

**13th Sunday after Pentecost  
August 18, 2024**

**Gathering**  
*God invites us to enter His presence*

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Preparation for Worship** (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

**!** **Call to Worship** (*Responsively*)

*Dan Obenschain*

The earth is the Lord's, for he made it:  
**Come, let us adore him.**  
Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:  
**Come, let us adore him.**  
The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:  
**Come, let us adore him.**  
Lord, open our lips.  
**And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

**!** **Invocation** (*Responsively*)

*Dan Obenschain*

O God, who created us in love,  
**create us anew in love as we worship you.**  
O Jesus Christ, who redeemed this world in love,  
**reclaim our hearts as we worship you.**  
O Holy Spirit, who moves this world toward its God-appointed end,  
**move within us as we worship you. Amen.**

**!** **Opening Song**

*10,000 Reasons*

*Chorus*  
*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul.*  
*Worship His holy name.*  
*Sing like never before, O my soul,*  
*I'll worship Your holy name.*

*Verse 1*  
*The sun comes up it's a new day dawning*  
*It's time to sing Your song again*  
*Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me*  
*Let me be singing when the evening comes*

*Chorus*

*Verse 2*

*You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find*

*Chorus*

*Verse 3*

*And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore*

*Chorus*

*Ending*

*Lord, I'll worship Your holy name  
Lord I'll worship Your holy name*

**Confessing**  
**God invites us to be honest with Him**

**Call to Confession** (*Responsively*)

*Dan Obenschain*

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you:  
God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

**If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.**

—1 John 1:5-7, NIV

**Prayer of Confession** (*Responsively*)

*Dan Obenschain*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.**

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

**Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.**

You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

**Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

**Do not cast me from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.**

—Psalm 51:1-4, 6, 9-11, NRSV

**Time for Silent Confession**

## Assurance of Pardon

Dan Obenschain

You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,  
but you have received a spirit of adoption.  
When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit  
bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,  
and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.  
—Romans 8:15-17, NRSV

*Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord*

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## Gloria Patri

*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.  
A-men, A-men.*

## Offering

***Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him***

**Invitation** God has shown us the meaning of generosity in the beautiful diversity of creation, in the overflowing love of Jesus Christ, in the never-ending gift of the Holy Spirit. God has abundantly blessed us and called us to be a community that honors each other, to serve others with joy, to share our love and material possessions. Let us rejoice in what we have been given and in what is ours to give.

## Offering

### Offertory

*Our God  
Bill Mecaughey*

*Tomlin*

## Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.*

## Prayer of Dedication

God of every good and perfect gift, our gifts are not always good, and they are always imperfect. We give, knowing that our motives are mixed and our mission is unclear. Still, we offer these efforts with boldness, knowing that your love is stronger than our impurities and imperfections. Through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Proclaiming**  
***God speaks to us through His Word***

**Scripture Reading**

*Genesis 22:1-19*

**22** After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!”

“Here I am,” he answered.

<sup>2</sup> “Take your son,” he said, “your only son Isaac, whom you love, go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about.”

<sup>3</sup> So Abraham got up early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took with him two of his young men and his son Isaac. He split wood for a burnt offering and set out to go to the place God had told him about. <sup>4</sup> On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. <sup>5</sup> Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I will go over there to worship; then we’ll come back to you.” <sup>6</sup> Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac. In his hand he took the fire and the knife, and the two of them walked on together.

<sup>7</sup> Then Isaac spoke to his father Abraham and said, “My father.”

And he replied, “Here I am, my son.”

Isaac said, “The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?”

<sup>8</sup> Abraham answered, “God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” Then the two of them walked on together.

<sup>9</sup> When they arrived at the place that God had told him about, Abraham built the altar there and arranged the wood. He bound his son Isaac and placed him on the altar on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup> Then Abraham reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son.

<sup>11</sup> But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!”

He replied, “Here I am.”

<sup>12</sup> Then he said, “Do not lay a hand on the boy or do anything to him. For now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your only son from me.” <sup>13</sup> Abraham looked up and saw a ram caught in the thicket by its horns.

So Abraham went and took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son. <sup>14</sup> And Abraham named that place The LORD Will Provide, so today it is said, “It will be provided on the LORD’s mountain.”

<sup>15</sup> Then the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven <sup>16</sup> and said, “By myself I have sworn,” this is the LORD’s declaration: “Because you have done this thing and have not withheld your only son, <sup>17</sup> I will indeed bless you and make your offspring as numerous as the stars of the sky and the sand on the seashore. Your offspring will possess the city gates of their enemies. <sup>18</sup> And all the nations of the earth will be blessed by your offspring because you have obeyed my command.”

<sup>19</sup> Abraham went back to his young men, and they got up and went together to Beer-sheba. And Abraham settled in Beer-sheba.

**Sermon**

*"The Sacrifice of Isaac"*  
*Rev. Tim Latham*



**Hymn of Response 4**

*How Great Thou Art*

**Responding**

***We respond to God's Word***



**Profession of Faith** *(In Unison)*

**The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
he leads me beside quiet waters,  
he refreshes my soul.  
He guides me along the right paths  
for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk  
through the darkest valley,  
I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies.  
You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
Surely your goodness and love will follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD  
forever.**

—Psalm 23

**Prayers of the People**

**Commissioning**

***God sends us out into the world as His witnesses***



**Commission Song**

*Abide with Me*

*Abide with me fast falls the eventide  
The darkness deepens Lord with me abide  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee  
Help of the helpless abide with me*

*Verse 2*

*Thou on my head in early youth didst smile  
And though rebellious and perverse meanwhile  
Thou hast not left me though I oft left Thee  
On to the close Lord abide with me*

Verse 3

*I need Thy presence every passing hour  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power  
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be  
Through cloud and sunshine abide with me*

Verse 4

*I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless  
Ills have no weight tears lose their bitterness  
Where is thy sting death where grave thy victory  
I triumph still abide with me*

Verse 5

*Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies  
Heav'n's morning breaks  
And earth's vain shadows flee  
In life in death Lord abide with me*

 **Benediction & Blessing**

 **Postlude**