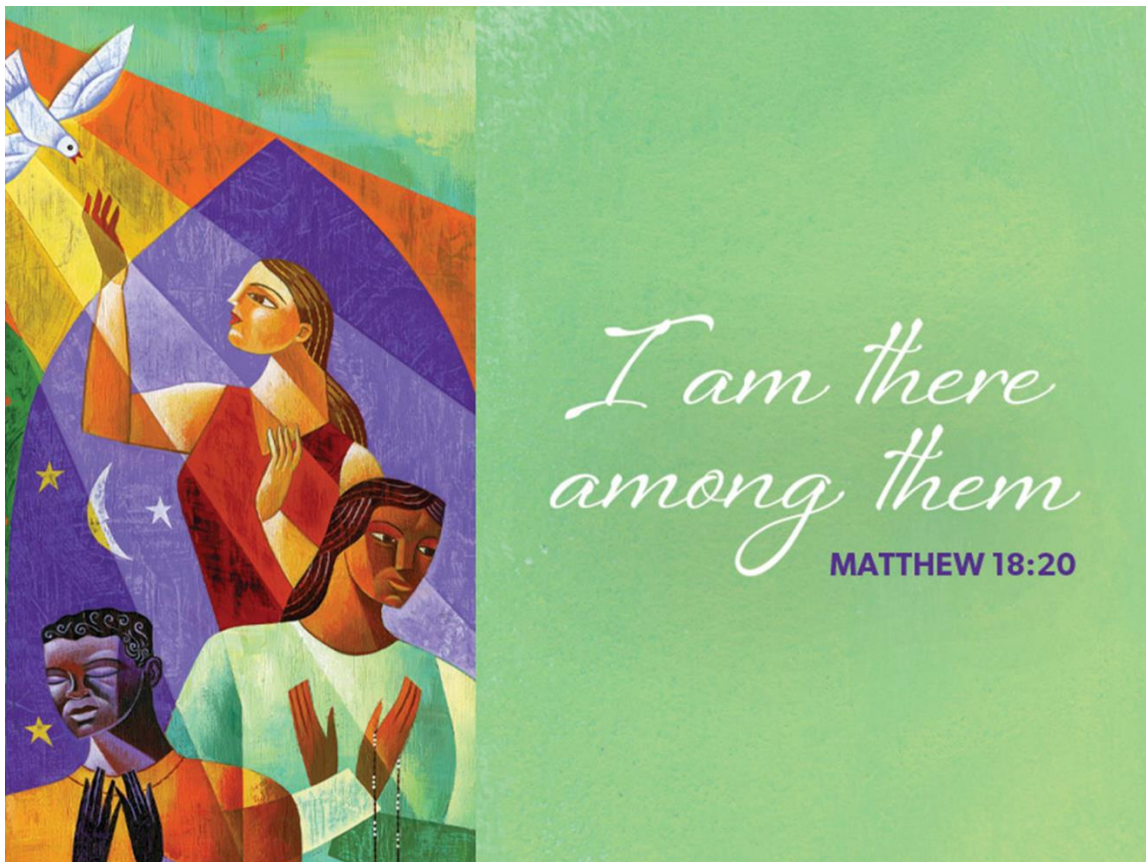


15th Sunday after Pentecost

Praise Service



September 10, 2023 ~ 10:00 am

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+ Stand if you are able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ SHARING OF THE PEACE

+ PRAISE PRELUDE - Now is the Time to Worship

Brian Doerksen

Chorus

**Come now is the time to worship
Come now is the time to give your
heart
Come just as you are to worship
Come just as you are before your God
Come**

One day every tongue
Will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now

Chorus

Willingly we choose to surrender our
lives
Willingly our knees will bow
With all our heart soul mind and
strength
We gladly choose You now

Chorus

Come come just as you are come come

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

Raise your voices in response to God's goodness.

We praise you, O Lord, for all the blessings you have given us.

Lift your hearts in sweet surrender to God's mercy.

We thank you, O Lord, for hearing the prayers of our hearts.

God is good; Praise be to God!

The love and mercy of God never fails. Amen.

+ PRAISE SONG - I Surrender All

All to Jesus I surrender
All to Him I freely give
I will ever love and trust Him
In His presence daily live

Chorus

I surrender all
I surrender all
All to Thee my blessed Savior
I surrender all

All to Jesus I surrender
Humbly at His feet I bow
Worldly pleasures all forsaken
Take me Jesus take me now

Chorus

All to Jesus I surrender
Make me Savior wholly Thine
Let me feel the Holy Spirit
Truly know that Thou art mine

Chorus

All to Jesus I surrender
Lord I give myself to Thee
Fill me with Thy love and power
Let Thy blessing fall on me

Chorus

All to Jesus I surrender
Now I feel the sacred flame
O the joy of full salvation
Glory glory to His name

Chorus

+ PRAYER

Lord, we come this day to worship and thank you for the many ways you guide our lives. We ask that our hearts, our ears, and our spirits may be open to your healing words of love. In Jesus' Name, we pray. **Amen.**

READING - Ezekiel 33:7-11

⁷So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

PSALM 119:33-40

³³Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,

and I will observe it to the end.

³⁴Give me understanding, that I may keep your law

and observe it with my whole heart.

³⁵Lead me in the path of your commandments,

for I delight in it.

³⁶Turn my heart to your decrees,

and not to selfish gain.

³⁷Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in your ways.

³⁸Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you.

³⁹Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good.

⁴⁰See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life.

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Giving God, all we are and all we have come from you. We offer back to you what has always been yours. As you have entrusted your gifts to us, so we return these gifts to you, trusting that you will multiply them to the great glory of your kingdom on earth. We pray through Jesus who gave the totality of his life for us. **Amen.**

READING - Romans 13:8-14

The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

+ GOSPEL READING - Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

+ PRAISE SONG – *Isn't the Name*

Isn't the name of Jesus wonderful
Isn't the name of Jesus wonderful
All the world can come to Him
To have their sins removed
Isn't the name of Jesus wonderful

Isn't the name of Jesus beautiful
Isn't the name of Jesus beautiful
Son of God and one of us
Lover of our souls
Isn't the name of Jesus beautiful

Chorus

Eternal king You will reign forever
And we will sing the glory of Your name
Be lifted high for all the world to see
Your name is all they need
Your name is all we need

Jonathan Stockstill

Isn't the name of Jesus Powerful
Isn't the name of Jesus Powerful
Chains are broken when it's spoken
Every knee must bow
Isn't the name of Jesus Powerful

Chorus (2 times)

Bridge (2 times)

There is freedom in the name
There's healing in the name
There is power in the name
Salvation in the name
There is life in the name
There is no other name
But Jesus

Isn't the name of Jesus all we need
Isn't the name of Jesus all we need
He's the way the truth the Life
The only way to God
Isn't the name of Jesus all we need

PRAISE ANTHEM - Jesus Does (PRAISE TEAM ONLY)

Who tells the sun to rise every morning
Colors the sky with the shades of His
glory

Wakes us with mercy and love
Jesus does

Who holds the orphan comforts the
widow

Cries for injustice feels every sorrow
Carries the pain of His children
Jesus does

Chorus

Praise to the Father who gave us the
Son

Praise to the Spirit who's living in us
When I was a sinner He saved me from
who I was
(Cause) that's what Jesus does

Who understands the heart of the
sinner

Showers His grace over all our mistakes
Washes us clean with His blood
Jesus does

Who sings the song of sweet forgiveness
Who stole the keys to hell and the grave
Who has the power to save
Jesus does

Chorus

Bridge

Oh what a Friend
Oh what a Savior
He's always been good
He's always been faithful
He came to my rescue
When I needed Him most
And saved my soul

Chorus

+ CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

+ PRAYERS

Response: Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

+ THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. **Amen.**

+ 1 John 1: 7

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

+ PRAISE SONG - Thank You Jesus for the Blood

Verse (Praise Team Only)

I was a wretch I remember who I was
I was lost I was blind I was running out
of time

Sin separated the breach was far too
wide

But from the far side of the chasm
You held me in Your sight

So You made a way across the great
divide

Left behind Heaven's throne to build it
here inside

There at the cross You paid the debt I
owed

Broke my chains freed my soul
For the first time I had hope

Chorus (ALL)

Thank You Jesus for the blood applied
Thank You Jesus it has washed me white
Thank You Jesus You have saved my life
Brought me from the darkness into
glorious light

Verse (Praise Team Only)

You took my place laid inside my tomb
of sin

You were buried for three days

But then You walked right out again

And now death has no sting and life has
no end

For I have been transformed by the
blood of the Lamb

Chorus (ALL)

Bridge (Praise Team Only)

There is nothing stronger

Than (Oh) the wonder working power

Of the blood the blood

That calls us sons and daughters

We are ransomed by our Father

Through the blood the blood

Chorus (ALL)

+ PRAISE HYMN - There is Power in the Blood

Lewis Ellis Jones

Chorus

There is power power
Wonder working power
In the blood of the Lamb
There is power power
Wonder working power
In the precious blood of the Lamb

Would you be free
From your burden of sin
There's power in the blood
Power in the blood
Would you o'er evil a victory win
There's wonderful power in the blood

Chorus

Would you be free
From your passion and pride
There's power in the blood
Power in the blood
Come for a cleansing
To Calvary's tide
There's wonderful power in the blood

+ BLESSING

Go out in love, reconciled with one another in Christ. Lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Live honorably, fulfilling the law through love for all. We go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen**

Chorus

Would you be whiter
Much whiter than snow
There's power in the blood
Power in the blood
Sin stains are lost
In its life giving flow
There's wonderful power in the blood

Chorus

Would you do service
For Jesus your King
There's power in the blood
Power in the blood
Would you live daily
His praises to sing
There's wonderful power in the blood

Chorus

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