

∞ ORDER OF WORSHIP ∞

August 15, 2021 • 10:00 a.m.
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

*Thou who hast given so much to me,
Give one thing more – a grateful heart;
Not thankful when it pleaseth me,
As if Thy blessings had spare days;
But such a heart, whose pulse may be
Thy praise. – George Herbert*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PRAISE Hymn No. 513
“O, How He Loves You and Me”

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: Whither shall I go from Your Spirit?

People: Or whither shall I flee from Your presence?

Leader: If I take the wings of the morning,

People: And settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

Leader: Even there Your hand shall lead me,

People: And Your right hand hold me.

Leader: You search out my path and my lying down,

People: And are acquainted with all my ways! (Psalm 139).

SONG OF PRAISE Hymn No. 206 “There Is a Redeemer”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of mercy, You are the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt. We confess that our faith is weak, and we trust in our own devices more than in Your grace. Increase our faith, Lord, and lead us to the fullness of joy that You intend for all Your children. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsive)

Leader: Hear the good news: who is in a position to condemn?

People: Only Christ, and Christ died for us, rose for us, and reigns in power for us.

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

People: The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Christ we are restored and forgiven.

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn No. 622)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was the beginning, so is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC “To You, O Lord, I Call” by Robert J. Powell
(Michael Singbusch, organ).

SCRIPTURE Romans 4:13-17, 23-25

SERMON “No Strings Attached”

“So God’s blessings are given to us by faith, as a free gift”
(Rom. 4:16).

*HYMN No. 382 “Be Thou My Vision”

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

* DOXOLOGY (Hymn No. 625)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER TIME: THANKS AND PASTORAL SUPPLICATION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

* HYMN No. 202 “Amazing Grace”

* BENEDICTION/ POSTLUDE

* Those who are able, please stand.

Welcome Back Rev. Jim Hicks

We welcome Rev. Jim Hicks back to our family this morning after a four-year absence. Jim earned his undergraduate degree from Case Western Reserve and his Master's degree at Princeton Theological Seminary. He gained pastoral service in New York City, Cortland, Elmira and many local churches. Jim and Mary have three children and seven grandchildren scattered between Spain, Texas, and Ohio. Mary is currently engaged in a teaching position at a local church two Sundays a month. We may have to save our greetings for her in the weeks to come.

Clothing Shed is Open!

Please place donations in the following three places: in baskets at the Caring Corner in the Social Room, the black cupboard in the rear entryway, and the closet labelled "Clothing Shed Donations" just inside the Administrative Office bathroom. Thank for your clean and much-needed donations.

Coffee Hour

For anyone willing to offer Coffee after the church service, all supplies are available in the church kitchen: coffee, tea, creamers, sugar packets, Styrofoam cups, stirring sticks and napkins. Just make the coffee and clean up afterward. Thank you. - Church Life Committee.

Exercise Program

A group of our church members meets every Monday and Thursday mornings on Zoom for an exercise program . They focus on building bone strength. If you would like to join us, please contact MJ Uttech at mju50@frontier.com.

Prayers

The Jan Hollenbeck family.

Dawn Horner

Dave Gross

Bob Sincerbeaux

Jim and I want to thank all of you for your continued prayers and generosity. - Arlene

Next Sunday's Sermon: "Other Life on This Planet"
(I Cor. 3:16-20; 6:18-20; 7:29-31)

The office hours of Pastor Jim Hicks, pulpit supply minister, are Tuesday, Wednesday, 9AM- 12PM.

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O, How He Loves You and Me

Verse 1:

O, how He loves you and me.
O, how He loves you and me;
He gave His life, what more could He give?
O, how He loves you;
O, how He loves me;
O, how He loves you and me!

Verse 2:

Jesus to Calv'ry did go,
His love for mankind to show;
What He did there brought hope from despair:
O, how He loves you;
O, how He loves me;
O, how He loves you and me!

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Music: *Patricia*, Kurt Kaiser
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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.

Text: *Gloria Patri*; Traditional, 2nd century
Music: *Meineke*, Christoph Meineke

There Is a Redeemer

Verse 1:

There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One

Refrain:

Thank You, O my Father,
For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit 'til
The work on earth is done.

Verse 2:

Jesus, my Redeemer,
Name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain.

Verse 3:

When I stand in Glory,
I will see His face,
There I'll serve my King forever
In that holy place.

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Be Thou My Vision

Verse 1:

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art –
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Verse 2:

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Verse 3:

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

Verse 4:

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Amen.

Text: Ancient Irish hymn, translated by Mary E. Byrne;

Versified by Eleanor H. Hull

Music: Irish Folk melody; arranged by David Allen

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Amazing Grace

Verse 1:

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.

Verse 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.

Verse 3:

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Verse 4:

Thru many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

Verse 5:

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.

Text: John Newton; John P. Rees, stanza 5

Music: *Amazing Grace*, Traditional American melody from Carrell and Clayton's *Virginia Harmony*, 1831; arranged by Edwin O. Excell