

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024 – 11:00 AM**

PRESERVICE

No Greater Love

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SONGS

Beautiful Savior

All my days
I will sing this song of gladness
Give my praise
To the Fountain of delights

For in my helplessness You heard my cry
And waves of mercy poured down on my life

I will trust
In the cross of my Redeemer
I will sing of the blood that never fails

Of sins forgiven
Of conscience cleansed
Of death defeated and life without end

Beautiful Savior Wonderful Counselor
Clothed in majesty Lord of history
You're the Way the Truth the Life
Star of the Morning glorious in holiness
You're the Risen One heaven's Champion
And You reign You reign over all

I long to be
Where the praise is never ending
Yearn to dwell
Where the glory never fades

Where countless worshipers
Will share one song
And cries of worthy will honor the Lamb

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Holy Spirit, Living Breath Of God

Holy Spirit living Breath of God
Breathe new life into my willing soul
Bring the presence of the risen Lord
To renew my heart and make me whole
Cause Your word to come alive in me
Give me faith for what I cannot see
Give me passion for Your purity
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me

Holy Spirit come abide within
May Your joy be seen in all I do
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin
In each thought and deed and attitude
Kindness to the greatest and the least
Gentleness that sows the path of peace
Turn my striving into works of grace
Breath of God show Christ in all I do

Holy Spirit from creation's birth
Giving life to all that God has made
Show Your power once again on earth
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways
Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ
Will be clear for all the world to see

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OPENING SENTENCES

P O God, save me, by Your name,
C and vindicate me by Your might.

P O God, hear my prayer;
C give ear to the words of my mouth.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Let us confess our sins to our heavenly Father.
C Almighty God, I confess all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. I have relied on my own strength to endure during temptation and

persecution rather than Your faithful protection. I am sorry for these my faults and ask Your forgiveness and pardon that I may return Your faithfulness with ongoing reliance of faith.

P In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I therefore 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. God grant deliverance from every trouble and set your feet to walk in His ways now and always.

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, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please You in both will and deed; 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

Jeremiah 11:18–20

- ℒ The Old Testament Reading for today is taken from the book of Jeremiah, the eleventh chapter.

The LORD made it known to me and I knew;
then you showed me their deeds.
But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.
I did not know it was against me
they devised schemes, saying,
“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
that his name be remembered no more.”
But, O LORD of hosts, who judges righteously,
who tests the heart and the mind,
let me see your vengeance upon them,
for to you have I committed my cause.

- ℒ This is the Word of the Lord.

☛ **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

James 3:13—4:10

- ℒ The New Testament Reading for today is taken from the book of James, the third chapter.

Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full

of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:30–37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[The disciples] went on from there and passed through Galilee. And [Jesus] did not want anyone to know, for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise." But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY

Revelation Song

Worthy is the Lamb
Who was slain
Holy holy is He
Sing a new song
To Him who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat

Worthy is the Lamb
Who was slain
Holy holy is He
Sing a new song
To Him who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat

Holy holy holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is
And is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning
Rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor
Strength and glory
And power be to You
The only wise King

Holy holy holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is
And is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You

Filled with wonder
Awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power
Breath and living water
Such a marv'lous mystery yeah

Holy holy holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is
And is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You

Holy holy holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
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SERMON

First or Last?

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

It Is Well With My Soul

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

It Is Well With My Soul

When peace like a river attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot - You have taught me to say
It is well - it is well with my soul

But Lord it's for Thee for Thy coming we wait
The sky not the grave is our goal
Oh trump of the angel - oh voice of the Lord
Blessed hope - blessed rest of my soul

It is well - with my soul
It is well - it is well with my soul

It is well - with my soul
It is well - it is well with my soul

It is well - with my soul
It is well - it is well with my soul

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Come Just As You Are

Come just as you are,
Hear the Spirit call.
Come just as you are.
Come and see,
Come receive,
Come and live....forever.

Come just as you are,
Hear the Spirit call.
Come just as you are.
Come and see,
Come receive,
Come and live....forever

Life everlasting,
And strength for today;
Taste the Living Water,
And never thirst again.

Come just as you are,
Hear the Spirit call.
Come just as you are.
Come and see,
Come receive,
Come and live....forever.

Life everlasting,
And strength for today;
Taste the Living Water,
And never thirst again.

Life everlasting,
And strength for today;
Taste the Living Water,
And never thirst again.

Come just as you are,
Hear the Spirit's call.
Come just as you are.
Come receive,
Christ the King.
Come and live...forevermore.

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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 ✠ give you peace.
- G** Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING SONG

No Greater Love

There's no greater love than Jesus
There's no greater love than He gives
There's no greater love that frees us
So deep within

There's no greater joy than Jesus
There's no greater joy than He gives
There's no greater joy that frees us
So deep within

We praise Your name
Stand in awe of Your never-ending love
Love so great that it covers
All of my sin and shame
No greater pow'r
There is no greater force
In all the earth than
The strength of His love

There's no greater peace than Jesus
There's no greater peace than He gives
There's no greater peace that frees us
So deep within

John 15:13

Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down
his life for his friends.

We praise Your name
Stand in awe of Your never-ending love
Love so great that it covers
All of my sin and shame
No greater pow'r
There is no greater force
In all the earth than
The strength of His love

There's no greater love than Jesus
There's no greater love than He gives
There's no greater love that frees us
So deep within

There's no greater love than Jesus
There's no greater love than He gives
There's no greater love that frees us
So deep within

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