

✠ ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

September 19, 2021 • 10:30 a.m.
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

*"Thy blessed Christ is in this prayer-filled room,
Nay more, the Christ Himself is in thy heart;
Fear not, the dawn will scatter darkest gloom,
And heaven will manifest its part."
– Margaret E. Sanger*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PRAISE "Shout to the North" by Martin Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: O Lord, search our hearts.

People: Try us and know our thoughts.

Leader: See and correct any wicked way within us.

People: Lead us in the way of everlasting life.

Leader: To you be praise and glory forever and ever. Amen.

-- adapted from Psalm 139

SONG OF PRAISE "In Christ Alone" by K. Getty & S. Townend

CALL TO CONFESSION

While we waver and hesitate, the love of God remains steadfast. Let us approach God with confidence, knowing that our Redeemer longs to make us whole.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious and loving God, we pray for your leading as we worship you this morning. Help us to realize that our lives are not worth living unless they are lived in an awareness of your presence and in conformity to your purpose for us. Motivate us to deepen our faith and renew a right relationship with you. Inspire us, encourage us, and fortify us by the strength of your Spirit, through Christ 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 "Why do we come to church?"

ANTHEM "Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit" by Ruth E. Schram

SCRIPTURE I John 2:18-29

SERMON "Are You Making a Mistake?"

"He who denies that Jesus is the Christ...he is anti-Christ"
(I John 2:22).

*HYMN No. 277 "The Church's One Foundation"

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

* DOXOLOGY (Hymn No. 625)

PRAYER TIME: THANKS AND PASTORAL SUPPLICATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN No. 479 "Onward, Christian Soldiers"

* CHORAL BENEDICTION "Christ Be with Me"
-- attributed to St. Patrick

POSTLUDE

* Those who are able, please stand

Shout to the North

Congregational Meeting

In keeping with the by-laws of our church, a congregational meeting is being held immediately following worship on Sunday, September 26. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers of the church. Please mark this important meeting on your calendar.

In Memory of Jan

A memorial service for Janet A. Hollenbeck is planned for Saturday, September 25, at 2 p.m. in our church sanctuary. Our Covid Safety Policy suggests that face masks be worn by everyone when entering and moving about the church. Members and friends of the church are invited to attend.

Hayride and Bonfire

Come out to Carpenters, (2265 Dryden Rd.) for an evening of food, fun and fellowship on Saturday, October 23. We'll start with a fun hayride up past the solar field to "observation hill"! A Chili dinner and bonfire with songs and s'mores will follow. If you are able to bring chili, corn bread, green salad, or beverage, sign up on the list in the Fellowship Hall or let Brenda know (btc62020@outlook.com). Gather any time after 4:00 p.m. Bring a friend or two.

Prayers

The Jan Hollenbeck family
The Dawn Horner family
Dave Gross
Bob Sincerbeaux
Jim Krebs

Order of Worship

September 26, 2021
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
SCRIPTURE: 1 John 3:1-3, 23-24
SERMON: "He Won't Leave Us Alone!"

The office hours of Pastor Jim Hicks, temporary minister, are
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
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Verse 1:

Men of faith rise up and sing
Of the great and glorious King.
You are strong when you feel weak,
In your brokenness complete.

Chorus:

Shout to the north and the south;
Sing to the east and the west.
Jesus is savior to all,
Lord of heaven and earth.

Verse 2:

Rise up, women of the truth,
Stand and sing to broken hearts
Who can know the healing pow'r
Of our awesome King of love.

Chorus

Bridge:

We've been through fire,
We've been through rain;
We've been refined by the pow'r of His name.
We've fallen deeper in love with You,
You've burned the truth on our lips.

Chorus

Verse 3:

Rise up, church with broken wings,
Fill this place with songs again
Of our God who reigns on high.
By His grace again we'll fly.

Chorus

Ending:

Lord of heaven and earth. (3x)

In Christ Alone

Verse 1:

In Christ Alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

Verse 2:

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fulness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

Verse 3:

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then, bursting forth in glorious Day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

Verse 4:

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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

Doxology

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

Text: Thomas Ken
Music: Old Hundredth, Genevan Psalter, 1551; attributed to Louis Bourgeois

The Church's One Foundation

Verse 1:

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word:
From heav'n he came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With his own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

Verse 2:

Elect from ev'ry nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With ev'ry grace endued.

Verse 3:

'Mid toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

Verse 4:

Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee.
Amen.

Text: Samuel J. Stone
Music: *Aurelia*, Samuel S. Wesley

Onward, Christian Soldiers

Verse 1:

Onward, Christian Soldiers
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before!
Christ, the royal Master,
Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle
See His banners go!

Refrain:

Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.

Verse 2:

At the sign of triumph
Satan's host doth flee;
On, then, Christian soldiers,
On to victory!
Hell's foundations quiver
At the shout of praise;
Brothers, lift your voices,
Loud your anthems raise!

Refrain

Verse 3:

Like a mighty army
Moves the church of God;
Brothers, we are treading
Where the saints have trod.
We are not divided,
All one body we –
One in hope and doctrine,
One in charity.

Refrain

Verse 4:

Onward, then, ye people,
Join our happy throng;
Blend with ours your voices
In the triumph song.
Glory, laud and honor
Unto Christ the King –
This thru countless ages
Men and angels sing.

Refrain

Amen.

Text: Sabine Baring-Gould Music: St. Gertrude, Arthur S. Sullivan