Fourth Sunday After Pentecost July 6, 2025

GATHERING: God invites us to enter His presence

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP (Time for Silent Preparation)

T CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

Dennis Lesher

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?

And who shall stand in his holy place?

Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.

-Psalm 24:1-4, NRSV

† INVOCATION (Responsively)

Dennis Lesher

Praise be to you, LORD, the God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

Yours, LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.

Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things.

In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

—1 Chronicles 29:10-13, NIV

OPENING HYMN 382

Be Thou My Vision

CONFESSING: God invites us to be honest with Him

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dennis Lesher

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)

Dennis Lesher

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,

Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,

and in his word I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord

more than those who watch for the morning,

more than those who watch for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the LORD!

For with the LORD there is steadfast love,

and with him is great power to redeem.

It is he who will redeem Israel

from all its iniquities.

-Psalm 130, NRSV

TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Dennis Lesher

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

-Psalm 103:8-13, NRSV

MGLORIA 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

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts. Worship the LORD in holy splendor:

tremble before him, all the earth.

-Psalm 96:8-9, NRSV

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Open Up Our Eyes Greg Maurer by Elevation Worship

↑ 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

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God forever. Amen.

PREPARATION SONG

Mighty to Save (See Screen)

PROCLAIMING: God speaks to us through His Work

SCRIPTURE READING *I Corinthians* 11:23-34

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

²⁵ In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes

²⁷ So, then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sin against the body^[c] and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ Let a person examine himself; in this way let him eat the bread and drink from the cup. ²⁹ For whoever eats and drinks without recognizing the body,^[d] eats and drinks judgment on himself. ³⁰ This is why many are sick and ill among you, and many have fallen asleep. ³¹ If we were properly judging ourselves, we would not be judged, ³² but when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined, so that we may not be condemned with the world.

³³ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, when you come together to eat, welcome one another. ³⁴ If anyone is hungry, he should eat at home, so that when you gather together you will not come under judgment. I will give instructions about the other matters whenever I come.

SERMON

"A Sign & A Seal" Rev. Paul Toms **RESPONDING**: We respond to God's Word

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Leader: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.** Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise!

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Leader: For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you

proclaim the Lord's death until He comes Again!

People: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come

†PROFESSION OF FAITH (Apostle's Creed, In Unison)

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 buried; He descended into hell: The third day he rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, The holy catholic church, The communion of saints, The forgiveness of sins, The resurrection of the body, And the life everlasting. Amen.

COMMISSIONING: God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

↑ COMMISSION SONG Come Unto Jesus (See Screen)

BENEDICTION & BLESSING

POSTLUDE

n Please stand if you are able.