

✠ ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

August 22, 2021 • 10:00 a.m.
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*“Thou shalt call, and the Lord shall answer;
Thou shalt cry, and He shall say, ‘Here I am’” (Isa. 58:9).*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PRAISE HYMN No. 283 “We Are God’s People”

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: God of darkness and dawn, shine into our lives.

**People: Awaken us with wonder; help us to understand
Your truth.**

Leader: Once we were no people.

People: Once we walked in darkness.

Leader: But now we are washed in Your light.

People: Together, let us worship God. (Isaiah 40:31)

SONG OF PRAISE HYMN No. 92

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**We confess our need of You, O Lord, and ask forgiveness for
our reluctance to lean upon Your strength. Before You, we
are ashamed of our pride and self-centered independence.
By Your Holy Spirit, help us to live abundantly in the
company of Christ, our Friend and Redeemer. May our
words and actions give evidence of our sincere desire to live
as Christians and walk in the footsteps of the Master, in
whose name we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsive)

Leader: Hear the good news of the gospel. Jesus
said, “Come unto Me, all you who labor and
are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

**People: In Jesus Christ, our burdens are lifted,
our sins forgiven, and our life restored.**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news!

**People: In Jesus Christ we are redeemed and
made new!**

*GLORIA PATRI Hymn No. 622

CHILDREN’S SERMON / MESSAGE TO THE YOUNG AT
HEART “What’s Inside?”

SPECIAL MUSIC “Psalm 119” by Dietrich Buxtehude

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 3:16-20; 6:18-20

SERMON “Other Life on This Planet?”

*HYMN No. 463 “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

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. 410 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

* BENEDICTION/ POSTLUDE

* Those who are able, please stand.

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: August 29, 2021

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Selections from chapters 3, 4, and 9 of the gospel of John.

Sermon: "Winning the Lottery".

The office hours of Pastor Jim Hicks, temporary minister, are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

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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.

We Are God's People

Verse 1:

We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
Born of His Spirit, established by His Word;
Our cornerstone is Christ alone,
And strong in Him we stand:
O let us live transparently,
And walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

Verse 2:

We are God's loved ones, the bride of Christ our Lord,
For we have known it, the love of God outpoured;
Now let us learn how to return
The gift of love once given:
O let us share each joy and care,
And live with a zeal that pleases heaven

Verse 3:

We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
Called to obey Him, now risen from the dead;
He wills us be a family
Diverse yet truly one:
O let us give our gifts to God,
And so shall His work on earth be done.

Verse 4:

We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace;
We die alone, for on its own
Each ember loses fire:
Yet joined in one the flame burns on
To give warmth and light, and to inspire.

Text: Bryan Jeffery leech

Music: *Symphony*, Johannes Brahms, arr. Fred Bock

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Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Verse 1:

Love Divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down;
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Verse 2:

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into ev'ry troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find that promised rest.
Take away our bent to sinning,
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

Verse 3:

Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy host above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

Verse 4:

Finish then Thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee:
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast out crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love and praise!
Amen.

Text: Charles Wesley

Music: *Beecher*, John Zundel; Choral setting arranged by David Allen

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Verse 1:

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, help me stand –
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Thro' the storm, thro' the night,
Lead me on to the light –
Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me home.

Verse 2:

When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near –
When my life is almost gone;
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall –
Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me home.

Text: Thomas A Dorsey

Music: *Precious Lord*, George N. Allen; adapted by Thomas A Dorsey

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My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Verse 1:

My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
Take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!

Verse 2:

May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire;
As Thou hast died for me,
O may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire!

Verse 3:

While life's dark maze I tread,
And griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
From Thee aside.

Verse 4:

When ends life's passing dream,
When death's cold, threatening stream
Shall o'er me roll,
Blest Savior, then, in love,
Fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul!
Amen.

Text: Ray Palmer

Music: *Olivet*, Lowell Mason