

ORDER OF WORSHIP

16th Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 19

Theological Education/Seminaries

Evangelism Sunday

September 17, 2023

11:00 a.m.

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast

Liturgist: Pat Nash

PRELUDE *"The Gift of Love"* - Setting by John Carter

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: **Bless the LORD, O my soul,**

People: **and all that is within me, bless His holy name.**

All: **Let us 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** **God, who made the heavens and the earth we praise You for Your infinite glory. We experience the joy of Your creation and see Your face in the face of the infant. We see Your hand in all that is good and wonderful. Thank You for this morning and all the mornings yet to come. Amen.**

Our first hymn today is:

***HYMN No. 620** *"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"*

LAUDA ANIMA

***CALL TO CONFESSION** **If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves. Let us confess our sins before Almighty God.**

Let us pray

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our own sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to You, confessing our faults, confiding in Your grace, and finding in You our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ Your Son. (Say – “**Please pray silently,**” and after about 20 seconds, say, **Amen**) Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Brothers and sisters in Christ, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***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 Would our youth please come forward.

Please bow your heads for our Prayer of Illumination

PRAYER OF 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 114, please read it responsively with me.

Leader: When Israel went out from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,

People: Judah became God’s sanctuary, Israel His dominion.

Leader: The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back.

People: The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs.

Leader: Why is it, O sea that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back?

People: O mountains, that you skip like rams? O hill, like lambs?

Leader: Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob,

People: who turns the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a spring of water.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Our Old Testament Lesson comes from Exodus 14:19-31 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on pages 61 of the Old Testament

Exodus 14:19-31

¹⁹The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. ²⁰It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

²¹Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. ²²The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. ²⁵He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt." ²⁶Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." ²⁷So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. ²⁸The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. ²⁹But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ³⁰Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

The choir will now sing the Anthem:

ANTHEM:

GOSPEL LESSON Our Gospel Lesson comes from Matthew 18:21-35 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 20 of the New Testament

Matthew 18:21-35

²¹Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ²³"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Janet Boyanton

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

***HYMN** No. 439

"O My Soul, Bless You Redeemer"

STUTTGART

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: "Largo (From Seventh Violin Sonata)" - Arcangelo Corelli

***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**

God, we thank You for Your great mercies. You know our needs even before we do. You provide for us and love us throughout our lives. We are grateful for all we have and return to You a portion of that which You have given us. Amen.

Our last Hymn today is:

***HYMN No. 451**

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

OPEN MY EYES

***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:** *“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”* - CORONATION / DIADEM,
arr. Anna Laura Page

***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

10:00 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

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

Millie Allen

Irmagene Mitchell

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 had knee replacement surgery, but will need another surgery

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, and both

Connie and her husband, Jim, have COVID

Steve Dickerson has a mass on his lung, please pray for him and his family

People of Maui

Christians in Pakistan

Teachers and students this school year

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

All of Joan's nieces and nephews in Michigan that were affected by the storm

Janet

Brice Sanders possible liver failure

CELEBRATIONS

Max is improving but still has a ways to go

Both the Jewells and the Gumps send their love

The Kalu's are happy their friend from Nigeria was here visiting