

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Praise Service



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+ *Stand if you are able.*

PRELUDE

PSALM 96

¹O sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.

²Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.

³Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the
peoples. ⁴For great is the LORD, and
greatly to be praised;

he is to be revered above all gods.

⁵For all the gods of the peoples are
idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

⁶Honor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his
sanctuary. ⁷Ascribe to the LORD, O
families of the peoples, ascribe to the
LORD glory and strength.

⁸Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his

name; bring an offering, and come into
his courts. ⁹Worship the LORD in holy
splendor; tremble before him, all the
earth. ¹⁰Say among the nations, "The
LORD is king! The world is firmly
established; it shall never be moved. He
will judge the peoples with equity."

¹¹Let the heavens be glad, and let the
earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all
that fills it; ¹²let the field exult, and
everything in it. Then shall all the trees
of the forest sing for joy ¹³before the
LORD; for he is coming, for he is coming
to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteous-
ness, and the peoples with his truth.

PRELUDE PRAISE SONG - *May the Peoples Praise You*

You have called us out of darkest night
Into Your glorious light
That we may sing the wonders of
The risen Christ

May our every breath retell the grace
That broke into our strife
With boundless love and deepest joy
With endless life

Chorus

May the peoples praise You
Let the nations be glad
All Your blessing comes
That we may praise
May praise the Name of Jesus

All the earth is Yours and all within
Each harvest is Your own
And from Your hand we give to You
To make Christ known

May the seeds of mercy grow in us
For those who have not heard
May songs of praise build lives of grace
To spread Your Word

Chorus

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ SHARING OF THE PEACE

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

Celebrate God's love, which has been poured into our lives. Forgiveness, encouragement, support, and healing are gifts of God to us. Reach out and care for those around you. We will be people of peace and justice. Shout for joy! Sing God's praises always!

+ OPENING HYMN – *This Is My Father's World (acapella, please join in)* *ELW 824*

- 1 This is my Father's world,
and to my list'ning ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.
- 2 This is my Father's world;
the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world;
- 3 This is my Father's world;
oh, let me not forget
that, though the wrong seems oft so
strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world;
why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king, let heaven ring;
God reigns, let earth be glad!

This our holy priv'lege to declare
Your praises and Your name
To every nation tribe and tongue
Your church proclaim

Chorus

Bridge
Holy Holy is the Lord Almighty
Worthy worthy is the Lamb who was
slain
Holy Holy is the Lord Almighty
All creation praise Your glorious Name

Chorus (2 times)

+ PRAISE SONG - Never Gonna Stop Singing

Verse 1

You called out
Into darkness
You reached down
To save us

Pre-Chorus

You conquered the grave
You crossed the divide
Lost in our sin You made us alive
How can we ever hold it inside
We can't hold back
We're gonna lift You

Chorus

Higher higher
Hearts burning bright like a fire fire
Voices unite make it louder louder
We're never gonna stop singing
Oo we're never gonna stop (singing)

+ PRAYER

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

READING - Isaiah 45:1-7

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him— and the gates shall not be closed: ²I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. ⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, ⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

Verse 2

Set free
No longer bound in chains
You rescued me
And called me by name

Chorus

Bridge (2 times)

Every tribe every tongue
Every heart will sing
Every knee we will bow to the risen King
Lift Him up lift Him up
We're never gonna stop singing
Oo never gonna stop

Chorus (2 times)

READING - 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

*Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.*¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

PRAISE HYMN - O Worship the Lord

O worship the Lord
in beauty and holiness
Bow down before Him
His glory proclaim
With gold of obedience
and incense of lowliness
Kneel and adore Him
the Lord is His name.

Low at His feet
lay thy burden of carefulness
High on His heart
will bear it for thee
Comfort thy sorrows
and answer thy prayerfulness
Guiding thy steps as may for thee be.

Fear not to enter
his courts in the slenderness
Of the poor wealth
thou wouldst reckon as thine
Truth in its beauty and love in tis
tenderness
These are the offerings to lay on His shrine.

These, though we bring
in trembling and fearfulness
He will accept for the name that is dear
Mornings of joy give
for evenings of tearfulness
Trust for our trembling
and hope for our fear.

+ GOSPEL READING - Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

MESSAGE

Pastor Dave

+ 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.

OFFERING INVITATION

Jesus said: "Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and give to God the things that are God's." All we have and all we are have come from God, so let us worship him with our offerings.

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

As we lay before you our financial offering, we give you all that we are and everything that you have entrusted to us. Come bless these gifts for the sake of your Kingdom and glory. **Amen.**

+ PRAYERS

Response: God of grace, **hear 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.**

+ PRAISE HYMN - There is a Name I Love to Hear

There is a name I love to hear
I love to sing its worth
It sounds like music in my ear
The sweetest name on earth

Chorus

O how I love Jesus
O how I love Jesus
O how I love Jesus
Because He first loved me

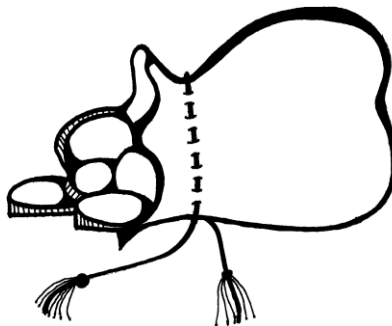
It tells me of a Saviour's love
Who died to set me free
It tells me of His precious blood
The sinner's perfect plea

Chorus

It tells me what my Father hath
In store for every day
And tho' I tread a darksome path
Yields sunshine all the way

It tells of One whose loving heart
Can feel my deepest woe
Who in each sorrow bears a part
That none can bear below

Chorus



+ PRAISE HYMN - Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Praise to the Lord the Almighty
The King of creation
O my soul praise Him
For He is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear now to His temple draw
near
Praise Him in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord Who over all things
So wondrously reigneth
Shelters thee under His wings
Yea so gently sustaineth
Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever
have been
Granted in what He ordaineth

Praise to the Lord Who doth prosper
Thy work and defend thee
Surely His goodness and mercy here
daily attend thee
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee

Praise to the Lord
O let all that is in me adore Him
All that half life and breath
Come now with praises before Him
Let the amen sound from his people
again
Gladly for all we adore Him

+ BLESSING

The Lord has given to us gifts and abilities to work for peace and justice. You are especially blessed by God. Go into this world in confidence of God's presence and love.

