

## Fifth Sunday After Pentecost July 13, 2025

**GATHERING:** *God invites us to enter His presence*

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP** *(Time for Silent Preparation)*

 **CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Responsively)*

*Hob Pusey*

The Lord Jesus who calls us to worship him today  
is the same Jesus who refused the temptation  
to worship the evil one.  
Rather than receive the glorious kingdoms of this world,  
he endured the shame of the cross,  
and today is Lord of lords and King of kings.  
Now are gathered in him all the treasures  
of wisdom and knowledge, glory, and power.  
With the saints of all ages we say,  
**“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom  
and strength and honor and glory and praise!”**  
—based on Colossians 2:3; Revelation 5:12

 **INVOCATION**

*Hob Pusey*

God of grace,  
you have given us minds to know you,  
hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise.  
Fill us with your Spirit,  
that we may celebrate your glory  
and worship you in spirit and in truth  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

 **OPENING HYMN 47**      *God Will Take Care of You*

**CONFESSING:** *God invites us to be honest with Him*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

*Hob Pusey*

The apostle John wrote:  
My little children, I am writing these things to you  
so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin,  
we have an advocate with the Father,  
Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins,  
and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.  
In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.  
—based on 1 John 2:1-2, NRSV

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(Responsively)*

*Hob Pusey*

Almighty and merciful God,  
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.  
We have followed too much  
the devices and desires of our own hearts.  
We have offended against your holy laws.  
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Spare those who confess their faults.  
Restore those who are penitent,  
according to your promises declared to the world  
in Christ Jesus, our Lord.  
And grant, O merciful God, for his sake,  
that we may live a holy, just, and humble life  
to the glory of your holy name. **Amen.**

## **TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*Hob Pusey*

While I kept silence, my body wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.  
For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.  
Then I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not hide my iniquity;  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"  
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

—Psalm 32:3-5, 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** Let us be faithful stewards of our time, our talents, and our money. so that our treasure is in heaven and our giving pleases God.

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*Flute Duet*

## 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, O Lord our God, maker of all things.  
Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts.  
With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives  
to the care and redemption of all that you have made,  
for the sake of him who gave himself for us—  
Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## PREPARATION SONG *In Christ Alone (See Screen)*

**PROCLAIMING:** *God speaks to us through His Work*

### **SCRIPTURE READING** *Genesis 50:15-21*

<sup>15</sup> When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said to one another, "If Joseph is holding a grudge against us, he will certainly repay us for all the suffering we caused him."

<sup>16</sup> So they sent this message to Joseph, "Before he died your father gave a command: <sup>17</sup> 'Say this to Joseph: Please forgive your brothers' transgression and their sin—the suffering they caused you.' Therefore, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when their message came to him. <sup>18</sup> His brothers also came to him, bowed down before him, and said, "We are your slaves!"

<sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> You planned evil against me; God planned it for good to bring about the present result—the survival of many people. <sup>21</sup> Therefore don't be afraid. I will take care of you and your children." And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

### **SERMON** *"God Meant it For Good" Rev. Dr. Dennis Leshner*

## HYMN OF RESPONSE 42 *Seek Ye First*

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


## PROFESSION OF FAITH

This is the good news that we have received, in which we stand,  
and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast:  
that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,  
that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day,  
and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to  
many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.

**Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God.**


—based on Matthew 16:16; Mark 16:9; John 20:28; 1 Corinthians 15:1-6; Revelation 22:13

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

 **COMMISSION HYMN 43** *Great is Thy Faithfulness!*

**BENEDICTION & BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

 *Please stand if you are able.*