

**25th Sunday after Pentecost
November 10, 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

Sing a new song to the Lord, who has worked wonders,
whose right hand and holy arm have brought salvation.
**The Lord has made known salvation;
has shown justice to the nations;
has remembered truth and love for the house of Israel.**
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth, sing out your joy.
Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord.
—based on Psalm 98:1-6

! **Invocation** (*Responsively*)

Dan Obenschain

It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name,
O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night,
to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp.
**For you make me glad by your deeds, O LORD;
I sing for joy at the works of your hands.**
How great are your works, O LORD, how profound your thoughts!
You, O LORD, are exalted forever.
—from Psalm 92:1-5, 8, NIV

! **Opening Song** *Christ Our Hope in Life and Death*

Verse 1
*What is our hope in life and death
Christ alone Christ alone
What is our only confidence
That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hand
What comes apart from His command
And what will keep us to the end
The love of Christ in which we stand*

Chorus

O sing hallelujah
 Our hope springs eternal
 O sing hallelujah
 Now and ever we confess
 Christ our hope in life and death

Verse 2

What truth can calm the troubled soul
 God is good God is good
 Where is His grace and goodness known
 In our great Redeemer's blood
 Who holds our faith when fears arise
 Who stands above the stormy trial
 Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
 Unto the shore the rock of Christ

Chorus**Verse 3**

Unto the grave what will we sing
 Christ He lives Christ He lives
 And what reward will heaven bring
 Everlasting life with Him
 There we will rise to meet the Lord
 Then sin and death will be destroyed
 And we will feast in endless joy
 When Christ is ours forevermore

Chorus

Confessing
God invites us to be honest with Him

Call to Confession*Dan Obenschain*

The psalmist testifies:

Come and hear, all you who fear God,
 and I will tell what he has done for me.
 If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,
 the Lord would not have listened.
 But truly God has listened;
 he has given heed to the words of my prayer.
 Blessed be God,
 because he has not rejected my prayer
 or removed his steadfast love from me.
 In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

—based on Psalm 66:16, 18-20, NRSV

Prayer of Confession (Responsively)*Dan Obenschain*

Father, we are sorry for the many times we have left you
 and chosen to satisfy our own selfish desires.

For the times we have hurt the members of our families
by refusing to do our share of the family tasks.

Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.

For the times we were unkind and impatient with those who needed
our time and concern.

Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.

For the times we were too weak to stand up for what was right
and allowed others to suffer because of our cowardice.

Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.

For the times we refused to forgive others.

Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

—Psalm 32:1-2, 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.*

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with You

All: And also with you

Offering

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

Invitation As we come before God with our tithes and offerings,
let us remember the words of Micah 6:
What does the Lord require of us?
To act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with
our God. Thus we bring our money, gifts, and whole
lives as an offering to our God.

Stewardship Moment

Offering

Offertory

My Soul Will Wait

Kauflin / Bunting

! 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

Gracious God, we give our best, lest in gaining the world we lose life itself. As a covenant people, we seek to witness to your will and way. Help us to know more clearly what you would have us do with the wealth entrusted to our care. As we contribute to the needs of your people, we present ourselves as living sacrifices. Through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

! Preparation Hymn 466

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Proclaiming *God speaks to us through His Word*

Scripture Reading

Philippians 3:12-21

¹² Not that I have already reached the goal or am already perfect, but I make every effort to take hold of it because I also have been taken hold of by Christ Jesus. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and reaching forward to what is ahead, ¹⁴ I pursue as my goal the prize promised by God's heavenly call in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ Therefore, let all of us who are mature think this way. And if you think differently about anything, God will reveal this also to you. ¹⁶ In any case, we should live up to whatever truth we have attained. ¹⁷ Join in imitating me, brothers and sisters, and pay careful attention to those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For I have often told you, and now say again with tears, that many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction; their god is their stomach; their glory is in their shame; and they are focused on earthly things. ²⁰ Our citizenship is in heaven, and we eagerly wait for a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ He will transform the body of our humble condition into the likeness of his glorious body, by the power that enables him to subject everything to himself.

Sermon

"Our Citizenship is in Heaven"
Rev. Tim Latham

! Hymn of Response 79

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

Responding
We respond to God's Word

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

**I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;
and after my skin has been thus destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God.**

—Job 19:25-26, NRSV

Prayers of the People *(Responsively)*

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 us 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 Song** *Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken*

*Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken
Jesus I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow Thee
Destitute, despised, forsaken
Thou from hence my all shalt be
Perish every fond ambition,
All I've sought or hoped or known
Yet how rich is my condition,
God and heaven are still my own.*

*Let the world despise and leave me
They have left my savior too
Human hearts and looks deceive me,
Thou art not like them untrue
Oh while thou dost smile upon me,
God of wisdom, love and might*

*Foes may hate and friends disown me,
Show thy face and all is bright.*

*Man they trouble and distress me,
Twill but drive me to thy breast
Life with trials hard may press me,
Heaven will bring me sweeter rest
Oh 'tis not in grief to harm me,
While thy love is left to me
Oh 'twere not in joy to charm me,
Were that joy unmixed with thee.*

*Go then earthly fame and treasure,
Come disaster, scorn and pain
In thy service pain is pleasure,
With thy favor loss is gain
I have called thee Abba Father,
I have stayed my heart on thee
Storms may howl and clouds may gather,
All must work for good to me.*

*Soul then know thy full salvation
Rise o'er sin and fear and care
Joy to find in every station,
Something still to do or bear
Think what Spirit dwells within thee,
Think what Father's smiles are thine
Think that Jesus died to win thee,
Child of heaven, canst thou repine.*

*Haste thee on from grace to glory,
Armed by faith and winged by prayer
Heaven's eternal day's before thee,
God's own hand shall guide thee there
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days
Hope shall change to glad fruition,
Faith to sight and prayer to praise.*

 **Benediction & Blessing**

 **Postlude**