### 8:45 A.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP October 17, 2021 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(Please follow the ushers' direction on seating. We will maintain at least 6 feet between individuals unless you come as a family who live together.)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# PRELUDE: "Voluntary in C – G. F. Handel

- P. We prepare our hearts and minds for worship, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C. Amen.

## **BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:**

You may either stand or kneel.

- P: God of resurrection life, we come before you today as those who would die to sin and rise to newness of life.
- C: Lower into the grave all selfishness, greed, and envy, all harmful desires and unworthy ambitions.
- P: Raise from death the good that is in us—and gift us with the good that is not in us.
- C: Help us to love neighbors, strangers, and those we do not even like.
- P: We have failed you.
- C: We have failed our world.
- P: Give us the skill and the desire to bring healing into this world.

## **C:** Forgive us the sins we can name and the sins we cannot name.

(Silence to ponder our wrongs.)

P: Lord, make us channels of blessing for the impoverished and injured souls of this world.

## C: In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

# **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS:**

- P: Paul teaches us in Romans chapter 5: If in Adam and Eve all have died—so now—in Jesus Christ—all are made alive. Let us rejoice in the lifegiving power of God's unconditional love. Our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake.
- C: Amen.

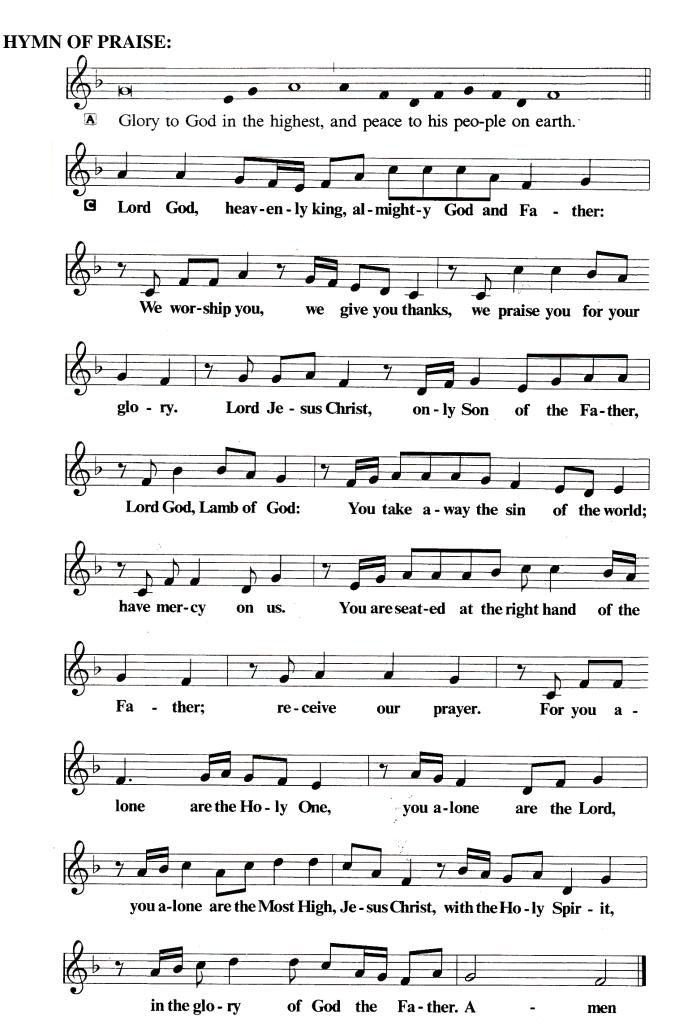


**GATHERING HYMN: "Beautiful Savior"** 



## **APOSTOLIC GREETING:**

- P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C. And also with you.



Giver of life—we have time, talent, and possessions. We have power. Help us to use our power with your intentions in mind. Let us use our power for help, healing, and hope. We ask through Jesus, who still gives himself for all people. Amen.

### **BIBLE READINGS**

After the reading of the Gospel:

- P. The Gospel of the Lord"
- C. Praise to you O Christ.

### **SERMON: "Giving Where It Hurts"**

Pastor Larry Isbell

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### HYMN OF THE DAY: "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

#### ser - vice bore the weight of hu-man need, Lord, whose love in hum - ble 1 home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread; Still your chil-dren wan-der 2 wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal-ing light 3 As we 4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go, the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed: who up - on still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead. its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight, in the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show: to we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a - lone, but heart; As you, Lord, in deep com-pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul, mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear, hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give, to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part. con - se - crat - ing by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole. ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share. stir-ring us to that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

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#### **APOSTLES' CREED:**

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

# CONSECRATION OF OUR PLEDGES

We come forward to offer our pledges.

**P:** Creator, Savior, and Healer: We ask your blessing upon these pledges and upon the faithful people who have decided to give in this way. Allow these pledges to make possible the teaching of your grace, the confession of your name, and the healing of bodies and souls. We pledge and we pray in the name of Jesus.

C: AMEN

### **RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER:** Lois Jeanne Steeb

### THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

(At the end of each petition, the leader will say "Lord, in your mercy." Feel free to respond with "Hear our prayer.")

### THE BLESSING OF THE OFFERING

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER:

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.



### **BENEDICTION:**

- P. Now may God, who has loved us with a love beyond all telling, send us forth to care for the world around us and to share the good news of that love, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C. Amen.

## SENDING HYMN: "Arise, Your Light Has Come!"



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### **DISMISSAL:**

- P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!
- C. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Toccata: "Thanks Be to God" - R. K. Biggs

Today's altar flowers are given by Dave & Diane Parsons in honor of Megan's 36<sup>th</sup> birthday, and by Mark & Linda Pillar in honor of Matt & Lacey Gobert's anniversary.

Join us in the Fellowship Hall after the service for a "Welcome Reception" for our new member Lois Steeb.

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