

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN KINGDOMTIDE
October 21, 2018
11:00 A.M.
Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.

GATHERING TO PRAISE

PRELUDE "Prelude in Eb, BWV 552/I" Johann Sebastian Bach
Emily Amos, organ

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GETTING ACQUAINTED
Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance Card as it is passed.

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**
This is God's house – a place of peace where we befriend one another in the name of Christ. Greet those around you as a sign of God's peace and Christ's friendship.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: From the eagles' aerie, to the fishes' deep –

All: from the color drenched leaves, to the rain drenched street

One: with our lips, with our hearts, with our hands, with our feet –

All: we sing out, "ALLELUIA!"

we laugh out, "HOSANNA!"

we shout out, "THANK YOU, LOVING GOD!"

One: For all that was.

All: For all that is.

One: For all that will be.

All: Alleluia. Hosanna! THANK YOU, LOVING GOD!

One: For all that we were.

All: For all that we are.

One: For all that we could be!

All: Alleluia. Hosanna! THANK YOU, LOVING GOD!

One: So, together we sing...

All: Let it be.

One: Together we say...

All: May it always be so.

One: Together we shout...

All: AMEN!

*HYMN OF PRAISE	"Maker, In Whom We Live"	No. 88
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A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN

"How Great Thou Art" (sung processional/recessional)

CHORUS ONLY—*Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art,
how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior god to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (see below)

THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass

against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM "Praise His Holy Name" Keith Hampton

Sing till the power of the Lord come down. Shout Hallelujah! Praise His Holy name! Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me; I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see. Jesus, Jesus, how I love Thee! Shout Hallelujah! Praise his Holy name! Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free? No, there's a cross for ev'ryone and there's a cross for me. Jesus, Jesus, how I love Thee! Shout Hallelujah! Praise His Holy Name! Hallelujah! Praise His Name! Let us Praise His Name, Hallelujah, Lord! Praise His Holy Name!

SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 2: 43-47 (NT p. 119)

Key verse: "... They ate with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the good will of all the people."

Leader: The Word of God. **All: For the People of God.** Leader: Thanks be to God.

Grateful: The Power of Giving Thanks

SERMON Week 3: "Joy and Celebration with Others"

BRINGING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

RESPONSE TO THE WORD IN COMEDY

OFFERTORY SONG "What Gift Can We Bring" No. 87 (vs. 1 only)

RELEASING OUR GIFTS TO GOD (based on II Corinthians 9:6-8)

Remember this — a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop.
But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop.
You must each decide in your heart how much to give.
And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure.
'For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.'
And God will generously provide all you need.
Then you will always have everything you need
and plenty left over to share with others."

OFFERTORY SONG "What Gift Can We Bring" No.87 (vs. 2-4 only)

PRAYER OVER OUR GIFTS

One: Gracious God, You call us to let go of the things we cling to
and step out in faith, trusting in Your love and provision.

**ALL: Give us courage to step out boldly,
to plant our small seeds generously, and without fear.
Use our gifts to accomplish more than we could possibly imagine,
so that, through us, Your kingdom might come
and Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF GENEROUS LIVING "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" No. 664

*BLESSING

*CHORAL BENEDICTION "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" R.V. Williams

*POSTLUDE "Prelude in B major, Op. 7" Marcel Dupré
Emily Amos, organ

*You are invited to remain seated for the postlude as part of your worship experience.
(If you choose to exit the sanctuary during the postlude, please do so quietly. Thank you.)*

*All who are comfortable standing are invited to stand.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Voice 1: O God, we thank you this day for Christians
who seek to live out their faith in their everyday lives.
We know that we cannot earn your love,
but we can respond to your love.
You call us to live holy lives
out of gratitude for all that you have done for us.

Voice 2: We thank you for people who find joy
in the midst of trials and difficulties:
for the hospital patient who gives hope and inspiration to the visitor,
for the homeless person who teaches the social worker the meaning of faith, for the family that prays
together in the face of death.

We thank you for those who endure temptation:
for the young person who says "no" to a friend who wants to shoplift,
for the office worker who refuses to join in negative conversation,
for the company executive who puts justice before profits.

Voice 3: We thank you for those who are ever-generous in giving to others:
for the child who puts her allowance in the church's mission offering,
for the young adult at a first job who dares to tithe his new income,
for the neighbor who gets up at four in the morning
to shovel his elderly neighbor's sidewalk.

Voice 4: We thank you for those who are quick to listen,
slow to speak, slow to anger:
for couples who listen to each other in love,
for people who count to ten before speaking their minds
and then speak gently,
for people who remain calm and loving when others' tempers flare.

**ALL: We thank you for people who live out their faith
by caring for orphans,
widows and others in need:
for foster parents and adoptive parents,
for those who seek to work for peace and justice
so that fewer people will be orphaned and widowed,
for those who share a cup of coffee with a lonely neighbor,
for those who visit in nursing homes.**

Voice 1: We thank you for people who are doers of the word
and not hearers only.
O God, may we be counted among them.
Help us to hear your word and to find joy
in doing what you call us to do.

May we here live our lives in a thankful obedience.
In the vision of Christ, we pray his prayer. . .