



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 23, 2020

9:00 AM Worship

Service of Worship

Preparing for worship - For our spiritual edification and for the benefit of one another, let us spend the time before worship in silent preparation, meditation, and prayer, reading Scripture and familiarizing ourselves with today's Scripture readings, prayers, and hymns.

Leader: The Lord be with you! **People:** The Lord bless you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

• Tithes and Offerings can be placed in the plate located near the door



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24a

Leader: Let us rise and worship God! In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen!

† INTROIT #310 – Rejoice the Lord is King

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. Heb. 1:3



† RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 68:7-19

O God, when You went out before Your people,

When You marched through the wilderness,

The earth shook;

The heavens also dropped rain at the presence of God; Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

You, O God, sent a plentiful rain, whereby You confirmed Your inheritance, when it was weary.

Your congregation dwelt in it; You, O God, provided from Your goodness for the poor.

The Lord gave the word;

Great was the company of those who proclaimed it:

"Kings of armies flee, they flee,

And she who remains at home divides the spoil.

Though you lie down among the sheepfolds,

You will be like the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold."

When the Almighty scattered kings in it,

It was white as snow in Zalmon.

A mountain of God is the mountain of Bashan;

A mountain of many peaks is the mountain of Bashan.

Why do you fume with envy, you mountains of many peaks?

This is the mountain which God desires to dwell in; yes, the Lord will dwell in it forever.

The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of thousands;

The Lord is among them as in Sinai, in the Holy Place.

You have ascended on high,

You have led captivity captive;

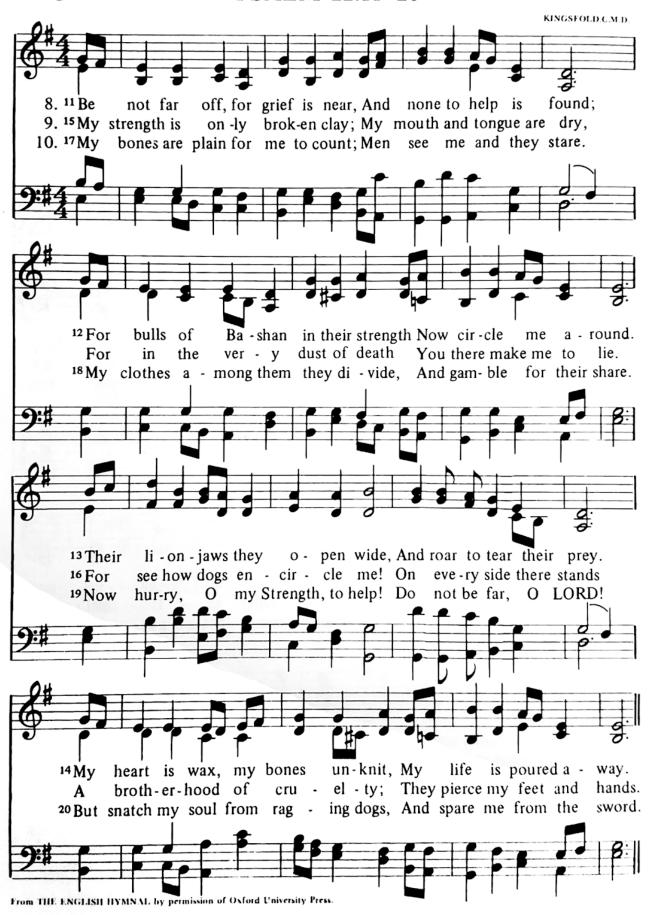
You have received gifts among men, even from the rebellious, that the Lord God might dwell there.

Blessed be the Lord, who daily loads us with benefits, the God of our salvation!

Leader: The Lord is near to all who call upon Him in Truth

People: He will hear their cry and save them!

† HYMN OF APPROACH Psalm 22C





God Cleanses Us

CONFESSION OF SIN (kneeling, if able)

Leader: Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God:

Leader: Most holy and merciful Father,

People: We acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature - prone to evil and slothful in good - and all our shortcomings and offenses against You. You alone know how often we

have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, and in forgetting Your love. O Lord, have mercy on us, who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased You. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for

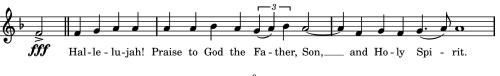
the sake of Your dear Son.

O most holy and loving Father, send Your purifying grace into our hearts, that we may henceforth live in Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

Leader: Arise, and hear the good news!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Psalm 86:5

Leader: Brothers and sisters, your sins are forgiven and your lives are rescued in our Lord Jesus Christ and His victory over the grave. Believe this, and rejoice!





Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

People: It is proper and right to do so.



† Old Testament Reading Psalm 40:1-8

† New Testament Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

Leader: The Word of the Lord - **People: Thanks be to God!**

PASTORAL PRAYER

† SERMON TEXT Romans 12:1-2

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON A Life Worth Giving

Joseph Bailey

† HYMN OF RESPONSE #585 – Take My Life, and Let It Be

Take My Life, and Let It Be

Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity ... so now offer them in slavery to righteousness. Rom. 6:19



- Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store. Take my self, and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.



God Communes With Us

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! **People: And His mercy endures forever!**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S TABLE Distribution of the Elements

#429 – Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured

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Offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Rom. 12:1



Leader: The Body and Blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the true faith until life

everlasting, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen!

† GLORIA PATRI #735

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

+ CONFESSION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Q. 1

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

People: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.



God Commissions Us

+ BENEDICTION

DOXOLOGY

Praise Go

(with hands uplifted)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!

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Previous services and events are also available.

¹ † The congregation will please stand