

**8th Sunday after Pentecost
July 26, 2020**

Gathering
God invites us to enter His presence

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Minute for Mission

*Lisa Cameron
Bridge of Hope*

Preparation for Worship (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

! Call to Worship

Celia Weber

I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;
**with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness
to all generations.**

I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to
my servant David: 'I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations.'"

Praise the Lord!

Let us worship the Triune God.

! Invocation

Celia Weber

Mighty God,
we do not yet see the glory you plan for all humankind,
but in faith we do see Jesus.

We thank you for the humility and holiness
in which he lived and died.

We praise you that he freed us from our sin,
that he comforts and strengthens us through our struggles,
and that he gives us courage to follow him.

For this, we now join with all creation and shout for joy:
Holy, holy, holy are you, Lord! **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise 26

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God
(Pamela Johnson)*

*A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe—
His craft and pow'r are great, And, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.*

*Did we in our own strength confide, Our striving would be losing,
Were not the right man on our side, The man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He—
Lord Sabaoth His name, From age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.*

*And tho this world, with devils filled, Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph thru us.
The prince of darkness grim, We tremble not for him—
His rage we can endure, For lo, his doom is sure:
One little word shall fell him.*

*That word above all earthly pow'rs, No thanks to them, abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours thru Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also—
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still:
His kingdom is forever. Amen.*

Confessing

God invites us to be honest with Him

Prayer of Confession

Celia Weber

(Responsively)

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

**I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;
my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.**

O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem. It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Celia Weber

The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
As a father has compassion for his children,
so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.
For he knows how we were made;

he remembers that we are dust.
But the steadfast love of the LORD is from
everlasting to everlasting
on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,
to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

! 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.
A-men, A-men.*

Offering

Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him

Invitation As God's dear children, then, take him as your
pattern, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you,
giving himself up for us as an offering and a sweet-
smelling sacrifice to God.

Offering

**Please place your offerings in the plate in the back of the church on your way out.*

Special Music

*Amazing Grace
(Chuck Stauffer - Guitar)*

! Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.*

! Prayer of Dedication

Blessed you are,
O God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Blessed you are forever and ever.
Yours are the greatness and the power
and the glory and the majesty!
Yours are the mercy and patience,

the loving-kindness, long-suffering,
and covenant faithfulness!
Yours is the kingdom, O Lord,
and you are exalted as head above all.
In your hand are power and might
and in your hand it is to make great
and to give strength to all.
Prosper these gifts that we have brought you.
Bless the service we would render you,
that we may be profitable servants,
that your kingdom may come,
for yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory.
Blessed be you, O Father.
Worship and praise be yours evermore.
In the name of your Son, our Savior,
we would serve you now and evermore. **Amen.**

Proclaiming
God speaks to us through His Word

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Jonah 1:17-2:10

¹⁷And the Lord appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

2 Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish,

²saying,

“I called out to the LORD, out of my distress,
and he answered me;
out of the belly of Sheol I cried,
and you heard my voice.

³For you cast me into the deep,
into the heart of the seas,
and the flood surrounded me;
all your waves and your billows
passed over me.

⁴Then I said, ‘I am driven away
from your sight;
yet I shall again look
upon your holy temple.’

⁵The waters closed in over me to take my life;
the deep surrounded me;
weeds were wrapped about my head

⁶at the roots of the mountains.
I went down to the land
whose bars closed upon me forever;
yet you brought up my life from the pit,
O LORD my God.

⁷When my life was fainting away,
I remembered the LORD,
and my prayer came to you,
into your holy temple.

⁸Those who pay regard to vain idols
forsake their hope of steadfast love.

⁹But I with the voice of thanksgiving
will sacrifice to you;
what I have vowed I will pay.
Salvation belongs to the LORD!"

¹⁰And the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land.

Sermon

*"God Rescues"
Tim Latham*

Responding

We respond to God's Word

Hymn 466

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

*Jesus, Lover of my soul, Let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, While the tempest still is high;
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, Till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last!*

*Other refuge have I none; Hangs my helpless soul on Thee;
Leave, ah! Leave me not alone, Still support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed, All my help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of Thy wing.*

*Thou, O Christ, art all I want; More than all in Thee I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, Heal the sick and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy name, I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am, Thou art full of truth and grace.*

*Plenteous grace with Thee is found, Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; Make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, Freely let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart, Rise to all eternity. A-men.*

! Confession of Faith (Apostle's Creed)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and buried;***

the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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 of the People/The Lord's Prayer

Commissioning
God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

Hymn 277 *The Church's One Foundation*

*'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.*

*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.*

*'Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace for evermore;
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the Church at rest.*

*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.
A-men.*

 **Benediction & Blessing**

 **Organ Postlude**

Congregational Meeting