

# Worship Bulletin

## Sunday, July 26, 2020

### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING PRAYER

Trinity Gibson

### PRELUDE

Meditation on "Land of Rest"

Robert Lau

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Words translated from 7<sup>th</sup> Century Latin by John Mason Neale, 1851*

*Christ is made the sure foundation; Christ the head and cornerstone,  
Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;  
To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;  
Come, with all your loving kindness; hear your people as we pray.*

### HYMN 620

"Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven"

*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven; evermore his praises sing.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!*

*Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress.  
Praise him, still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness!*

*Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face.  
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

To come before God with the truth of our lives is itself an act of faith: we trust that the Creator God is interested in us, interested in our minds and hearts and souls. We trust that God's mercy and grace are intended for us, too. With faith and in trust, let us make our confession to God, first in silent prayer.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Dear loving Savior, we confess that today it is difficult for us to remain hopeful. We are isolated and often without the friends, family and routines that once held us together. While we are focused on fighting a disease, the world around us insists on fighting about how to do that. In the midst, we have forgotten that, as in all of life, You should always be our focus.*

*While this time and this situation seem beyond us, none of it is beyond You, our God, and it is not beyond us when we stand with You. Forgive us for the times when we are hopeless. Forgive us when we give in to arguing rather than comforting. Forgive us when we have let fear replace our faith in You and Your ways. In the midst of loneliness, conflict, change, and confusion, You are here, around us and within us. Forgive us when we forget.*

## SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

May the words of this glorious hymn remind us of the sure, forgiving nature of our Savior:

*Father-like he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows.  
In his hand he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet God's mercy flows.*

### TIME WITH CHILDREN

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### DUET ANTHEM

"The Shepherd's Psalm"

John Carter

John Gilmer and Julie Vogel

*The Lord is my Shepherd; there's nothing more I'll ever need. I'll lie down to dream in a pasture of green; I'll follow wherever he leads me. The Lord is my shepherd. Beside the still waters I go. My soul is restored when I walk with my Lord. His righteousness 'round me will flow. And if I should walk in the shadow of death, I will not be afraid. My Shepherd the Lord goes wherever I go. His rod and his staff are my comfort. I know that the Lord is my Shepherd. I'll sit at his table to dine. His goodness and mercy will follow my days, and heaven will surely be mine.*

### SCRIPTURE

Romans 8:26-39

### SERMON

"Pray"

Rev. Collin Adams

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.*

*I believe 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 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 Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.*

## **PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD**

*Words by Frances R. Havergal, 1874*

*Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.  
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.  
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect and use every power that you shall choose.  
Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it your own; it shall be your royal throne.  
Take my love; my Lord, I pour at your feet its treasure store.  
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee.*

### **HYMN 729**

*"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"*

*arr. Lloyd Larson*

*Verses 1, 2 and 4.*

*Lord I want to be a Christian in my heart in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart. Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.*

*Lord, I want to be more loving...*

*Lord I want to be like Jesus...*

### **POSTLUDE**

*"Majestic Postlude"*

*Mark L. Williams*