

21st Sunday after Pentecost  
October 13, 2024

Gathering  
*God invites us to enter His presence*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

‡ Call to Worship (*Responsively*)

*Dennis Lesher*

There is none like you, O Lord,  
nor are there any works like yours.  
**All the nations you have made shall come  
and bow down before you, O Lord,  
and shall glorify your name.**  
**For you are great and do wondrous things,  
you alone are God.**  
—from Psalm 86:8-10, NRSV

‡ Invocation (*Responsively*)

*Dennis Lesher*

Sing praises to God, O you saints,  
and give thanks to God's holy name!  
**We exalt you, O God, for you have restored us to life!**  
We may cry through the night, but your joy comes with the morning.  
**You hear us, O God, and you are gracious in our distress.**  
You turn our mourning into dancing!  
Our souls cannot be silent!  
**O God, our Savior, we give thanks to you forever! Amen.**

‡ Opening Hymn 76

*O For A Thousand Tongues*

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

**Call to Confession**

*Dennis Lesher*

In spite of God's love for us and gift of love to us, we often act in destructive and hateful ways. We close our hearts to God and disobey God's law. Together let us confess our sin.

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

*Dennis Lesher*

For the times we have lied to one another and the times we have been lied to,

**heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.**

For the times we have laughed at another's pain and the times we have been laughed at,

**heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.**

For the times we have spoken when we should have remained silent and the times we have remained silent when we should have spoken,

**heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.**

For the times we have not respected another's freedom to be different from us,

**heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.**

For the times we have betrayed a friend and the times we have been betrayed,

**heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.**

**O God of heaven and earth,  
you emptied yourself of your power  
and became a helpless baby  
in order that you might heal the sick world.**

**Teach us to empty ourselves of the things  
that destroy us and keep us alone.**

**Empty us of our jealousy,  
of our meanness,  
of our fear of others.**

**For Jesus' sake. Amen.**

**Time for Silent Confession**

## Assurance of Pardon

Dennis Lesher

*The LORD is faithful in all his words,  
and gracious in all his deeds.  
The LORD upholds all who are falling,  
and raises up all who are bowed down.*  
—Psalm 145:13-14, 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** The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly;  
the one who sows bountifully will also reap  
bountifully. Responding to God's bountiful gifts to us  
in Christ, we have opportunity to share out of our  
abundance.  
—based on 2 Corinthians 9:6, 8, NRSV

## Offering

**Offertory** *The Father's House* Cory Ashbury  
*Greg Maurer*

## ‡ 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

Almighty and most merciful God, from you comes every good  
and perfect gift. We give you praise and thanks for all your

mercies. Your goodness has created us, your bounty has sustained us, your discipline has chastened us, your patience has borne with us, your love has redeemed us. Give us a heart to love and serve you, and enable us to show our thankfulness for all your goodness and mercy by giving up ourselves to your service and cheerfully submitting in all things to your blessed will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**Amen.**

### ‡ Passing of the Peace

*Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with You*  
**All: And also with you**

### ‡ Preparation Song      *Lord, I Need You*

#### *Verse 1*

*Lord, I Come, I confess. Bowing here, I find my rest.  
And without You, I fall apart. You're the one that guides my heart.*

#### *Chorus*

*Lord, I need You, oh, I need You.  
Every hour I need You. My one defense, my righteousness;  
Oh, God, how I need you.*

#### *Verse 2*

*Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.  
Where grace is found is where You are.  
And where You are, Lord, I am free.  
Holiness is Christ in me.*

#### *Chorus*

#### *Bridge*

*So teach my song to rise to You when temptation comes my way.  
When I cannot stand, I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my hope and stay.*

#### *Chorus*

#### *Tag*

*You're my one defense: my righteousness; oh, God, how I need You.  
My one defense, my righteousness, oh, God, how I need You.*

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

**Scripture Reading**      *Philippians 2:5-11*

<sup>5</sup> Adopt the same attitude as that of Christ Jesus,  
<sup>6</sup> who, existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God  
as something to be exploited. <sup>7</sup> Instead he emptied himself  
by assuming the form of a servant, taking on the likeness of  
humanity. And when he had come as a man,  
<sup>8</sup> he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death—  
even to death on a cross.  
<sup>9</sup> For this reason God highly exalted him and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow—  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth—  
<sup>11</sup> and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**Sermon**                      *“The Humility of Christ”*  
   *Rev. Tim Latham*

**! Song of Response**                      *Blessed Be Your Name*

*Verse 1*  
*Blessed be Your Name in the land that is plentiful;*  
*Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your Name.*

*Verse 2*  
*Blessed be Your Name when I’m found in the dessert place,*  
*When I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your Name.*

*Pre-Chorus*  
*Every blessing You pour out I’ll turn back to praise;*  
*When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say:*

*Chorus*  
*Blessed be the Name of the Lord, blessed be Your Name.*  
*Blessed be the Name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious Name.*

Verse 3

*Blessed be Your Name when the sun's shining down on me;  
When the world's all as it should be, blessed be Your Name.*

Verse 4

*Blessed be Your Name on the rod marked with suffering:  
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your Name.*

*Pre-Chorus*

*Chorus*

*Bridge (2x)*

*You give and take away, You give and take away.  
My heart will choose to say: Lord, blessed be Your Name.*

*Chorus (2x)*

### **Responding**

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

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

**My only comfort in life and in death is  
that I am not my own,  
but belong—  
body and soul,  
in life and in death—  
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.  
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,  
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.  
He also watches over me in such a way  
that not a hair can fall from my head  
without the will of my Father in heaven:  
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.  
Because I belong to him,  
Christ, by his Holy Spirit,  
assures me of eternal life  
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready  
from now on to live for him.**

—from Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 1

## Prayers of the People

*Leader: Lord, In Your mercy;  
All: Hear our prayer*

## Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in Heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done,  
on Earth as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive our debts as we forgive our debtors;  
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
for Thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory forever, Amen.**

### Commissioning

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

**‡ Commission Hymn 94** *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds*

**‡ Benediction & Blessing**

**‡ Postlude**