15th Sunday after Pentecost September 13, 2020

Gathering God invites us to enter His presence

Prelude

My Story, My Song I Come to Thee Mansfield Ritter

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Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

Call to Worship

There is none like you, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. For you are great and do wondrous things, you alone are God.

Let us worship the Triune God.

Invocation

O God, our guide and guardian, you have led us apart from the busy world into the quiet of your house. Grant us grace to worship you in spirit and in truth, to the comfort of our souls and the upbuilding of every good purpose and holy desire. Enable us to do more perfectly the work to which you have called us, that we may not fear the coming of night, when we shall surrender into your hands the tasks which you have committed to us. So may we worship you not with our lips only at this hour, but in word and deed all the days of our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise 64

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing Alleluia, Alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam, O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along, O praise Him, Alleluia! Thou rising morn in praise rejoice, Ye lights of evening, find a voice, O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia!

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Thou flowing water, pure and clear, Make music for thy Lord to hear, Alleluia, Alleluia! Thou fire so masterful and bright, That givest man both warmth and light, O praise Him O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart, Forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye, Alleluia! Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, Praise God and on Him cast your care, O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, And worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him, Alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, Three in One, O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! A-men.

<u>Confessing</u> God invites us to be honest with Him

Prayer of Confession (*Responsively*)

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Merciful God,

for the things we have done that we regret, forgive us; for the things we have failed to do that we regret, forgive us; for all the times we have acted without love, forgive us; for all the times we have reacted without thought, forgive us; for all the times we have withdrawn care, forgive us; for all the times we have failed to forgive, forgive us. For hurtful words said and helpful words unsaid, for unfinished tasks and unfulfilled hopes, God of all time, forgive us and help us

to lay down our burden of regret. Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord **All:** Thanks be to God!

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	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.
<u>Offering</u> Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him	
Invitation	Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
Offering	*Please place your offerings in the plate in the back of the church on your way out.
Special Music	Here I Am, Lord Schutte (Duet - Robin Miller and Pamela Johnson)
n 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

Giving God, just as we love because you first loved us, we give because you first gave to us.

Out of gratitude we bring gifts of money to be used for your kingdom work.

With these gifts we also pledge to you our whole selves.

We give you our bodies as living temples; may we be your hands and feet.

We give you our minds; may our thoughts support others and glorify you.

We give you our time; may our presence encourage others.

We give you our relationships; may our interactions be a light to the world.

We give you our work; may we always strive to do our best and help others do theirs.

We give you our play; may our leisure bring joy to many.

We give you our hopes and our dreams; may our goals reflect your mission.

Use these gifts, great God, through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

<u>Proclaiming</u> God speaks to us through His Word

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 4:25-32

²⁵ Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶ Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸ Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. ²⁹ Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³² Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Sermon

"Be Kind and Forgive" Tim Latham

<u>Responding</u> We respond to God's Word

Hymn of Response 286

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love; The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers; Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our comforts and our cares.

When we asunder part, It gives us inward pain; But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again. A-men.

Profession of Faith (Responsively)

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. **The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.** Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth." **The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Prayers of the People/Lord's Prayer

Leader: Lord in your mercy, All: Hear our prayer

<u>Commissioning</u> God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

Hymn 203 And Can it Be?

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Saviors blood? Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued? Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my shouldst die for me?

(Refrain)

Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God should die for me!

He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace! Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race! "Tis mercy all, immense and free, For, O my God, it found out me. Refrain.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night. Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray: I woke— the dungeon flamed with light! My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, And followed Thee. Refrain.

No condemnation now I dread: Jesus, and all in Him, is mine! Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine, Bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown, Thru Christ my own. Refrain. Benediction & Blessing

Ý Organ Postlude

Rise Up and Serve the Lord

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