

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 – 11:00 AM**

**INVOCATION**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**OPENING SONG**

*Let The Praises Ring*

O Lord my God in You I put my trust  
O Lord my God in You I put my hope  
O Lord my God in You I put my trust  
O Lord my God in You I put my hope

In You in You I find my peace  
In You in You I find my strength  
In You I live and move and breathe  
Let everything I say and do  
Be founded by my faith in You  
I lift up holy hands and sing  
Let the praises ring

O Lord my God to You I give my hands  
O Lord my God to You I give my feet  
O Lord my God to You I give my everything  
O Lord my God to You I give my life

In You in You I find my peace  
In You in You I find my strength  
In You I live and move and breathe  
Let everything I say and do  
Be founded by my faith in You  
I lift up holy hands and sing  
Let the praises ring

Psalm 56:3 - 4

3 When I am afraid,  
    I put my trust in you.  
4 In God, whose word I praise,  
    in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.

In You in You I find my peace  
In You in You I find my strength  
In You I live and move and breathe  
Let everything I say and do  
Be founded by my faith in You  
I lift up holy hands and sing

Let the praises ring  
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### *Jesus Messiah*

He became sin who knew no sin  
That we might become His righteousness  
He humbled Himself and carried the cross  
Love so amazing love so amazing

Jesus Messiah Name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel  
The Rescue for sinners  
The Ransom from heaven  
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

His body the bread His blood the wine  
Broken and poured out all for love  
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn  
Love so amazing love so amazing

Jesus Messiah Name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel  
The Rescue for sinners  
The Ransom from heaven  
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

All our hope is in You  
All our hope is in You  
All the glory to You God  
The Light of the world

Jesus Messiah Name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel  
The Rescue for sinners  
The Ransom from heaven  
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

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## OPENING SENTENCES

- P** Praise is due to You, O God, in Zion,  
**C** **and to You shall vows be performed.**
- P** O You who hears prayer, to You shall all flesh come.  
**C** **When iniquities prevail against me, You atone for our transgressions.**
- P** Blessed is the one You choose and bring near, to dwell in Your courts!  
**C** **We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, the holiness of Your temple!**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and

ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I announce the grace of God to all of you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## SHARING GOD'S PEACE

### SALUTATION

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Ezekiel 33:7–9*

“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.”

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

*Romans 13:1–10*

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 18:1–20*

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

“Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. For the Son of Man came to save the lost. What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in

heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **SONG OF THE DAY**

*The Power of Your Name*

Surely children weren't made for the streets  
And fathers were not made to leave  
Surely this isn't how it should be  
Let Your Kingdom come

Surely nations were not made for war  
Or the broken meant to be ignored  
Surely this just can't be what You saw  
Let Your Kingdom come  
Here in my heart

And I will live  
To carry Your compassion  
To love a world that's broken  
To be Your hands and feet

And I will give  
With the life that I've been given  
And go beyond religion  
To see the world be changed  
By the Power of Your Name  
The Power of Your Name

Surely life wasn't made to regret  
And the lost were not made to forget  
Surely faith without action is dead  
Let Your Kingdom come  
Lord break this heart



And I will live  
To carry Your compassion  
To love a world that's broken  
To be Your hands and feet

And I will give  
With the life that I've been given  
And go beyond religion  
To see the world be changed  
By the Power of Your Name

Jesus Your name  
Is a shelter for the hurting  
And Your name  
Is a refuge for the weak  
Only Your name  
Can redeem the undeserving  
Jesus Your name  
Holds ev'rything I need

And I will live  
To carry Your compassion  
To love a world that's broken  
To be Your hands and feet

And I will give  
With the life that I've been given  
And go beyond religion  
To see the world be changed  
And I will live  
To carry Your compassion  
To love a world that's broken  
To be Your hands and feet

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## **SERMON**

*Praying for Politicians*

## **APOSTLES' 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 was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the living and  
the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,**

the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

## OFFERING

## OFFERING MUSIC

*Psalm 45*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

## LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Together we pray our family prayer:
- C** **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 and ever. Amen.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My

✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## **PAX DOMINI**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

## **AGNUS DEI**

**C** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world  
Have mercy on us

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world  
Have mercy on us

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world  
Grant us peace  
Grant us peace

Text: John Strege

## **DISTRIBUTION**

### **DISTRIBUTION SONGS**

*Psalm 45*

My heart burst at it's banks  
Spilling with beauty and goodness  
I pour it out as a song to my King  
Shaping the rivers into words

What grace pours from your lips  
The sound calls the midnight to morning  
The melody turns my winter into spring  
I echo it now in my worship  
I echo it now in my worship

Ten thousand strong, You're the fairest of all  
Fairest in heaven and earth  
Of the children of men, You're the fairest of them  
Fairest in heaven and earth

Your heart burst at the seams  
Flowing with blood and with water  
A song of love pouring out from the tree singing  
For the joy set before me - For the joy set before me

Ten thousand strong, You're the fairest of all  
Fairest in heaven and earth  
Of the children of men, You're the fairest of them  
Fairest in heaven and earth

Proverbs 30:4

Who has ascended to heaven and come down? Who has gathered the wind in his fists? Who has wrapped up the waters in a garment?

You ransomed your bride on the day that you died  
Ascended to heaven in glory  
She stands clothed in white with her head lifted high  
singing  
"Come and return in Your glory"

You ransomed your bride on the day that you died  
Ascended to heaven in glory  
We stand clothed in white with our voice lifted high singing  
"Come and return in Your glory"

Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is his  
name, and what is his son's name? Surely you know!

Ten thousand strong, You're the fairest of all  
Fairest in heaven and earth  
Of the children of men, You're the fairest of them  
Fairest in heaven and earth

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### *Jesus, Draw Me Close*

Jesus, draw me close;  
Closer, Lord to You.  
Let the world around me fade away.  
Jesus, draw me close;  
Closer, Lord, to You.  
For I desire to worship and obey.

Jesus, draw me close;  
Closer, Lord to You.  
Let the world around me fade away.  
Jesus, draw me close;  
Closer, Lord, to You.  
For I desire to worship and obey.

Jesus, draw me close;  
Closer, Lord to You.  
Let the world around me fade away.  
Jesus, draw me close;  
Closer, Lord, to You.  
For I desire to worship and obey.  
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## DISMISSAL

## BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.
- G** Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CLOSING SONG

*I Walk By Faith*

I walk - by faith; each step - by faith;  
To live - by faith; I put my trust in You!  
I walk - by faith; each step - by faith;  
To live - by faith; I put my trust in You!

Ev'ry step I take - is a step of faith  
No weapon formed against me - shall prosper  
And ev'ry prayer I make - is a prayer of faith  
If my God is for me - who can be against me?

I walk - by faith; each step - by faith;  
To live - by faith; I put my trust in You!  
I walk - by faith; each step - by faith;  
To live - by faith; I put my trust in You!

Ev'ry step I take - is a step of faith  
No weapon formed against me - shall prosper  
And ev'ry prayer I make - is a prayer of faith  
If my God is for me - who can be against me?

I walk - by faith; each step - by faith;  
To live - by faith; I put my trust in You!

Hebrews 11:1,3

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. By faith we understand that the universe was cre-ated by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible

I walk - by faith; each step - by faith;  
To live - by faith; I put my trust in You!  
I walk - by faith; each step - by faith;  
To live - by faith; I put my trust in You!

Walk by faith - I put my trust in You!  
Walk by faith - I put my trust in You!

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**SPEAKER:** *Reverend Jerry D. Hays*

To be baptized into the saving grace of God at 5:00 PM is *Kyle Wesley Brisbois*, born on March 6, 2023, to Joseph and Isabel Brisbois, whose sponsors are Ramiro Montoya and Pilar Ramirez. May God bless this child of His!