

October 29, 2017
Divine Service, Lord's Day 43
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

■ **PREPARING FOR WORSHIP**

Pre-Service Prayer (8:45 a.m.)

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

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Choral Introit - "Mighty Power of God"

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command and all the stars obey,
Their luminous display reflects the pow'r of God.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food.
He formed the creatures with His Word and then pronounced them good.
Lord how your wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye;
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky,
From seas to mountains high the earth cannot contain the goodness of God.

The heavens are telling the glory of God!
The heavens are telling the story, the whole earth is filled with His glory,
The heavens are telling the glory of God!

There's not a plant or flow'r below but makes Your glories known.
And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from Your throne.
While all that borrows life from You is ever in Your care,
And ever'rywhere that we can be, O God You're present there;
We joyously declare the power of Your love, Your powerful love.

The Service of Entrance

■ **GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

*The Greeting

Minister: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 1:7)

All: Amen!

Minister: Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

All: Amen!

*The Call to Worship - Psalm 46

Minister: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

All: Therefore, we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

Minister: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

All: God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

Minister: The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

All: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Minister: Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth.

All: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

Minister: "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

All: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

*The Hymn of Praise - "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (TH 92)

*The Prayer of Adoration

*Confession of Faith - "Apostles' Creed" (TH p. 845)

The Service of the Word

■ GOD CLEANSSES US IN WORSHIP

The Reading of the Law - Deuteronomy 34:1-12

The Exhortation

The Silent Individual Prayer of Confession

The Corporation Prayer of Confession

The Declaration of Pardon

The Song of Rejoicing: Sanctus - "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord" (BTT 32)

■ GOD CONSECRATES US IN WORSHIP

The Epistle Reading - 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Holy Baptism

The Gloria Patri (TH 735)

Prayer of the Church - Elder Brad Tidwell

Tithes and Offerings

Song of Preparation - "In Christ Alone"

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.

In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe;

This gift of love and righteousness scorned by the ones He came to save.

'Til 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.

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.

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;
'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.*

Reading of Scripture- Mark 10:17-31

Sermon - by Pastor Brian Tallman

The Service of the Table

■ GOD COMMUNES WITH US IN WORSHIP

Song of Preparation - "Behold the Lamb"

*Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross;
So we share in this Bread of Life and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.*

*The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ, torn for you, eat and remember;
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one;
So we share in this Bread of Life and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.*

*The blood that cleanses every stain of sin shed for you, drink and remember;
He drained death's cup that all may enter into receive the life of God;
So we share in this Bread of Life and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.*

*And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth;
As we share in His suffering we proclaim Christ will come again
And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.*

The Lord's Supper

Although both wine and white grape juice are available during communion, the Elders strongly encourage everyone able to take wine.

Bread: "Supper with Jesus" (BTT 122)

Wine: "King of Glory" (BTT 110)

The Pastoral Prayer

■ GOD COMMISSIONS US IN WORSHIP

*The Doxology

*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.*

*The Benediction

*The Postlude
