

ORDER OF WORSHIP

21st Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 24

October 22, 2023

11:00 a.m.

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Joan Christy
Liturgist: Pat Nash

PRELUDE: “*Invocation*” - John Marsh

CHIMING THE HOUR

GREETINGS Psalm 118 says: **This is the Day that the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! Good morning and welcome. It is so nice to see all of you here this morning. Visitors, please sign the attendance registers located in each row.**

Please stand, in body or spirit, and join me in our Call to Worship and remain standing through the response.

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

Leader: **O sing to the Lord a new song:**

People: **Sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

Leader: **Sing and give praise to God’s name:**

People: **Tell the good news of salvation from day to day.**

All: **Let us praise and worship God!**

***PRAISE CHORUS:** Hymn No. 804 “*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*” – vs. 1 MARION

Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!

Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!

Please bow your heads for our Opening Prayer

***OPENING PRAYER** Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ You have revealed Your glory among the nations. Preserve the works of Your mercy, that Your church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

Our first hymn today is:

***HYMN** No. 20

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

ROYAL OAK

***CALL TO CONFESSION** God has promised to remove our sins from us, as far as the east is from the west, and to remember them no more. Trusting in this great promise of mercy, let us together confess our sin.

Let us pray together

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, You pardon all who truly repent and turn to You. We humbly confess our sin and ask Your mercy. We have not loved You with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with You, our God. Have mercy on us, and cleanse us from our sin. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, and sustain us with Your bountiful Spirit. (Say – “Please pray silently,” and after about 20 seconds, say,) Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: **Once we were no people,**

People: **but now we are God’s people.**

Leader: **Once we had not received mercy,**

People: **but now we have received mercy.**

Leader: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

People: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 386 *“Come Worship God”* vs. 3 O QUANTA QUALIA

We are Your people, the sheep of Your pasture;

You are our Maker, and to You we pray.

Gladly we kneel in obedience before You;

great is the one whom we worship this day!

You may be seated

TIME FOR YOUTH at this time would our youth please come forward.

Please bow your heads for our Prayer for Illumination

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Guide us, O God, by Your Word and Spirit, that in Your light we may see light, in Your truth find freedom, and in Your will discover Your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PSALTER LESSON Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 99, please read it responsively with me.

Leader: **The Lord is King; let the peoples tremble!**

People: **The Lord sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!**

Leader: **The Lord is great in Zion; He is exalted over all the people.**

People: **Let them praise Your great and awesome name. Holy is He!**

Leader: **Mighty King, lover of Justice, You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness to Jacob.**

People: **Extol the Lord our God; worship at His footstool. Holy is He!**

Leader: **Moses and Aaron were among His priests, Samuel also was among those who called on His name. They cried to the Lord, and He answered them.**

People: **He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept His decrees and the statutes that He gave them.**

Leader: **O Lord our God, You answered them; You were a forgiving God to them but an avenger of their wrongdoings.**

People: **Extol the Lord our God, and worship at His holy mountain, for the Lord our God is holy.**

Leader: **The Word of the Lord.**

People: **Thanks be to God!**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Our Old Testament Lesson comes from Exodus 33:12-23, you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 80 of the Old Testament

Exodus 33:12-23

¹²Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.'" ¹³Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." ¹⁴He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." ¹⁵And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. ¹⁶For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth." ¹⁷The LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." ¹⁸Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." ¹⁹And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. ²⁰But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." ²¹And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; ²²and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; ²³then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON Our Gospel Lesson comes from Matthew 22:15-22 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on pages 24-25 of the New Testament

Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON *When God Answers the Question You Didn't Ask*

Dr. Rev. Julie Adkins

Those who are able, please stand and join with me in singing:

***HYMN No. 42** *"Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure"*

WINCHESTER NEW

Please join me in Affirmation of Faith as it is printed in your bulletin.

***AFFIRMATION** The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 581 *"Glory Be to the Father"*

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, Amen, amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS You may be seated. It is time for announcements, does anybody have an announcement they would like to make?

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY And now it is time for our Prayer Concerns and Celebrations. Does anybody have anything they would like to share?

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

OFFERTORY: *"Scriptural Reflection: Matthew 11:28"* - Fenton Groden

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 606 *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Let us come to God with our prayer of Thanksgiving

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Almighty and merciful God, from whom comes all that is good, we praise You for Your mercies: for Your goodness that has created us, Your grace that has sustained us, Your discipline that has corrected us, Your patience that has borne with us, and Your love that has redeemed us. Help us to love You, and to be thankful for all Your gifts by serving You and delighting to do Your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our last Hymn today is:

***HYMN** No. 547

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

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***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 634

"To God be the Glory" vs. 1

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the glory; great things He has done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory:
Great things He has done!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***POSTLUDE:** *“Arise to Life!”* - Edward Broughton

***Those who are able may stand.**

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*Please join us for Refreshments
Following the Worship Service*

Daily Bread

Supplement

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CLOTHES FOR THE NEEDY AND GLASSES FOR THE LIONS CLUB

We will continue to collect clothes for the needy and glasses for the Lions Club. Please bring in your donations and put them in the designated places in the Opportunity Corner.

HEARING ASSIST UNITS

Thanks to Barry Krueger we now have Hearing Assist Units. If you would like to use one, please see Barry before the Worship Service begins.

DESOTO FOOD PANTRY

DeSoto Food Pantry needs the help of the community to continue to feed the less fortunate in our city. The best way to help is through monetary donations. \$1 can buy as much as \$7 worth of food. They buy their food through the North Texas Food Bank, so it is much cheaper than buying food at a grocery store. However, all donations are welcome and appreciated. Thank you to all that continue to donate to this great cause.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY

10:30 AM – Tuesday Morning Group

THURSDAY

10:00 AM – Art Group

NEXT SUNDAY

09:30 AM Choir practice

10:30 AM Adult Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service (Hymn sing Sunday)

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Leaders

Our Presbytery, our church, our Session

Our Troops

Sue Fitch is in the hospital

Joe and Lorrinda Alexander

Thomas Alexander – please continue to pray

Continued prayers for Bryson

Jim Glander

Martha Brashear – continued prayers

The church and nation of Ukraine

Makia's people in Cameroon

Gene Knox and Jewell Victorino

Carolyn Clayton was diagnosed with cancer

DeSoto Food Pantry

Prayers for the people in Nigeria

Max Jewell is at home, but needs our continued prayers as he is still trying to recover

Tracy Berkich

Donnie Jordan has stage 4 throat cancer

Sara Lewis has health issues

Chikezie is very weak

Bryan's mom

Thomas' cousin Kenny's wife was brutally attacked, and needs prayers for healing

A former co-worker of Thomas has a mass on his brain

Joan's sister Connie has 3 daughters and they all have serious health problems

Christians in Pakistan

Teachers and students this school year

Josie's daughter Sienna has a friend Lizette whose mother was diagnosed with cancer

Janet

Brice Sanders possible liver failure

CELEBRATIONS

Joan Christy is sorry she forgot about Makia's celebration of life party