

**17th Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 2020**

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

✠ Call to Worship

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Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;
for he is our God
and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.
Let us worship the Triune God.

✠ Invocation

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Christ, in this hour of worship
lift us out of the routine of our daily lives
and set us up on your holy mountain.
Let our worship come from our hearts,
that it may be genuine.
Let our praises for you leap from our mouths,
that we may be alive with faith and joy.
Make us fresh again! **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise 435

What A Friend We Have in Jesus

*What a Friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to heart!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!*

*Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged, take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness, take it to the Lord in prayer.*

*Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge — take it to the Lord in Prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a solace there.*

Confessing
God invites us to be honest with Him

Prayer of Confession
(Responsively)

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Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
**Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgment.**
You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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While I kept silence, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.
Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.
Amen.

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 Do good and share what you have,
for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Offering

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

Special Music

The Beatitudes *Butler*
*(Women's Ensemble—Adrienne Boyance,
Sandy Dulaney, Linda Gyath, Robin Miller)*

! 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

James 5:13-18

¹³Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. ¹⁴Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with

oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.¹⁷ Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

Sermon

*“Confession and Prayer”
Tim Latham*

Responding

We respond to God’s Word

Hymn of Response 345

Blessed Assurance

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.*

(Refrain)

*This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.*

*Perfect submission, perfect delight!
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above,
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
Refrain.*

*Perfect submission—all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.
Refrain.*

! 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.”

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Prayers of the People

Commissioning

God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

Hymn 210 *Jesus Paid it All*

*I hear the Savior say, “Thy strength indeed is small!
Child of weakness, watch and pray,
Find in me thine all in all.”*

Refrain

*Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain—He washed it white as snow.*

*Lord, now indeed I find thy pow’r, and Thine alone,
Can change the leper’s spots and melt the heart alone.
Refrain.*

*For nothing good have I where by thy grace to claim—
I’ll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv’ry’s Lamb.
Refrain.*

*And when before the throne I stand in Him complete,
“Jesus died my soul to save,” My lips shall still repeat.
Refrain.*

Benediction & Blessing

Organ Postlude