



September 24, 2023
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Welcome

Pastor Larry

Prelude

We Gather Together

Dutch Melody

The prelude signals the beginning of our sacred time together. During the prelude, you are invited to prepare your heart for worship by focusing your attention upon God.

***Call to Worship**

Damon Moore

Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name;

make known among the nations what he has done.

Sing to him, sing praise to him;

tell of all his wonderful acts.

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Look to the LORD and his strength;

seek his face always.

(Psalm 105:1-4)

***Opening Prayer**

Damon Moore

Almighty God, we enter your presence with thanksgiving and hope. You have formed us as your people. You join us on the journey of life through valleys, upon mountains, and on the

plains. We set our attention on You and seek your wisdom, encouragement, and grace. Reveal your will and display your glory among your people as we worship your holy name. Amen.

***Hymn**

Rejoice, The Lord is King

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***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Damon Moore

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in His name and share peace with each other.

Children's Time

Pastor Larry

Ministry of Music

The Prayer with Lead Us, Lord

Choir

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Understanding

All Praying

Damon Moore

Lord, please open our minds to help us to understand the Bible. Open our eyes to see the wonderful truths in your instructions. Give us understanding so that we can know you better. Please give us spiritual wisdom and insight so that we might grow in our knowledge of you. Give us discernment to help us understand what we read. Amen

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

³ And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

Psalms 24:1-2

The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it;
² for he founded it on the seas
and established it on the waters.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Hymn

Be Still, My Soul

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Sermon

I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth

Pastor Larry

Apostles' Creed

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

Morning Prayer

Pastor Larry

Offertory Invitation

Damon Moore

In gratitude for all that we have received, let us offer our gifts and tithes to the Lord this day. AMEN.

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

With Every Rising of the Sun

Martin

**Doxology*

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Prayer of Dedication*

Damon Moore

Generous God, you have blessed us with so much. Take these gifts and bless them to work for you in this world which you have loaned to us. AMEN.

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

***Closing Hymn:**

I Know Whom I have Believed

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Benediction

Pastor Larry

Choral Benediction

Benediction Hymn

Now may the Lord bless you and keep you
and make his face to shine upon you;
and may God lift his countenance upon you
and give you blessed peace for now and evermore.

Postlude

Sing to the Lord

Smith

Rejoice, The Lord is King

*1. Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice; again I say, rejoice.*

*2. Jesus the Savior reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice; again I say, rejoice.*

*3. His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of earth and hell
are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice; again I say, rejoice.*

*4. Rejoice in glorious hope!
Jesus the Judge shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear th'archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!*

Be Still, My Soul

*1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in every change God faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.*

*2. Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future, as in ages past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.*

*3. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.*

I Know Whom I have Believed

- 1. I know not why God's wondrous grace
to me he hath made known,
nor why, unworthy, Christ in love
redeemed me for his own.*

Refrain:

*But I know whom I have believed,
and am persuaded that he is able
to keep that which I've committed
unto him against that day.*

- 2. I know not how this saving faith
to me he did impart,
nor how believing in his word
wrought peace within my heart.
(Refrain)*

- 3. I know not how the Spirit moves,
convincing us of sin,
revealing Jesus through the word,
creating faith in him.
(Refrain)*

- 4. I know not when my Lord may come,
at night or noonday fair,
nor if I walk the vale with him,
or meet him in the air.
(Refrain)*