



For the beauty of the earth...

Outdoor Worship in the Grove

Worship Service

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 17, 2021 10:15 AM

*Worshippers are invited to sing and read text and lyrics printed in **bold type**. Masks are optional for outdoor worship. Please wear a mask whenever indoors.*

Gathering Music

“Run to the Father”

Welcome

Announcements

Prelude

“God Leads Us Along”

Choral Call to Worship

With joyful singing, praise God, Be joyful in the love of God.

With joyful singing, praise God,

Be joyful in the peace of God. Be joyful in the Lord.

Call to Worship

(Hymnal 398)

One: How very good and pleasant it is

All: when we live in unity.

One: We gather here together with our hearts and voices raised to God,

All: who is the center of our unity and praise!

Gathering Hymn

pg 7 *(Hymnal 33)*

“Praise the Lord! God’s Glories Show”

Psalm 150

Prayer of Confession *(Feasting on the Word Companion)*

Gracious God, you know what kind of people we are. We judge others harshly and fail to see our own sin. We look with suspicion and fear, and neglect to show hospitality to strangers. We treasure things that are worthless and squander your precious gifts. We withhold the grace and love that you give us so freely. Forgive us. Pour out your grace upon us to save us from our sin. Amen.

~Silent Confession~

Assurance of Pardon

God, in you we are forgiven. In Christ we are embraced. In the Spirit we are called. Amen.

Passing of the Peace *(air waves, no touching)*

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Understanding

Old Testament Reading Psalm 104:1-9

New Testament Reading Luke 7:36-50

Sermon "Do You See This Woman?"

Hymn – *Congregation sings "Refrain"* *(Hymnal 704)*

"To My Precious Lord"

***Refrain:* To my precious Lord
I bring my flask of fragrant oil;
Kneeling down, I kiss his feet,
anoint them with the oil.**

*Choir: Jesus, who for my sake walked the road to Calvary,
With each step has marked the imprint of his love for me.*

Refrain

*Choir: Jesus, who for my sake had his feet nailed to the cross,
with his blood has washed and healed me, paid the heavy cost.*

Refrain

*Choir: When in clouds of glory you come back to earth again,
Jesus, with your love embrace and claim me as your friend.*

Refrain

Moment of Reflection

Time of Prayer for Wholeness and Healing

*This morning, we ask that you take a few moments to meditate on
your needs or the needs of those around you.*

Intercession for Healing

God, our Creator, your will for us and for all your people
is wholeness and salvation: **have mercy on us.**

Jesus Christ, Son of God, you came that we might have
life and have it in abundance: **have mercy on us.**

Holy Spirit, dwelling within us, you make us temples of
your presence: **have mercy on us.**

To the triune God, the source of all love and all life, let us
offer our prayers.

*Between each prayer, a time of silence will be kept. During that
time, you may speak a need or prayer using a word or two. You
may also approach the Pastor or Elders for prayer, laying on of
hands, or anointing with oil.*

For all who are in need of healing . . .
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all who are struggling with depression or anxiety ...
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all who question their career or calling . . .
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all who are experiencing strained relationships. . .
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all who seek justice and love compassion . . .
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all who are seeking a deeper relationship with God ...
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

That all may hear the comfort and compassion of Christ. . .
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for
whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Sending Hymn *(Hymnal 302)*

"When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace"

Verses 1, 3, 4, 5

**When hands reach out and fingers trace
the beauty of a loved one's face,
we thank you, God, that love relies
on gifts of grace not seen with eyes.**

**When broken bodies will not mend,
we thank you, God, for Christ our friend.**

**In him, our healing can begin:
he welcomes all the wounded in.**

**And when the ways we learn and grow
are not the ways that others know,
we thank you, God, that we have learned
your love's a gift, and never earned.
Your Spirit gives us differing ways
to serve you well and offer praise.
When all are joined as one, we'll be
your able, strong community.**

Blessing

Choral Blessing

With joyful singing, go forth. Be joyful in the love of God.

With joyful singing, go forth.

Be joyful in the peace of God. Be joyful in the Lord.

Participants in today's service: Bill Gibson (worship leader), Scott Romberger, Kim Stamm (deacons), Eloise Bennett, Stephanie Cooney, Eric Deeter, Kessey Kieselhorst, (music), Rob Cooney (children's sermon), Scott Lawvere (audio/video), Joy Christian (organist), Rev. Jason Clapper

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Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show 33

(Psalm 150)

1 Praise the Lord! God's glo - ries show,
 2 Earth to heaven ex - alt the strain, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Strings and voic - es, hands and hearts,

saints with - in God's courts be - low,
 Send it, heaven, to earth a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia!
 in the con - cert, bear your parts,

an - gels round the throne a - bove,
 Age to age, God's mer - cies trace, Al - le - lu - ia!
 All that breathes, your Lord a - dore,

all who see and share God's love.
 Praise God's prov - i - dence and grace! Al - le - lu - ia!
 sing - ing praise for - ev - er - more,

Originally cast as two eight-line stanzas, this 19th-century paraphrase of Psalm 150 was slightly shortened when it was set to the present tune with recurring Alleluias. The Welsh tune is actually older than the text and bears a name meaning "the church of St. Mary."



Flowers today are given to the Glory of God, in loving memory of Helen Rhawn; given by Linda Neddoff-Weckter, Wally Weckter, Rob Neddoff, and Ann Neddoff.

The Beauty of Fall

-- a reminder of God's presence --

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