

 $8:30 a.m. \sim Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>$ 

Piano

### **WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE**

# **OPENING HYMN "The God of Abraham Praise"**

#### 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 writes 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 perfector 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 5:22-6:6 [ESV]

Then Moses turned to the Lord and said, "O Lord, why have you done evil to this people? Why did you ever send me? For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has done evil to this people, and you have not delivered your people at all."

But the Lord said to Moses, "Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh; for with a strong hand he will send them out, and with a strong hand he will drive them out of his land." God spoke to Moses and said to him, "I am the Lord. I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by my name the Lord I did not make myself known to them. I also established my covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan, the land in which they lived as sojourners. Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the people of Israel whom the Egyptians hold as slaves, and I have remembered my covenant. Say therefore to the people of Israel, 'I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from slavery to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

# **HOLY GOSPEL** Mark 9:14-27 [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. Mark:

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him. And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can'! All things are possible for one who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!"

And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.

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 perfector 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 "Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

# **SERMON "THE STRUGGLE"**

### **OFFERING CONNECT**

### **OFFERTORY**

"Now Thank We All Our God"

arr. David Shelat

Organ

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**

"Give Thanks/Now Thank We All Our God"

"The Gift of Love"

arr. Joel Raney arr. John Carter 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**

"Christ Whose Glory Fills the Sky"

arr. Cox

Piano



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