

June 2, 2024 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Welcome

Prelude Shine, Jesus, Shine

*Call to Worship

Children of God: welcome!

Welcome to this place of love and grace,

Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,

God invites all of us to share in the good news:

We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.

In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

*Opening Prayer

Merciful One, when life beats us down, you reach out and restore us to health and wholeness.
Surprise us once more, O God, with your never-failing grace and the light of your love. Amen.

* Opening Hymn

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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Passing the Peace of Christ

Dan Ensor

The Lord of the Sabbath invites us to reach out to one another and share his blessing of peace this day.

Children's Message

Pastor Larry

<u>Ministry of Music</u> Choir

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer of Preparation

All Praying

As we listen for the word of God, may we be prepared to respond as inspired prophets, humble servants, and faithful disciples.

Acts 4:32-37

³² All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. ³³ With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all ³⁴ that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales ³⁵ and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need. ³⁶ Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement"), ³⁷ sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

*Hymn How Great Thou Art UMH 77

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Sermon "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly" Pastor Larry

Offertory Invitation

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As those who are fearfully and wonderfully made, let us share the blessings of our maker with those who need God's light and glory in their lives.

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory More Like You

*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!

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*Prayer of Dedication
Though we are vessels of clay,
your light shines through us
when we share what we have
with those in need.
May today's offering be like the bread of presence
that feeds the hungry and satisfies the soul.
In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Pastor Larry

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

Father Almighty (almighty God), creator of heaven and earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ,
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.
On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."
When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now and for ever. Amen.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Communion Hymn

I Surrender All

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Prayer of Thanksgiving (All Praying)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the word in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*Closing Hymn

Amazing Grace

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GOING FORTH WITH JOY

*Benediction Pastor Larry

Choral Benediction Spirit of the Living God Iverson

Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.

*Postlude

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

- O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!
- 2. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.
- 3. Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.
- 4. He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free; his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.
- 5. He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive; the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.
- 6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ; ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.
- 7. In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall feel your sins forgiven; anticipate your heaven below, and own that love is heaven.

HOW GREAT THOU ART

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder consider all the *worlds thy hand have made, I see the stars, I hear the *rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze; [Refrain]

3 And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in; that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin; [Refrain]

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.

Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art! [Refrain]

I SURRENDER ALL

All to Jesus I surrender; all to him I freely give; I will ever love and trust him, in his presence daily live.

Refrain:

I surrender all, I surrender all, all to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

2. All to Jesus I surrender; humbly at his feet I bow,

worldly pleasures all forsaken; take me, Jesus, take me now. [Refrain]

3. All to Jesus I surrender; make me, Savior, wholly thine; let me feel the Holy Spirit, truly know that thou art mine. [Refrain]

4. All to Jesus I surrender; Lord, I give myself to thee; fill me with thy love and power; let thy blessing fall on me. [Refrain]

5. All to Jesus I surrender; now I feel the sacred flame. O the joy of full salvation! Glory, glory to his name! [Refrain]

AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

- 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.
- 3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
 I have already come;
 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
 and grace will lead me home.
 - 4. The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.
- 5. Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,

I shall possess, within the veil, a life of joy and peace.

6. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.