

July 30, 2023 ~ 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Music ~ Mark Handford

Welcome and Announcements ~ Jan Lapenta, liturgist

Prelude

Call to Worship ~ *responsive*

Leader: We worship the Risen Lord who has blessed us with his love.

People: From our beginnings, God has breathed his Spirit into us.

Leader: God has given each of us gifts and talents and calls us into serving the Kingdom of God and the World.

People: Thank you, Jesus! May we faithfully follow you. Amen.

**you are invited to stand in body or in spirit*

**Hymn ~ "Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession ~ *in unison*

God of Love, God of Grace, we are all beautifully and wonderfully made in your image. In your love you gave us wonderful gifts and talents. Thank you, Lord. Forgive us for the times we have not used our talents and abilities because of fear and apathy. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen. (A time of silent, personal prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Responsive Chorus #710 ~ *"Sanctuary"* (x2)

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

Passing the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Responsive Chorus ~ *"I Love This Family"* (arr. C. Bowes) (x2)

*I love this family of God, so closely knitted into one,
They've taken me into their midst and I'm so glad to be a part of this great family.*

Offering Prayer

**Doxology#606 ~ "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" (Avery & Marsh)*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.*

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Scripture ~ Psalm 119:129-136

Special Music ~ *"Joy of My Desire"* (J. Randolph) ~ Celebration Choir

Christian Scripture ~ Matthew 25:14-30

Message ~ "What Do You DO with What You've Been Given"

*Hymn #69 ~ *"Here I Am, Lord"*

A time for sharing the joys and concerns of our community.

Prayer Preparation ~ *"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"*

Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord;

Incline thine ear to us, And grant us Thy peace.

The Lord's Prayer ~ *in unison*

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.

Amen.

*Hymn #634 ~ *"To God Be the Glory"*

*Benediction

*Choral Response ~ *"My Friends May You Grow in Grace"* (G. Scheer, G. DeMey, G. Kett, S Diamond, T.J. Meaney)

My friends may you grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.

My friends may you grow in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Refrain: To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever. Amen.

To God be the glory now and forever, now and forever. Amen.

Postlude

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Thank you to all who donated to the **VBS mission project**.
The canned goods were sent to the **Aldersgate Food Pantry**.

The Board of Deacons once again **prepared lunches** this past week which were distributed to the guests at **Redford Interfaith Relief**.

And in keeping with the stated mission of donating all proceeds to charities from the ongoing **dress sales, \$1,000.00 was sent to Forgotten Harvest** during a matching gift campaign.

The annual service combined with Rosedale Gardens and St. Timothy Presbyterian Churches will be Sunday, August 13, 2023 at 10:15AM at Mies Park, across the street from Rosedale Gardens. Please take a lawn chair. NO SERVICE AT ST. PAUL'S.

Chancel Flowers may be ordered from the Board of Deacons for any of the remaining available Sundays in 2023. Order forms are in the office. Please check the chart on the lobby wall for an open date **before** placing your order. You may also call the office to check available dates and to place your order.

Please hold those listed in prayer... and REVIEW and REPORT updates, PLEASE!



Karen Erwin, Steve Boyak, Andy Foy, Bill Garvey, Mike Graham, Janet Frank, Grace Erwin
August and Faith Kornowicz
Karen Bright, Sheldon Davis, Doris Knecht, Pam Phillips, Suzanne Tabaka, Jim and Joanna Roye, Jerry Stone
Beverly Dearth, Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz, Grace Campbell
Susan Grant, Bruce Phillips, Anna Richardson
Pat Garrett ~ sister of Don Tulley; Nate Statly (MSU shooting victim) ~ friend of Joey Nicholas
Julie Newell ~ cousin of Pam Phillips
Elizabeth ~ sister-in law of Pat Garvey and Andy ~ nephew of Pat Garvey
Linda Thompson and her sister, Shirley Kircoff
Joan Velis and family; Westin ~ infant grandson of Jeanne Sinclair
John Branch ~ father of Christie Piastowski
Dave Schulz ~ nephew of Carol and Mike Graham
Cousins of Terry Earnley and Jennifer Speiles ~ friend of Terry Earnley
Lois Wludyka and John Candiloro ~ friends of August Kornowicz
Ray and Mary Clark ~ neighbors of Don and Meta Tulley
Richard Rosenberg and Mike Hyatt ~ friends of Judy McGregor
Sarah and Mason Young ~ family of Judy McGregor
Ben Abela ~ son-in-law of August and Faith Kornowicz
Macaylah Whitlock ~ daughter of the Rev. Kellie and Marc Whitlock
Rosemary Iaquina ~ sister of Cathy DeSautel; Pamela Serene ~ daughter of the late Marilyn Allen
Nicole Snead ~ daughter of Bill VanEck
Nancy Kreipke ~ mother of Christian; Rich McKenzie ~ son of Jean; Erin Lewis ~ daughter of Pattie Benoit
Phyllis Badman ~ niece of Georgia Hunt; Christie Piastowski ~ daughter of Karen Bright
Joe Ducsay ~ friend of Mike and Carol Graham; Mark Osborne ~ son of the late Janet
Cyndi Knecht ~ daughter of Doris; Joe Perko ~ friend of Wanda Seymour
David Bonandrini ~ son of Ben; Gideon Janku ~ great nephew of Bob Westbrook
Judy Siegfried ~ sister-in-law of Pam Phillips; Randy Tillman ~ son of Gloria Rubbo
Mary Rayes ~ friend of Pat Hutchison; Adam Schilling and Eric Shilling ~ grandsons of Ron and Janet Frank
Donald Keller III ~ son of Jan Lapenta; Scott Davis ~ son of Sheldon and Marion Davis

69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord

Leader or All

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

All

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

ADORATION

634 To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.

TEXT: Fanny Jane Crosby, 1875
MUSIC: William Howard Doane, 1875

TO GOD BE THE GLORY
11.11.11 with refrain

ADORATION

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the peo - ple re - jice!

O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son,

and give him the glo - ry: great things he has done!