



**8:30 a.m. ~ Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>**

**PRELUDE**  
“FINLANDIA”

arr. Robert Hobby

*Organ*

**WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE**

**OPENING HYMN “Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”**

**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 14:13-22 [ESV]

And Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent." The Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground. And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen."

Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

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. Luke:

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

Soon afterward he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!" And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

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** "Be Still, My Soul"

**SERMON** "THE BREAKTHROUGH"

**OFFERING CONNECT**

**MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: RECLAIMED CHURCH**

## 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

“Lord Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor”

arr. Shockley

“Jesus Paid It All”

arr. Larson

*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**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

*Piano*

arr. Pam Robertson



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