



8:30 a.m. ~ Sunday, August 3rd

PRELUDE

“When in Our Music God is Glorified”

arr. Mark Hayes

Piano

WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “When in our Music God is Glorified”

OPENING LITURGY

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord:

C: **I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,”**

P: I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

C: **Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.**

P: As the writer of Hebrews states, “Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.”

[Moment of silent confession]

P: Jesus understands our weaknesses because He was truly human, as the writer continues, “Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.”

C: **“Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.**

P: People of God, “we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,” all of whom struggled in their day, none of them perfect, but all of whom looked forward in hope. Because our Lord Jesus, “for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, . . . is seated at the right hand of the throne of God,” we can be confident that He fulfilled all God’s promises and has made His total, gracious forgiveness available to us. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith.

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

C: For His steadfast love endures forever.

P: To Him who led His people through the wilderness,

C: For His steadfast love endures forever.

P: To Him who divided the Red Sea in two,

C: For His steadfast love endures forever.

P: And made Israel pass through the midst of it,

C: For His steadfast love endures forever.

P: To Him who authors and perfects our faith,

C: For His steadfast love endures forever.

P: It is He who remembered us in our low estate,

C: For His steadfast love endures forever.

P: To Him who endured from sinners such hostility against Himself,

C: For His steadfast love endures forever.

P: Give thanks to the God of heaven,

C: For His steadfast love endures forever. Amen.

RESPONSE “Now Thank We All Our God”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 15:1-13 [ESV]

Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord, saying, “I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea. The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father’s God, and I will exalt him. The Lord is a man of war; the Lord is his name. “Pharaoh’s chariots and his host he cast into the sea, and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea. The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone. Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power, your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy. In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries; you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble.

At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up; the floods stood up in a heap; the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea. The enemy said, ‘I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them. I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.’ You blew with your wind; the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters. “Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders? You stretched out your right hand; the earth swallowed them. “You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 7:11-16 [ESV]

R: Alleluia! O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,

C: Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Alleluia!

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew:

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.”’ But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’

And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

STATEMENT of FAITH *adapted from Hebrews 12*

R: As is our custom, we take this opportunity in worship to confess our faith. The writer of Hebrews reminds us to look to Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, as we live out our mission in this world. So I ask you, what is faith?

C: Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain's. Through this he received approval as righteous. By faith Noah, warned by God about events as yet unseen, respected the warning and built an ark to save his household. By faith Moses left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. By faith the Israelites crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned.

R: These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. They desired a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city ready for them.

C: Through faith God's people conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and obtained promises. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. All these were commended for their faith.

R: And what of ourselves?

C: Since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with endurance the race marked out for us, looking to Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith.

SERMON HYMN "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

SERMON "THE ANTHEM"

OFFERING CONNECT

OFFERTORY

“How Can I Keep from Singing?”

arr. Todd Marchand

Organ; Becky Cotton, horn

PRAYERS of the CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER

WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

AGNUS DEI

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“Great is Thy Faithfulness *in the style of Liebestraum*”

arr. Cindy Berry

“Amazing Grace *in the setting of Morning Mood by Grieg*”

arr. Cindy Berry

Piano

POST-COMMUNION BLESS

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

BENEDICTION

P: As the writer to the Hebrews says, Since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with endurance the race marked out for us.

C: **Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.**

P: May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be all glory, and praise, and might, and majesty, forever and ever.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “Savior, Again to Your Dear Name”

POSTLUDE

“Siciliano”

Organ & Horn

arr. Bach



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