-25, 29*
who commands and raises the stormy wind
and also makes the storm be still.
Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+**HYMN:** GTG #14 "For the Beauty of the Earth" DIX

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Saving God, *Mark 4:35-41*
we confess that our faith is too small,
our fear is too great.
When we are overwhelmed,
we think you do not care enough for us.
When life is uncertain and risky,
we are not sure we can trust you with our whole hearts.
Even when you move among us in powerful ways,
we question who you are.
Forgive us and calm our fears, we pray.
Teach us to trust in your power to save
and guide us in every circumstance.
Grant us your peace, *Phil. 4:7*
which is clearly beyond our understanding.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

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

HYMN: GTG #624 "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" TOULON

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Children are dismissed to Kids Church

INVITATION TO OFFERING

+ Those who are able may stand.

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GTG = *Glory to God* (purple)

OFFERTORY "Allemande in c" Bach

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (1991)

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.
The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of 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!"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 N.T. page 139

PSALM Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,
for God's mercy endures forever.
Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,
gathering them in from the lands;
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

Some went down to the sea in ships,
plying their trade in deep waters.
They beheld the works of the LORD,
God's wonderful works in the deep.
Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose,
which tossed high the waves of the sea.

They mounted up to the heavens and descended to the depths;
their souls melted away in their peril.
They staggered and reeled like drunkards,
and all their skill was of no avail.
Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD,
and you delivered them from their distress.
You stilled the storm to a whisper
and silenced the waves of the sea.
Then were they glad when it grew calm,
when you guided them to the harbor they desired.
Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love
and your wonderful works for all people.
Let them exalt you in the assembly of the people;
in the council of the elders, let them sing hallelujah!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Chronicles 16:23-36 O.T. page 293

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 4:35-41 N.T. page 30

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE *Ps. 112:1*

Happy are those who delight in God's word.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN: GTG #475 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" NETTLETON

SERMON "Might Awe Inform Our Faith?" Rev. Charlie Herrick

+**HYMN:** GTG #463 "How Firm a Foundation" FOUNDATION

+**CHARGE**
... who has great power to save and keep us. Amen.

+**BLESSING**
... now and always. Alleluia!

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

POSTLUDE "Dance No. 2" Granados

*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: Bruce Archer
Greeters: Ron Dlouhy and Jane Hamelink
Next Week's Greeters: Bruce and Donna Archer
Sound: Marty Subject
Livestream: Tami Chapman
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CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#90. Gospel of Mark: The Gospel according to Mark was probably written during the Jewish Revolt, shortly before or after the destruction of the temple, perhaps in Rome. (c. AD 68-73)

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 14. If God’s love is powerful beyond measure, why is there so much evil in the world?

No one can say why, for evil is a terrible abyss beyond all rational explanation. Its ultimate origin is obscure. Its enormity perplexes us. Nevertheless, we boldly affirm that God’s triumph over evil is certain. In Jesus Christ God suffers with us, knowing all our sorrows. In raising him from the dead, God gives new hope to the world. Our Lord Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is himself God’s promise that suffering will come to an end, that death shall be no more, and that all things will be made new.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Wednesday	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:15 am
	Prayer Fellowship (in the Chapel)	12:00 pm
Thursday	Finance Committee	8:00 am
	Personnel Committee	5:30 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor’s Sabbath	

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Monte Shuck	June 24
Marjorie Welch	June 24
Charlie Herrick	June 28
Karen O’Malley	June 29

Today’s flowers are given by

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Christ in the Storm on the Sea of Galilee
by Ludolf Bakhuizen, 1695

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