

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

July 28, 2024

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING SONG: “United in Christ”

Verse 1

People of the Lord come now and sing
Every nation and tongue to Christ our King
With empty hands His gifts receive

Verse 2

Whether young or old You're a child of God
Whether rich or poor no matter what you got
He gathers all at the foot of the cross

Chorus

His body broken makes this body whole
His resurrection it assures us all
No darkness nor doubting nor pain in this life
Could keep us from being united in Christ

Verse 3

Sinners and saints you have a place
With the Spirit's gifts proclaim His grace
There's nothing too small
To be used by the living God

Chorus

His body broken makes this body whole
His resurrection it assures us all
No darkness nor doubting nor pain in this life
Could keep us from being united in Christ

Bridge

We are the body Christ is the head
Sealed with the promise through blood he shed
We are the body Christ is the head
His grace the heartbeat our confidence
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CALL TO WORSHIP: *(based on Eph. 1:3-4)*

L: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

P: Who chose us to be holy and blameless in His sight. Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS: *(based on Eph. 4:1-4, 2:4-5, 10)*

L: Almighty God, You have commanded us to live a life worthy of the calling we have received, being completely humble and gentle, patient and bearing with one another in love.

P: I confess that I have not continually lived such a life. I have often been haughty and proud, condescending and judgmental, impatient and irreverent. I have not let Your love, O Lord, have its way with me and so my love for others has failed. Forgive me of my sins, be gracious and merciful to me for Your own sake Lord Jesus; through the Spirit's power enable me to walk in Your ways and delight in Your will to the glory of Your holy name. amen.

L: God is rich in mercy! He has made you alive in Christ even when you were dead in transgressions. By His grace you have been saved! Now, go as His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to live a life, in and for Him. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE: “In Christ Alone”

Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

Verse 2

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

Verse 4

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

EPISTLE READING: *Ephesians 3:14-21*

This is the reason I kneel in the presence of the Father from whom all the family in heaven and on earth receives its name. I'm asking God to give you a gift from the wealth of His glory. I pray that He would give you inner strength and power through His Spirit. Then Christ will live in you through faith. I also pray that love may be the ground into which you sink your roots and on which you have your foundation. This way, with all of God's people you will be able to understand how wide, long, high, and deep His love is. You will know Christ's love, which goes far beyond any knowledge. I am praying this so that you may be completely filled with God.

Glory belongs to God, whose power is at work in us. By this power He can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory belongs to God in the church and in Christ Jesus for all time and eternity! Amen. -GW®

HOLY GOSPEL: *Mark 6:45-56*

Jesus quickly made His disciples get into a boat and cross to Bethsaida ahead of Him while He sent the people away. After saying goodbye to them, He went up a mountain to pray. When evening came, the boat was in the middle of the sea, and He was alone on the land.

Jesus saw that they were in a lot of trouble as they rowed, because they were going against the wind. Between three and six o'clock in the morning, He came to them. He was walking on the sea. He wanted to pass by them. When they saw Him walking on the sea, they thought, "It's a ghost!" and they began to scream. All of them saw Him and were terrified.

Immediately, He said, "Calm down! It's me. Don't be afraid!" He got into the boat with them, and the wind stopped blowing. The disciples were astounded. (They didn't understand what had happened with the loaves of bread. Instead, their minds were closed.)

They crossed the sea, came to shore at Gennesaret, and anchored there.

As soon as they stepped out of the boat, the people recognized Jesus. They ran all over the countryside and began to carry the sick on cots to any place where they heard He was. Whenever He would go into villages, cities, or farms, people would put their sick in the marketplaces. They begged Him to let them touch the edge of His clothes. Everyone who touched His clothes was made well. -GW®

SERMON SONG: "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"

Verse 1

Jesus Saviour pilot me
Over life's tempestuous sea
Unknown waves before me roll
Hiding rocks and treach'rous shoal
Chart and compass come from Thee
Jesus Saviour pilot me

Verse 2

As a mother stills her child
Thou canst hush the ocean wild
Boist'rous waves obey Thy will
When Thou say'st to them be still
Wondrous Sov'reign of the sea
Jesus Saviour pilot me

Verse 3

When at last I near the shore
And the fearful breakers roar
'Twixt me and the peaceful rest
Then while leaning on Thy breast
May I hear Thee say to me
Fear not I will pilot Thee

MESSAGE: "Ain't No..."

SONG OF THE DAY: “Living for Your Glory”

Verse 1

What good is it to gain the whole world
But lose your soul
What good is it to make a sweet sound
But remain proud
In view of God's mercy
I offer my all

Chorus

And take my life
Let it be ev'rything
All of me here I am
Use me for Your glory
In ev'rything I say and do
Let my life honor You
Here I am living for Your glory

Verse 2

The road I'm on it leads nowhere
Without You
And the life I live it finds meaning
In surrender
In view of God's mercy
I offer my all

Bridge

(I'm) Seeking first the Kingdom
(I'm) Seeking first the Kingdom of my Lord
Seeking first the Kingdom
Seeking first the Kingdom of my Lord

CONFESSION OF FAITH: 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 Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

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CONSECRATION OF GIFTS: *(based on Eph. 1:17)*

- L:** Gracious God receive these our tithes and offerings and through them fund and support ministry here through which You
- P:** **give us the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, that we might know You better. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

- L** Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.
God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,
- P** **hear our prayer.**
- L** May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,
- P** **hear our prayer.**
- L** Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [name(s)] and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,
- P** **hear our prayer.**
- L** Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,
- P** **hear our prayer.**
- L** Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- P** **hear our prayer.**

- L** Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,
- P** **hear our prayer.**
- L** And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,
- P** **hear our prayer.**
- L** We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- P** **Amen.**

***** For our 8:00 a.m. worshippers, the service continues on the bottom of page 10 with Announcements.**

***** For our 9:30 a.m. worshippers, the service continues with the Celebration of Holy Communion:**

+ Service of the Sacrament +

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Bethany in the joyful confession that our Lord gives us His very Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins in this sacrament. God intends this gift for His children who recognize their sin, trust in Christ as their Savior, desire to live for Him alone and join in this joyful confession.

To prepare for communion you can find prayer prompts on the front page of the burgundy hymnal. Or simply pray: "Dear Lord Jesus, at Your gracious invitation, You invite me to come to You; to eat and drink Your holy body and blood as You Yourself have promised to give in this sacred meal. Forgive me of my sin, through this Your meal of Forgiveness. Let me experience the fullness of Your love, through this Your meal of love. Strengthen my faith, through this meal of Yours that calls for and bestows faith. Empower me to live for You, through this Your meal that promises life everlasting and equips me for daily living as one who has received You and Your gifts. Amen."

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*For those communing, who so desire, the center cups in each tray are **alcohol free**. The wafers on the stand next to the pillar pulpit side (when kneeling for communion) or on the stand in front of the baptismal font (when processing for communion) are **gluten free**.*

In our 9:30 a.m. service we will practice the Easter tradition of continuous communion. We will not kneel at the altar, rather we will join the procession of saints and come forward and remain standing as we receive the bread and wine. After receiving the elements, you are invited to return to your seat and continue in meditation, prayer and song.

DISTRIBUTION SONGS:

“Come as You Are”

Verse 1

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been
Come broken-hearted let rescue begin
Come find your mercy O sinner come kneel
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

Chorus

(So) Lay down your burdens lay down your shame
All who are broken lift up your face
O wanderer come home
You're not too far
So lay down your hurt lay down your heart
Come as you are

Verse 2

There's hope for the hopeless
And all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary
Rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure

Bridge

Come as you are
Fall in His arms
Come as you are

Verse 3

There's joy for the morning O sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

Ending

Come as you are
Come as you are
Come as you are

“God Who Bleeds”

Verse 1

Oh my soul
Who could ever know
How deep my sins go
Oh my soul
All the gold
On the earth could never pay
For the debt that I have made
On my soul

Chorus

Now I see just how great my need
In His hands and in His feet
Lamb of God oh my soul shall sing
Hallelujah to the God who bleeds

Verse 2

Oh what love
Knew I'd never have enough
So He chose to pay in blood
Oh what love
I'm in awe
Every earthly gain is lost
At the wonder of the cross
Oh what love

Bridge

See from His head His hands His feet
Sorrow and love flow down for me
Forever all my praise will be
Glory to the God who bleeds
See from His head His hands His feet
Sorrow and love flow down for me
Forever all my praise will be
Glory to the God who bleeds

Tag

Hallelujah to the God who bleeds

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING: *(based on Eph. 3:16-18)*

☒: The Lord strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith and you, being rooted and established in love, may have power together with all the saints to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ. Amen.

CLOSING SONG: “This Is Amazing Grace”

Verse 1

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Verse 2

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Chorus

(Yeah) (Oh) This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

Verse 3

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory the King of Glory

Verse 4

Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Bridge

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy...

POSTLUDE

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Crucifer 9:30...Timothy O’Conner	Preacher...Pastor Kevin Kritzer
Lector 8:00...Elsie Rivera	9:30...Mike Riordan
Artist in Residence...Blake Flattley	Keyboard...Kevin Bowers

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Today’s Flowers are given to the glory of God:

*~For Pat and Linda Stacker
in celebration of 52 years of marriage~*

~by the Parker and Stacker Families



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